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# ENCYCLOPÆDIA.

## A.

A,  
abbreviat.

**A**, THE first letter of the alphabet, in all the known languages of the world, that of Ethiopia excepted, in which it is the 13th. It has deservedly the first place in the alphabet on account of its simplicity, very little more being necessary to its pronounciation than opening the mouth.

In the English language A is the mark of three different sounds, termed, by our grammarians, the *broad*, the *open*, and the *slender* A. The first resembles that of the German A, is found in several monosyllables, as *wall*, *salt*, &c. and is pronounced as *au* in *cause*. It is probable that the Saxons expressed only this broad sound of the letter, as it is still commonly retained in the northern districts of England, and universally throughout Scotland; as, *tauk* for *talk*, *wauk* for *walk* or *wake*. The open A resembles that of the Italians in *adagio*, and is the same with that of *a* in *father*, *rather*, &c. The slender sound is peculiar to the English language, and resembles the sound of the French diphthong *ai* in *pais*, or their *a* masculine, or perhaps it is a middle sound between them: it is exemplified in *place*, *waste*, &c. also in *toleration*, *justification*, and all other words ending with *ation*.

A is sometimes added after words in burlesque poetry; in which case it only makes an additional syllable without any alteration of the sense, as the interjection O very often does in our ballads. It is also sometimes redundant, as in the words *arise*, *awake*, &c. which are not different in signification from *rise*, *wake*, &c.

It is sometimes a word, either noun or interjection; in which last case it is commonly an expression of grief, and joined with the aspirate, as *ah!* When a noun, it is only with respect to itself; as *great A*, *little a*, &c.

A is very frequently used as an article; in which case it has no plural signification, and is used to denote the number *one*, as *a house*, *a field*, &c. When placed as an article before any of the vowels, *y* and *w* only excepted, it is joined with the letter *n*; as, *an island*, *an orator*, &c. In the three following cases it is a preposition. 1. When it goes before a participle, or noun derived from a participle; as, *I am a doing this* or *that*. 2. When used before local surnames, as *Cornelius a Lapide*, *Thomas a Kempis*, &c. 3. When it is used in composition; as, *a foot*, *a sleep*, &c. In some instances it denotes the proportion of one thing to another; as *so much a week*, *a man*, *a head*, &c.

A, among the ancients, was a numeral letter, and

signified 500; and when a dash was added on the top,  $\bar{A}$ , 5000.

A, in the Julian calendar, is the first of the seven DOMINICAL letters. It had been in use amongst the Romans long before the establishment of Christianity, as the first of the eight *nundinales litteræ*; in imitation whereof it was that the dominical letters were first introduced.

A is also an abbreviation used with different intentions. Hence,

A, among logicians, is used to denote an universal affirmative proposition; according to the verse,

*Afferat A, negat E, verum generaliter ambæ.*

Thus, in the first figure, a syllogism consisting of three universal affirmative propositions, is said to be in *Bār-bā-rā*; the *A* thrice repeated, denoting so many of the propositions to be universal, &c. See BARBARA.

A, among the Romans, was used in the giving of votes or suffrages. When a new law was proposed, each voter had two wooden ballots put in his hand; the one marked with a capital *A*, signifying *antiquo*, *q. d. antiquam volo*; and the other with *V. R.* for *uti rogas*. Such as were against the law, cast the first into the urn; as who should say, *I refuse it*, *I antique it*; or, *I like the ancient law*, and desire no innovation.

A, in the trials of criminal causes, also denoted absolution: whence Cicero, *pro Milone*, calls *A, littera salutaris*, a saving letter. Three ballots were distributed to each judge, marked with the letters, *A* for *absolvo*, *I acquit*; *C* for *condemno*, *I condemn*; and *N. L.* for *non liquet*, *It is not clear*. From the number of each cast into the urn, the prætor pronounced the prisoner's fate. If they were equal in number, he was absolved.

A, in the ancient inscriptions of marbles, &c. occasionally stands for *Augustus*, *ager*, *aiunt*, &c. When double, it denotes *Augusti*; when triple, *aurum*, *argentum*, *æs*; and sometimes its meaning can only be known by the rest of the inscription. Isidore adds, that when it occurs after the word *miles* (soldier), it denotes him young. On the reverse of ancient medals, it denotes them struck by the city of Argos, sometimes by that of Athens; but on coins of modern date, it is the mark of Paris.

A, as an abbreviation, is also often found in modern writers: as, *A. D.* for *anno Domini*; *A. M.* *artium magister*, master of arts, &c.

A, the letter a, with a line above it thus,  $\bar{a}$ , is used

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A, in medical prescriptions for *ana*, of each; sometimes it is written thus,  $\bar{a}\bar{a}$ : e. g.  $\mathcal{R}$  Mel. Sacchar. & Mann.  $\bar{a}$ , vel  $\bar{a}\bar{a}$ ,  $\mathcal{z}$ j. i. e. Take of honey, sugar, and manna, of each one ounce.

A, put to bills of exchange, is in England an abbreviation for *accepted*, and in France for *accepté*. It is likewise usual among merchants to mark their sets of books with the letters A, B, C, &c. instead of the numbers 1, 2, 3, &c.

A. A. A. The chemical abbreviation for Amalgama, or Amalgamation.

AA, the name of several rivers in Germany and Swisserland.

AACH, a little town in Germany, in the circle of Suabia, near the source of the river Aach, and almost equally distant from the Danube and the lake Constance. It belongs to the house of Austria. E. Long. 9. 0. Lat. 47. 55.

AAHUS, a little town in Germany, in the circle of Westphalia, and bishopric of Munster. It is the capital of Aahus, a small district; has a good castle; and lies north-east of Coesfeldt. E. Long. 7. 1. Lat. 52. 10.

AAM, or HAAM, a liquid measure in common use among the Dutch, and containing 128 measures called *mingles*, each weighing nearly 36 ounces avoirdupoise; whence the *Aam* contains 288 English, and  $148\frac{2}{3}$  pints Paris measure.

AAR, the name of two rivers, one in Swisserland, and another in Westphalia in Germany. It is also the name of a small island in the Baltic.

AARASSUS (anc. geog.), a town of Pisidia, in the Hither Asia, thought to be the Anassus of Ptolemy.

AARON, high-priest of the Jews, and brother to Moses, was by the father's side great grandson, and by the mother's grandson, of Levi. By God's command he met Moses at the foot of mount Horeb, and they went together into Egypt to deliver the children of Israel: he had a great share in all that Moses did for their deliverance; the scriptures call him the prophet of Moses, and he acted in that capacity after the Israelites had passed over the Red Sea. He ascended mount Sinai with two of his sons, Nabab and Abihu, and seventy elders of the people; but neither he nor they went higher than half way, from whence they saw the glory of God; only Moses and Joshua went to the top, where they staid forty days. During their absence, Aaron, overcome by the people's eager entreaties, set up the golden calf, which the Israelites worshipped by his consent. This calf has given rise to various conjectures. Some rabbies maintain that he did not make the golden calf; but only threw the gold into the fire, to get rid of the importunities of the people; and that certain magicians, who mingled with the Israelites at their departure from Egypt, cast this gold into the figure of a calf. According to some authors, the fear of falling a sacrifice to the resentment of the people by giving a refusal, made Aaron comply with their desire; and they allege also, that he hoped to elude their request, by demanding of the women to contribute their ear-rings, imagining they would rather choose to remain without a visible deity, than be deprived of their personal ornaments. This affair of the golden calf happened in the third month after the Israelites came out of Egypt. In the first month of the

following year, Aaron was appointed by God high-priest; which office he executed during the time that the children of Israel continued in the wilderness. He died in the fortieth year after their departure from Egypt, upon mount Hor, being then 123 years old; A. M. 2522, of the Julian period 3262, before the Christian æra 1452. With regard to the attempts of the Egyptian magicians to imitate the miracles performed by his rod, see some remarks under the article MAGICIAN.

AARON and JULIUS (Saints), suffered martyrdom together, during the persecution under the emperor Dioclesian, in the year 303, about the same time with St. Alban, the protomartyr of Britain. We are nowhere told what their British names were, it being usual with the Christian Britons, at the time of baptism, to take new names from the Greek, Latin, or Hebrew. Nor have we any certainty as to the particulars of their death; only that they suffered the most cruel torments. They had each a church erected to his memory; and their festival is placed, in the Roman martyrology, on the first of July.

AARON, or Harun, *Al Raschid*, a celebrated khalif, or Mahometan sovereign of the Saracen empire; whose history is given under the article BAGDAD.

AARON Harifschon, a learned rabbi and CARAITE in the 15th century, wrote an Hebrew grammar, printed at Constantinople in 1581; probably the same with Aaron the caraites, who wrote a commentary on the five books of Moses, which is in MS. in the French king's library.

AARSENS (FRANCIS), Lord of Someldyck and Spyeck, was one of the greatest ministers for negotiation the United Provinces could ever boast of. His father, Cornelius Aarsens, was Register to the States; and being acquainted with M. Plessis Mornay, at the Court of William Prince of Orange, he prevailed upon him to take his son under him, with whom he continued some years. John Olden Barnevelt, who presided over the affairs of Holland and all the United Provinces, sent him afterwards agent into France, where he learned to negotiate under those profound politicians Henry IV. Villeroy, Sillery, Rosnie, Jaonin, &c. and he acquitted himself in such a manner as to obtain their approbation. Soon after, he was invested with the character of ambassador, being the first who was recognised as such by the French court; at which time Henry IV. declared, that he should take precedence next to the Venetian minister. He resided in France 15 years; during which time he received great marks of esteem from the king, who created him a knight and baron; and for this reason he was received amongst the nobles of the province of Holland. However, he became at length so odious to the French court, that they desired to have him recalled. He was afterwards deputed to Venice, and to several German and Italian princes, upon occasion of the troubles in Bohemia. He was the first of three extraordinary ambassadors sent into England in 1620, and the second in 1641; in which latter embassy he was accompanied by the Lord of Brederode as first ambassador, and Heemsvliet as third, to treat about the marriage of Prince William, son to the Prince of Orange. He was likewise ambassador-extraordinary to the French court in 1624, and the Cardinal de Richlieu having

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just taken the administration of affairs into his hands, and knowing he was an able man, made use of him to serve his own purposes. He died in a very advanced age; and his son, who survived him, was reputed the wealthiest man in Holland.

AARSENS (Peter), a painter, called in Italy Pietro Longo, because of his stature, was born at Amsterdam 1519. He was eminent for all kinds of subjects; but was particularly famous for altar-pieces, and for representing a kitchen with its furniture: he had the pain to see a fine altar-piece of his destroyed by the rabble in the insurrection 1566, though a lady of Alcaer offered 200 crowns for its redemption.

AARTGEN, or AERTGEN, a painter of merit, was the son of an woolcomber, and born at Leyden in 1493. He worked at his father's trade until he had attained the age of eighteen; and then, having discovered a genius for designing, he was placed with Cornelius Engclheitz, under whom he made a considerable progress in painting. He became so distinguished, that the celebrated Francis Floris went to Leyden out of mere curiosity to see him. He found him inhabiting a poor half-ruined hut, and in a very mean style of living: He solicited him to go to Antwerp, promising him wealth and rank suitable to his merit; but Aartgen refused, declaring that he found more sweets in his poverty than others did in their riches. It was a custom with this painter never to work on Mondays, but to devote that day, with his disciples, to the bottle. He used to stroll about the streets in the night, playing on the German flute, and in one of these frolics was drowned in 1564.

AASAR (anc. geog.), a town of Palestine, in the tribe of Judah, situate between Azotus and Ascalon. In Jerome's time it was an hamlet.

AB, the eleventh month of the civil year of the Hebrews, and the fifth of their ecclesiastical year, which begins with the month Nisan. It answers to the moon of July; that is, to part of our month of the same name, and to the beginning of August: it consists of thirty days. The Jews fast on the first of this month, in memory of Aaron's death; and on the ninth, because on that day both the temple of Solomon, and that erected after the captivity, were burnt; the former by the Chaldeans, and the latter by the Romans. The same day is also remarkable among that people for the publication of Adrian's edict, wherein they were forbid to continue in Judca, or even to look back when at a distance from Jerusalem, in order to lament the desolation of that city. The eighteenth of the same month is also a fast among the Jews; because the lamp in the sanctuary was that night extinguished, in the time of Ahaz.

AB, in the Syriac calendar, is the name of the last summer-month. The first day of this month they called *Suum Miriam*, the fast of the virgin, because the eastern Christians fasted from that day to the fifteenth, which was therefore called *Fathr-Miriam*, the cessation of the fast of the virgin.

ABA (or rather ABAU) HANIFAH or HANFAH, surnamed Al-Nooma, was the son of Thabet, and born at Coufah in the 80th year of the Hegira. This is the most celebrated doctor of the orthodox Mussulmans, and his sect holds the principal esteem among the four which they indifferently follow. Notwithstanding this,

he was not very well esteemed during his life, inasmuch that the khaliff Almanfor caused him to be imprisoned at Bagdad, for having refused to subscribe to the opinion of absolute predestination, which the Mussulmans call Cadha. But afterwards Abou Joseph, who was the sovereign judge or chancellor of the empire under the khaliff Hadi, brought his doctrine into such credit, that it became a prevailing opinion, That to be a good Mussulman was to be a Hanifite. He died in the 150th year of the Hegira, in the prison of Bagdad aforesaid: and it was not till 335 years after his death, that Melick Schah, a sultan of the Selgiucidan race, built for him a magnificent monument in the same city, whereto he adjoined a college peculiarly appropriated to such as made a profession of this sect. This was in the 435th year of the Hegira, and Anno Christi 1092. The most eminent successors of this doctor were Ahmed Benali, Al Giassas, and Al Razi who was the master of Nailari; and there is a mosque particularly appropriated to them in the temple of Mecca.

ABA, *Abas*, *Abos*, or *Abus*, (anc. geog.), the name of a mountain of Greater Armenia, situated between the mountains Niphatos and Nibonis. According to Strabo, the Euphrates and Araxes rose from this mountain; the former running eastward, and the latter westward.

ABA. See ABÆ.

ABACÆNA (anc. geog.), a town of Media, and another of Cana in the Hither Asia.

ABACÆNUM (anc. geog.), a town of Sicily, whose ruins are supposed to be those lying near Trippi, a citadel on an high and steep mountain not far from Messina. The inhabitants were called *Abacænini*.

ABACATUAIA, in ichthyology, a barbarous name of the zeus vomer. See ZEUS.

ABACH, a market-town of Germany, in Lower Bavaria, seated on the Danube. It is remarkable for Roman antiquities, and for springs of mineral waters which are said to be good for various distempers. E. Long. 11. 56. Lat. 48. 53.

ABACINARE, or ABBACINARE, in writers of the middle age, a species of punishment, consisting in the blinding of the criminal, by holding a hot basin or bowl of metal before his eyes.

ABACK (a sea-term), the situation of the sails when their surfaces are flatted against the masts by the force of the wind. The sails are said to be *taken aback* when they are brought into this situation, either by a sudden change of the wind, or by an alteration in the ship's course. They are *laid aback*, to effect an immediate retreat, without turning to the right or left; or, in the seaphrase, to give the ship *stern-way*, in order to avoid some danger discovered before her in a narrow channel, or when she has advanced beyond her station in the line of battle, or otherwise. The sails are placed in this position by slackening their lee-braces, and hauling in the weather ones; so that the whole effort of the wind is exerted on the forepart of their surface, which readily pushes the ship astern, unless she is restrained by some counteracting force. It is also usual to spread some sail aback near the stern, as the mizzen top-sail, when a ship rides with a single anchor in a road, in order to prevent her from approaching it so as to entangle the flukes of it with her slackened cable, and thereby loosen it from the ground.

Aba  
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Aback.

Abacot

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Abacus.

ABACOT, the name of an ancient cap of state worn by the kings of England, the upper part whereof was in the form of a double crown.

ABACTORS, or ABACTORES, a name given to those who drive away, or rather steal, cattle by herds, or great numbers at once; and are therefore very properly distinguished from *fures*, or thieves.

ABACUS, among the ancients, was a kind of cupboard or buffet. Livy, describing the luxury into which the Romans degenerated after the conquest of Asia, says, They had their *abaci*, beds, &c. plated over with gold.

ABACUS, among the ancient mathematicians, signified a table covered with dust, on which they drew their diagrams; the word in this sense being derived from the Phœnician *abak*, dust.

ABACUS, in architecture, signifies the superior part or member of the capital of a column, and serves as a kind of crowning to both. Vitruvius tells us the abacus was originally intended to represent a square tile laid over an urn, or rather over a basket. See ARCHITECTURE, n° 15. The form of the abacus is not the same in all orders: in the Tuscan, Doric, and Ionic, it is generally square; but in the Corinthian and Composite, its four sides are arched inwards, and embellished in the middle with some ornament, as a rose or other flower. Scamozzi uses *abacus* for a concave moulding on the capital of the Tuscan pedestal; and Palladio calls the plinth above the echinus, or boudin, in the Tuscan and Doric orders, by the same name.

ABACUS is also the name of an ancient instrument for facilitating operations in arithmetic. It is variously contrived. That chiefly used in Europe is made by drawing any number of parallel lines at the distance of two diameters of one of the counters used in the calculation. A counter placed on the lowest line, signifies 1; on the 2d, 10; on the 3d, 100; on the 4th, 1000, &c. In the intermediate spaces, the same counters are estimated at one half of the value of the line immediately superior, *viz.* between the 1st and 2d, 5; between the 2d and 3d, 50; &c. See the figure on Plate I. where the same number, 1788 for example, is represented under both divisions by different dispositions of the counters.

ABACUS is also used by modern writers for a table of numbers ready cast up, to expedite the operations of arithmetic. In this sense we have *Abaci* of addition, of multiplication, of division.

*Chinese Abacus.* See SWANFAN.

*Abacus Pythagoricus*, the common multiplication-table, so called from its being invented by Pythagoras.

*Abacus Logisticus*, is a rectangled triangle, whose sides, forming the right angle, contain the numbers from 1 to 60; and its area, the facta of each two of the numbers perpendicularly opposite. This is also called a *canon of sexagesimals*.

*Abacus & Palmulæ*, in the ancient music, denote the machinery, whereby the strings of Polyplectra, or instruments of many strings, were struck with a plectrum made of quills.

*Abacus Harmonicus*, is used by Kircher for the structure and disposition of the keys of a musical instrument, whether to be touched with the hands or the feet.

*Abacus Major*, in metallurgic operations, the name of a trough used in the mines, wherein the ore is washed.

ABADDON, is the name which St. John in the Revelation gives to the king of the locusts, the angel of the bottomless pit. The inspired writer says, this word is Hebrew, and in Greek signifies Ἀπολλων, *i. e.* a *destroyer*. That angel-king is thought to be Satan or the devil: but Mr. le Clerc thinks, with Dr. Hammond, that by the locusts which came out of the abyss, may be understood the zealots and robbers, who miserably afflicted the land of Judea, and laid it in a manner waste before Jerusalem was taken by the Romans; and that Abaddon, the king of the locusts, may be John of Gischala, who having treacherously left that town a little before it was surrendered to Titus, came to Jerusalem, where he soon headed part of the zealots, who acknowledged him as their king, whilst the rest would not submit to him. This subdivision of the zealot party brought a thousand calamities on the Jews.

ABADIR, a title which the Carthaginians gave to gods of the first order. In the Roman mythology, it is the name of a stone which Saturn swallowed, by the contrivance of his wife Ops, believing it to be his new-born son Jupiter: hence it ridiculously became the object of religious worship.

ABÆ, or ABA (anc. geog.) a town of Phocis in Greece, near Helicon; famous for an oracle of Apollo older than that at Delphi, and for a rich temple plundered and burnt by the Persians.

ABAST, a sea-term, signifying the hinder part of a ship, or all those parts both within and without which lie towards the stern, in opposition to *ABORE*; which see. *Abast*, is also used as a preposition, and signifies *further ast*, or *nearer the stern*; as the barricade stands *abast* the main-mast, *i. e.* behind it, or nearer the stern.

ABAISSED, *Abaisse*, in heraldry, an epithet applied to the wings of eagles, &c. when the tip looks downwards to the point of the shield, or when the wings are shut, the natural way of bearing them being extended.

ABAKA KHAN, the 18th emperor of the Moguls, a wise and clement prince. He reigned 17 years, and is by some authors said to have been a Christian. It may be admitted, indeed, that he joined with the Christians in keeping the feast of Easter, in the city Hanadan, some short time before his death. But this is no proof of his Christianity; it being common, in times of brotherly love, for Christians and Mahometans to join in keeping the same feasts, when each would compliment the other with doing honour to his solemnity.

ABALAK, a town of Siberia, two miles from Tobolsk. E. Long. 64. 10. N. Lat. 57. 1.

ABALIENATION, in law, the act of transferring one man's property to another.

ABALLABA, the ancient name of APPLEBY, a town in Westmoreland, remarkable only for its antiquity, having been a Roman station. W. Long. 1. 4. N. Lat. 55. 38.

ABALUS (anc. geog.), supposed by the ancients to be an island in the German ocean, called by Timæus *Bastia*, and by Xenophon Lampfacenus *Baltia*; now the peninsula of Scandinavia. Here, according to Pliny, some imagined that amber dropped from the trees.

Abacus

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Abalus.



Abana  
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Abaris.

ABANA, or AMANA (anc. geog.), a river of Phoenicia, which, rising from Mount Hermon, washed the south and west sides of Damascus, and falls into the Phoenician sea to the north of Tripolis, called *Chrysorrheas* by the Greeks.

ABANGA. See ADY.

ABANO, a town of the Paduano, in the republic of Venice, famous among the ancients for its hot baths.

ABANTES, a people who came originally from Thrace, and settled in Phocæa, a country of Greece, where they built a town which they called Aba, after the name of Abas their leader; and, if we may credit some ancient authors, the Abantes went afterwards into the island Eubœa, now called Negropont: others say the Abantes of Eubœa came from Athens. The Abantes were a very warlike people, closing with their enemies, and fighting hand to hand.

ABANTIAS, or ABANTIS (anc. geog.), a name of the island Eubœa in the Egean sea, extending along the coast of Greece, from the promontory Sunium of Attica to Thessaly, and separated from Bœotia by a narrow strait called *Euripus*. From its length the island was formerly called *Macris*; afterwards *Abantias*, or *Abantis*, from the Abantes, a people originally of Thrace, called by Homer *οπισθεν Κεμειωντες*, from wearing their hair long behind, having in a battle experienced the inconvenience of wearing long hair before. From cutting their hair before, they were called *Curetes*.

ABAPTISTON, in surgery, the perforating part of the instrument called a TREPAN.

ABARA, a town in the Greater Armenia, under the dominion of the Turks: it is often the residence of the archbishop of Nakhivan. Long. 46. 25. Lat. 39. 45.

ABARANER, a town of Asia, in Grand Armenia, belonging to the Turks: it is seated on the river Alinigena. Long. 46. 30. Lat. 39. 50.

ABARCA, an ancient kind of shoe used in Spain for passing the mountains with. It was made of raw hides, and bound with cords, which secured the feet of travellers against the snow.

ABARIM, high mountains of steep ascent, separating the country of the Ammonites and Moabites from the land of Canaan, where Moses died. According to Josephus, they stood opposite to the territory of Jericho, and were the last station but one of the Israelites coming from Egypt. Nebah and Pisgah were parts of these mountains.

ABARIS, the Hyperborean; a celebrated sage of antiquity, whose history and travels have been the subject of much learned discussion. Such a number of fabulous stories \* were told of him, that Herodotus himself seems to scruple to relate them. He tells us only, † that this Barbarian was said to have travelled with an arrow, and to have taken no sustenance: but this does not acquaint us with the marvellous properties which were attributed to that arrow; nor that it had been given him by the Hyperborean Apollo. With regard to the occasion of his leaving his native country, Harpocration ‡ tells us, that the whole earth being infested with a deadly plague, Apollo, upon being consulted, gave no other answer, than that the Athenians should offer up prayers in behalf of all other nations: upon which, several countries deputed ambassadors to Athens,

\* Jamblich. *Vita Pythag.* † Lib. iv. cap. 36.

‡ Under the word *Abaris*.

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among whom was Abaris the Hyperborean. In this journey he renewed the alliance between his countrymen and the inhabitants of the island of Delos. It appears that he also went to Lacedæmon; since, according to some writers §, he there built a temple consecrated to Proserpine the Salutory. It is asserted, that he was capable of foretelling earthquakes, driving away plagues, laying storms †, &c. He wrote several books, as Suidas † informs us, viz. Apollo's arrival into the country of the Hyperboreans; The nuptials of the river Hebrus; *Θεογονια*, or the Generation of the Gods; A collection of oracles; &c. Himerius the sophist applauds him for speaking pure Greek; which attainment will be no matter of wonder to such as consider the ancient intercourse there was between the Greeks and Hyperboreans. If the Hebrides, or Western Islands of Scotland (says Mr. Toland\*), were the Hyperboreans of Diodorus, † then the celebrated Abaris was of that country; and likewise a druid, having been the priest of Apollo. Suidas, who knew not the distinction of the insular Hyperboreans, makes him a Scythian; as do some others, misled by the same vulgar error; though Diodorus has truly fixed his country in an island, and not on the continent. Indeed, the fictions and mistakes concerning our Abaris are infinite: however, it is by all agreed that he travelled quite over Greece, and from thence into Italy, where he conversed familiarly with Pythagoras, who favoured him beyond all his disciples, by instructing him in his doctrines (especially his thoughts of nature), in a plainer and more compendious method than he did any other. This distinction could not but be very advantageous to Abaris. The Hyperborean, in return, presented the Samian, as though he equalled Apollo himself in wisdom, with the sacred arrow, on which the Greeks have fabulously related ‡ that he sat astride, and flew upon it, through the air, over rivers and lakes, forests and mountains; in like manner as our vulgar still believe, particularly those of the Hebrides, that wizards and witches fly whithersoever they please on their broom sticks. The orator Himerius above mentioned, though one of those who, from the equivocal sense of the word Hyperborean, seem to have mistaken Abaris for a Scythian, yet describes his person accurately, and gives him a very noble character. "They relate (says he) that Abaris the sage was by nation an Hyperborean, appeared a Grecian in speech, and resembled a Scythian in his habit and appearance. He came to Athens, holding a bow in his hand, having a quiver hanging on his shoulders, his body wrapt up in a plaid, girt about the loins with a gilded belt, and wearing trowsers reaching from his waist downward." By this it is evident (continues Mr. Toland) that he was not habited like the Scythians, who were always covered with skins; but appeared in the native garb of an aboriginal Scot. As to what relates to his abilities, Himerius informs us, that "he was affable and pleasant in conversation, in dispatching great affairs secret and industrious, quick-sighted in present exigencies, in preventing future dangers circumspect, a searcher after wisdom, desirous of friendship, trusting little to fortune, and having every thing trusted to him for his prudence." Neither the Academy nor the Lyceum could have furnished a man with better qualities to travel so far abroad, and to such wise nations,

§ Pausanias lib. iii. p. 94.

‡ Porphyry in *Vita Pythagor.*

† Under the word *Abaris*.

\* Account of the Druids, in his *Posthumous Works*, vol. i. p. 161. † Diod. Sic. lib. ii, iii.

‡ Jamblichus *Vita Pythag.* p. 128.

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nations, about affairs no less arduous than important. And if we further attentively consider his moderation in eating, drinking, and the use of all those things which our natural appetites incessantly crave; joining the candour and simplicity of his manners with the solidity and wisdom of his answers, all which we find sufficiently attested: it must be owned, that the world at that time had few to compare with Abaris.

ABARTICULATION, in anatomy, a species of articulation admitting of a manifest motion; called also Diarthrosis, and Dearticulatio, to distinguish it from that sort of articulation which admits of a very obscure motion, and is called Synarthrosis.

ABAS, a weight used in Persia for weighing pearls. It is 1-8th less than the European carat.

ABAS, in the heathen mythology, was the son of Hypothoon and Meganira, who entertained Ceres, and offered a sacrifice to that goddess; but Abas ridiculing the ceremony, and giving her opprobrious language, she sprinkled him with a certain mixture she held in her cup, on which he became a newt or water-lizard.

ABAS (Schah) the Great, was third son of Coda-bendi, 7th king of Persia, of the race of the Sophis. Succeeding to his father at 18, in 1585, he found the affairs of Persia at a low ebb, occasioned by the conquests of the Turks and Tartars. He regained several of the provinces they had seized; but death put a stop to his victories in 1629, after a reign of 44 years. He was the greatest prince that had reigned in Persia for many ages; and it was he who made Ispahan the metropolis of Persia: his memory is held in the highest veneration among the Persians.

ABAS (Schah) his grandson, 9th king of Persia, of the race of the Sophis, succeeded his father Sefi at 13 years of age: he was but 18 when he made himself master of the city Candahar, which had surrendered in his father's reign to the Great Mogul, and all the province about it; and he preserved it afterwards against this Indian emperor, though he besieged it more than once with an army of 300,000 men. He was a very merciful prince, and openly protected the Christians: he had formed a design of extending the limits of his kingdom toward the north, and had for that effect levied a powerful army; but death put a stop to all his great designs at 37 years of age, in 1666.

ABASCIA, or ABCAS, a country in Asia, tributary to the Turks, situated on the coast of the Black Sea. The people are poor, thievish, and treacherous, insomuch that there is no trading with them without the utmost caution. Their commodities are furs, buck and tyger skins, linen yarn, boxwood, and bees-wax: but their greatest traffic is in selling their own children, and even one another, to the Turks; insomuch that they live in perpetual distrust. They are destitute of many necessaries of life, and have nothing among them that can be called a town; though we find Anacopia, Dunder, and Czekorni, mentioned in the maps. They have the name of Christians; but have nothing left but the name, any more than the Mingrelians their northern neighbours. The men are robust and active, and the women are fair and beautiful; on which account the Turks have a great value for the female slaves which they purchase from among them. Their customs are much the same as those of the MINGRELIANS: which see. E. Long. from 39 to 43. Lat. from 43 to 45.

ABASCUS, a river of Asiatic Sarmatia, which, rising from Mount Caucasus, falls into the Euxine, between Pityus to the east, and Nosis to the west.

ABASITIS (anc. geog.), a tract of Asiatic Mysia, in which was situated the city of Ancyra.

ABASSI, or ABASSIS, a silver coin current in Persia, equivalent in value to a French livre, or tenpence halfpenny Sterling. It took its name from Schah Abbas II. king of Persia, under whom it was struck.

ABASSUS (anc. geog.), a town of the Greater Phrygia, on the confines of the Tolistobagii, a people of Galatia in Asia.

ABATAMENTUM, in law, is an entry to lands by interposition, *i. e.* when a person dies seized, and another who has no right enters before the heir.

To ABATE, (from the French *abbatre*, to pull down, overthrow, demolish, batter down, or destroy), a term used by the writers of the English common-law, both in an active and neutral sense; as, To abate a castle, is to beat it down. To abate a writ, is, by some exception, to defeat or overthrow it. A stranger abateth; that is, entereth upon a house or land void by the death of him that last possessed it, before the heir takes possession, and so keepeth him out: wherefore, as he that putteth out him in possession is said to disseize, so he that steppeth in between the former possessor and his heir is said to abate. In the neuter signification thus: The writ of the demandant shall abate; that is, shall be disabled, frustrated or overthrown. The appeal abateth by covin; that is, the accusation is defeated by deceit.

ABATE, in the manege, implies the performing any downward motion properly. Thus a horse is said to abate to take down his curvets, when he puts both his hind legs to the ground at once, and observes the same exactness in all the times.

ABATELEMENT, in commerce, a term used for a prohibition of trade to all French merchants in the ports of the Levant who will not stand to their bargains, or refuse to pay their debts. It is a sentence of the French consul, which must be taken off before they can sue any person for the payment of their debts.

ABATEMENT, in heraldry, an accidental figure supposed to have been added to coats of arms, in order to denote some dishonourable demeanour or stain, whereby the dignity of coat-armour was rendered of less esteem. See HERALDRY.

ABATEMENT, in law. See *To ABATE*.

ABATEMENT, in the customs, an allowance made upon the duty of goods, when the quantum damaged is determined by the judgment of two merchants upon oath, and ascertained by a certificate from the surveyor and land-waiter.

ABATIS, an ancient term for an officer of the stables.

ABATON, an erection at Rhodes, as a fence to the trophy of Artemisia, queen of Halicarnassus, Coos, &c. raised in memory of her victory over the Rhodians; or rather as a screen to conceal the disgrace of the Rhodians from the eyes of the world, the effacing or destroying the trophy being with them a point of religion.

ABATOR, in law, a term applied to a person who enters to a house or lands void by the death of the last possessor, before the true heir.

ABATOS (anc. geog.), an island in the lake Moeris, formerly

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Abavo formerly famous for its papyrus. It was the burial-place of Osiris.

ABBAS, in botany, a synonyme of the *ADANSONIA*.

ABB, a term, among clothiers, applied to the yarn of a weaver's warp. They say also *Abb-wool* in the same sense.

ABBA (anc. geog.) a town of Afric Propria, near Carthage.

ABBA, in the Syriac and Chaldee languages, literally signifies *a father*; and, figuratively, a superior, reputed as a father in respect of age, dignity, or affection. It is more particularly used in the Syriac, Coptic, and Ethiopic churches, as a title given to the bishops. The bishops themselves bestow the title *Abba* more eminently on the bishop of Alexandria; which occasioned the people to give him the title of *Baba*, or *Papa*, that is, *Grandfather*; a title which he bore before the bishop of Rome. It is a Jewish title of honour given to certain rabbins called *Tanaites*; and it is also particularly used, by some writers of the middle age, for the superior of a monastery, usually called

ABBOT. ABBADIE (James), an eminent Protestant divine, born at Nay in Bern in 1654; first educated there under the famous John la Placette, and afterward at the university of Sedan. From thence he went into Holland and Germany, and was minister in the French church of Berlin. He left that place in 1690; came into England; was sometime minister in the French church in the Savoy, London; and was made dean of Killaloe in Ireland. He died at St Mary le Bonne near London, in 1727, aged 73. He was strongly attached to the cause of king William, as appears in his elaborate defence of the revolution, and his history of the assassination-plot. He had great natural abilities, which he improved by true and useful learning. He was a most zealous defender of the primitive doctrine of the Protestants, as appears by his writings; and that strong nervous eloquence, for which he was so remarkable, enabled him to enforce the doctrines of his profession from the pulpit with great spirit and energy. He published several works in French that were much esteemed; the principal of which are, *A Treatise on the Truth of the Christian Religion*; *The art of Knowing one's Self*; *A Defence of the British Nation*; *The Deity of Jesus Christ essential to the Christian Religion*; *The History of the last conspiracy in England*, written by order of king William III.; and *The Triumph of Providence and Religion, or the opening the Seven Seals by the Son of God*.

ABBAS, son of Abdalmothleb, and Mahomet's uncle, opposed his nephew with all his power, esteeming him an impostor and infidel; but in the second year of the Hegira, being overcome and made a prisoner at the battle of Bendir in 623, a great ransom being demanded for him, he represented to Mahomet, that his paying it would reduce him to poverty, which would redound to the dishonour of the family. But Mahomet having been informed of Abbas's having secreted large sums of money, asked him after the purses of gold he had left in his mother's custody at Mecca. Abbas, upon this, conceiving him to be really a prophet, embraced his new religion; became one of his principal captains; and saved his life when in eminent danger at the battle of Henain, against the Thakeites, soon after the reduction of Mecca. But besides being a great

commander, Abbas was a famous doctor of the Mussulman law, insomuch that he read lectures upon every chapter of the Koran, as his nephew pretended to receive them one by one from heaven. He died in 652, and his memory is held in the highest veneration among the Mussulmans to this day.

*Abul ABBAS* surnamed *Sassah*, was proclaimed khalif; and in him began the Dynasty of the

ABBASSIDES, who possessed the khalifate for 524 years; and there were 37 khalifs of this race who succeeded one another without interruption.

ABBE, in a monastic sense, the same with ABBOT.

ABBE, in a modern sense, is the name of a curious popular character in France, very much mentioned, but very little known, in Britain. The term is not to be rendered in our language, as the existence of the being which it denominates is posterior to the reformation, and no such character was known among the Romanists till about a century and a half ago.

Abbés, according to the strictest definition, are persons who have not yet obtained any precise or fixed settlement in church or state, but most heartily wish for and would accept of, either, just as it may happen. In the mean while, their privileges are many. They are admissible in all companies, and no degradation to the best, notwithstanding they are sometimes found in the worst. Their dress is rather that of an academic, or of a professed scholar, than of an ecclesiastic; and, never varying in colour, is no incumbrance on the pocket.

These abbés are very numerous, and no less useful. They are, in colleges, the instructors of youth; in private families, the tutors of young gentlemen; and many procure a decent livelihood by their literary and witty compositions of all kinds, from the profoundest philosophy to the most airy romances. They are, in short, a body of men who possess a fund of universal talents and learning, and are incessantly employed in the cultivation of every various branch of literature and ingenuity. No subject whatever escapes them; serious or gay, solid or ludicrous, sacred or profane, all pay tribute to their researches; and as they are conversant in the lowest as well as the highest topics, their fame is equally great in the learned and in the scribbling world.

A distinguishing part of their character, too, though we shall but slightly touch it, is their devotion to the fair sex: whose favourites, in return, they have the honour of being in the most enviable degree; the wit and smartness for which they are usually remarkable, being just the very thing that suit the French ladies.—In fine, these abbés are sought after by most people, on various accounts; as they are equally men of business and pleasure, not less expert in the most serious transactions, than fond of enjoying their share in whatever occupies the gay world. Hence they diligently frequent all public spectacles, which are thought incomplete without them; as they compose the most intelligent part of the company, and are the most weighty approvers or condemners of what passes in almost all places.

ABBESS, the superior of an abbey or convent of nuns. The abbess has the same rights and authority over her nuns that the abbots regular have over their monks. The sex indeed does not allow her to perform the spiritual functions annexed to the priesthood, where-with the abbot is usually invested; but there are instances of some abbesses who have a right or rather a privilege,

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Abbeville, to commission a priest to act for them. They have even a kind of episcopal jurisdiction, as well as some abbots who are exempted from the visitation of their diocessans.

Martene, in his treatise on the rights of the Church, observes, that some abbeesses have formerly confessed their nuns. But he adds, that their excessive curiosity carried them such lengths, that there arose a necessity of checking it. However, St Basil, in his Rule, allows the abbess to be present with the priest at the confession of her nuns.

ABBEVILLE, a considerable city of France in Picardy, and the capital of Ponthicu; the river Somme runs through the middle of it, and divides it into two parts. It has a collegiate church and twelve parish-churches; the most considerable of which are St George's and St Giles's, besides a great number of monasteries and nunneries, a bailiwick, and a presidial court. It is a fortified town; the walls are flanked with bastions, and surrounded by large ditches; and was never yet taken; from which circumstance it is sometimes called the *Maiden Town*. The country about it is low, marshy, and dirty. It is pretty well peopled, and is famous for its woollen manufactory. The cloths and stuffs made there are said to be now little inferior to those of England and Holland. The work, however, is assisted by the clandestine importation of English and Irish wool, and workmen from Great Britain. It is about fifteen miles east of the British channel, and ships may come from thence by the river Somme to the middle of the town. E. Long. 2. 6. Lat. 50. 7.

ABBEY, a monastery, or religious house, governed by a superior under the title of *abbot* or *abbeess*.

*Abbeys* differ from *priories*, in that the former are under the direction of an abbot, and the others of a prior: but abbot and prior (we mean a prior conventual) are much the same thing, differing in little but the name.

Fauchet observes, that, in the early days of the French monarchy, dukes and counts were called *abbots*, and duchies and counties *abbeys*. Even some of their kings are mentioned in history under the title of *abbots*. Philip I. Louis VI. and afterwards the dukes of Orleans, are called *abbots of the monastery of St Aignan*. The dukes of Aquitaine were called *abbots of the monastery of St Hilary, at Poitiers*; and the earls of Anjou, of *St Aubin*, &c.

Monasteries were at first nothing more than religious houses, whither persons retired from the bustle of the world to spend their time in solitude and devotion. But they soon degenerated from their original institution, and procured large privileges, exemptions, and riches. They prevailed greatly in Britain before the reformation; particularly in England: and as they increased in riches, so the state became poor; for the lands, which these regulars possessed were *in mortua manu*, i. e. could never revert to the lords who gave them. This inconvenience gave rise to the statutes against gifts in *mortmaine*, which prohibited donations to these religious houses: and Lord Coke tells us, that several lords, at their creation, had a clause in their grant, that the donor might give or sell his land to whom he would (*exceptis viris religiosis & Judæis*) excepting monks and Jews.

These places were wholly abolished in England at the time of the Reformation; Henry VIII. having first appointed visitors to inspect into the lives of the

monks and nuns, which were found in some places very disorderly: upon which, the abbots, perceiving their dissolution unavoidable, were induced to resign their houses to the king, who by that means became invested with the abbey-lands: these were afterwards granted to different persons, whose descendents enjoy them at this day: they were then valued at 2,853,000*l.* per annum, an immense sum in those days.

Though the suppression of religious houses, even considered in a political light only, was of a very great national benefit, it must be owned, that, at the time they flourished, they were not entirely useless. Abbeys or monasteries were then the repositories, as well as the seminaries, of learning; many valuable books and national records, as well as private evidences, have been preserved in their libraries; the only places wherein they could have been safely lodged in those turbulent times. Many of those, which had escaped the ravages of the Danes, were destroyed with more than Gothic barbarity at the dissolution of the abbeys. These ravages are pathetically lamented by John Bale, in his Declaration upon Leland's Journal 1549. "Covetousness," says he, "was at that time so busy about private commodity, that public wealth, in that most necessary and of respect, was not any where regarded. A number of them which purchased these superstitious mansions, reserved of the library-books, some to serve their jacks, some to scour the candlesticks, and some to rub their boots; some they sold to the grocer and soap-feller; and some they sent over sea to the book-binders, not in small numbers, but in whole ships full; yea, the universities of this realm are not clear of so detestable a fact. I know a merchant that bought the contents of two noble libraries for 40*s.* price; a shame it is to be spoken! This stuff hath he occupied instead of gray paper, by the space of more than these ten years, and yet he hath store enough for as many years to come. I shall judge this to be true, and utter it with heaviness, that neither the Britons under the Romans and Saxons, nor yet the English people under the Danes and Normans, had ever such damage of their learned monuments as we have seen in our time."

In these days every abbey had at least one person whose office it was to instruct youth; and the historians of this country are chiefly beholden to the monks for the knowledge they have of former national events. In these houses also the arts of painting, architecture, and printing, were cultivated. The religious houses also were hospitals for the sick and poor; affording likewise entertainment to travellers at a time when there were no inns. In them the nobility and gentry who were heirs to their founders could provide for a certain number of ancient and faithful servants, by procuring them corodies, or stated allowances of meal, drink, and clothes. They were likewise an asylum for aged and indigent persons of good family. The neighbouring places were also greatly benefited by the fairs procured for them, and by their exemption from forest-laws; add to which, that the monastic estates were generally let at very easy rents, the fines given at renewals included.

ABBEYBOYLE, a town of Ireland, in the county of Roscommon, and province of Connaught. W. Long. 8. 32. Lat. 56. 54. It is remarkable for an old abbey.

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ABBEYHOLM, a town in Cumberland, so called from an abbey built there by David king of Scots. It stands on an arm of the sea. W. Long. 2. 38. Lat. 54. 45.

ABBOT, or АBBAT, the superior of a monastery of monks erected into an abbey or prelaty.

The name *Abbot* is originally Hebrew, where it signifies father. The Jews call *father*, in their language, *Ab*; whence the Chaldeans and Syrians formed *Abba*; thence the Greeks *Αββας*, which the Latins retained, *Abbas*; and hence our *Abbot*, the French *Abbé*, &c. —St. Mark and St. Paul use the Syriac *Abba* in their Greek, by reason it was then commonly known in the synagogues and the primitive assemblies of the Christians; adding to it, by way of interpretation, the word *father*, *Αββα ο πατηρ*, “*Abba, father*;” *q. d.* *Abba*, that is to say, *Father*.—But the name *Ab*, or *Abba*, which at first was a term of tenderness and affection in the Hebrew and Chaldee, became at length a title of dignity and honour: The Jewish doctors affected it; and one of their most ancient books, containing the sayings or apophthegms of divers of them, is entitled *Pirke Abboth*, or *Avoth*; *i. e.* *Chapters of the Fathers*. It was in allusion to this affectation, that Jesus Christ forbid his disciples to call any man their father on earth; which word St. Jerome turns against the superiors of the monasteries of his time, for assuming the title of *Abbots*, or *Fathers*.

The name *Abbot*, then, appears as old as the institution of monks itself.—The governors of the primitive monasteries assumed indifferently the titles *Abbots*, and *Archimandrites*.\* They were really distinguished from the clergy; though frequently confounded with them, because a degree above laymen.

\* See *Monk*  
and *Archi-*  
*mandrite*.

In those early days, the abbots were subject to the bishops and the ordinary pastors. Their monasteries being remote from cities, built in the farthest solitudes, they had no share in ecclesiastical affairs. They went on Sundays to the parish-church with the rest of the people; or, if they were too remote, a priest was sent them to administer the sacraments; till at length they were allowed to have priests of their own body. The abbot or archimandrite himself was usually the priest: but his function extended no farther than to the spiritual assistance of his monastery; and he remained still in obedience to the bishop. There being among the abbots several persons of learning, they made a vigorous opposition to the rising heresies of those times; which first occasioned the bishops to call them out of their deserts, and fix them about the suburbs of cities, and at length in the cities themselves: from which æra their degeneracy is to be dated. The abbots, now, soon wore off their former plainness and simplicity, and began to be looked on as a sort of little prelates. They aspired at being independent of the bishops; and became so insupportable, that some severe laws were made against them at the council of Chalcedon; this notwithstanding, in time many of them carried the point of independency, and got the appellation of *lord*, with other badges of the episcopate, particularly the mitre.

Hence arose new species of distinctions between the abbots. Those were termed *mitred* abbots, who were privileged to wear the mitre, and exercise episcopal authority within their respective precincts, being exempted from the jurisdiction of the bishop. Others were

called *croziered* abbots, from their bearing the crozier or pastoral staff. Others were styled *acumenical* or universal abbots, in imitation of the patriarch of Constantinople: while others were termed *cardinal* abbots, from their superiority over all other abbots.—In Britain, the mitred abbots were lords of parliament; and called *abbots-sovereign*, and *abbots-general*, to distinguish them from the other abbots. And as there were lords abbots, so there were also lords priors, who had exempt jurisdiction, and were likewise lords of Parliament. Some reckon 26 of these lords abbots and priors that sat in parliament. Sir Edward Coke says, that there were 27 parliamentary abbots and two priors. In the parliament 20 Rich. II. there were but 25 abbots and two priors: but in the summons to parliament anno 4 Ed. III. more are named.

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At present, in the Roman-catholic countries, the principal distinctions observed between abbots are those of *regular* and *commendatory*. The former take the vow and wear the habit of their order; whereas the latter are seculars, though they are obliged by their bulls to take orders when of proper age.

Anciently the ceremony of creating an abbot consisted in clothing him with the habit called *cucullus*, or cowl; putting the pastoral staff into his hand, and the shoes called *pedales* on his feet; but, at present, it is only a simple benediction, improperly called, by some, consecration.

ABBOT is also a title given to others beside the superiors of monasteries: thus bishops, whose sees were formerly abbeys, are called abbots; as are the superiors of some congregations of regular canons, particularly that of St. Geneviève at Paris: and among the Genoese, the chief magistrate of their republic formerly bore the title of *Abbot of the people*. It was likewise usual, about the time of Charlemagne, for several lords to assume the title of *count-abbots*, *abba comites*; and that for no other reason, but because the superintendency of certain abbeys was committed to them.

ABBOT (George), archbishop of Canterbury, was born Oct. 29. 1562, at Guildford in Surrey. He went through his studies at Oxford, and in 1597 was chosen principal of University College. In 1599, he was installed dean of Winchester: the year following he was chosen vice-chancellor of the university of Oxford, and a second time in 1603. In 1604, that translation of the bible now in use was begun by the direction of king James; and Dr Abbot was the second of eight divines of Oxford, to whom the care of translating the whole New Testament (excepting the epistles) was committed. The year following, he was a third time vice-chancellor. In 1608, he went to Scotland with George Hume Earl of Dunbar, to assist in establishing an union betwixt the kirk of Scotland and the church of England; and in this affair he behaved\* with so much address and moderation, that it laid the foundation of all his future preferment. For king James ever after paid great deference to his advice and counsel; and upon the death of Dr. Overton bishop of Litchfield and Coventry, he named Dr. Abbot for his successor, who was accordingly constituted bishop of those two united sees in December 1609. About a month afterwards he was translated to the see of London, and on the second of November thereafter was raised to the archiepiscopal see.

\* Heylin's  
hist. of Pres-  
byterians,  
p. 83.

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It is not however improbable, that his extravagant adulation of his royal master, in which he went as far as any other court-chaplain could do, contributed not a little to the acceleration of his preferment. In the preface to a pamphlet he published, the following specimen of ridiculous flattery occurs: Speaking of the king, he says, "whose life hath been so immaculate and unspotted, &c. that even malice itself, which leaves nothing unsearched, could never find true blemish in it, nor cast probable aspersion on it.—Zealous as David; learned and wise, the *Solomon* of our age; religious as Josias; careful of spreading Christ's faith as Constantine the Great; just as Moses; undefiled in all his ways as a Jehosaphat and Hezekias; full of clemency as another Theodosius."—If Mr. Walpole had seen this passage, he certainly would not have said, that "honest Abbot could not flatter."

His great zeal for the Protestant religion made him a strenuous promoter of the match between the Elector Palatine and the Princess Elizabeth; which was accordingly concluded and solemnized the 14th of February 1612, the archbishop performing the ceremony on a stage erected in the royal chapel. In the following year happened the famous case of divorce betwixt the lady Frances Howard, daughter of the earl of Suffolk, and Robert earl of Essex: an affair which has been by many considered as one of the greatest blemishes in king James's reign; but the part acted therein by the archbishop added much to the reputation he had already acquired for incorruptible integrity. The matter was by the king referred to a court of delegates. The archbishop saw plainly, that his majesty was very desirous the lady should be divorced; but he was, in his own judgment, directly against the divorce. He laboured all he could to extricate himself from this difficulty, by having an end put to the cause by some other way than by sentence: but it was to no purpose; for those who drove on this affair, had got too great power to be restrained from bringing it to the conclusion the king desired. The archbishop prepared a speech, which he intended to have spoken against the nullity of the marriage, in the court at Lambeth; but he did not make use of it, because the king ordered the opinions to be given in few words. He continued, however, inflexible in his opinion against the divorce; and drew up his reasons, which the king thought fit to answer himself. It need scarce be added, that sentence was given in the lady's favour. In 1611, the king published a declaration, which he ordered to be read in all churches, permitting sports and pastimes on the Lord's day: this gave great uneasiness to the archbishop; who, happening to be at Croydon when it came thither, had the courage to forbid its being read.

Being now in a declining state of health, the archbishop used in the summer to go to Hampshire, for the sake of recreation; and being invited by lord Zouch to hunt in his park at Bramzill, he met there with the greatest misfortune that ever befel him; for he accidentally killed the game-keeper by an arrow from a cross-bow which he shot at one of the deer. This accident threw him into a deep melancholy; and he ever afterwards kept a monthly fast on Tuesday, the day on which this fatal mischance happened, and he settled an annuity of 20*l.* on the widow.\* There were several persons who took an advantage

\* Fuller's churchhist. cent. xviii. p. 87.

of this misfortune, to lessen him in the king's favour; but his majesty said, "An angel might have miscarried in this sort." His enemies alleging that he had incurred an irregularity, and was thereby incapacitated for performing the offices of a primate; the king directed a commission to ten persons to enquire into this matter.

The result, however, was not satisfactory to his Grace's enemies; it being declared, that, as the murder was involuntary, he had not forfeited his archiepiscopal character. The archbishop thenceforward seldom assisted at the council, being chiefly hindered by his infirmities; but in the king's last illness he was sent for, and attended with great constancy till his Majesty expired on the 27th of March, 1625. He performed the ceremony of the coronation of king Charles I. though very infirm and much troubled with the gout. He was never greatly in this king's favour; and the duke of Buckingham being his declared enemy, watched an opportunity of making him feel the weight of his displeasure. This he at last accomplished, upon the archbishop's refusing to license a sermon, preached by Dr. Sibthorpe to justify a loan which the king had demanded, and pregnant with principles which tended to overthrow the constitution. The archbishop was immediately after suspended from all his functions as primate; and they were exercised by certain bishops commissioned by the king, of whom Laud, the archbishop's enemy, and afterwards his successor, was one: while the only cause assigned for this procedure was, That the archbishop could not at that time personally attend those services which were otherwise proper for his cognisance and direction. He did not, however, remain long in this situation; for a parliament being absolutely necessary, his Grace was sent for, and restored to his authority and jurisdiction. But not proving friendly to certain rigorous measures adopted by the prevailing church-party, headed by Laud, whose power and interest at court were now very considerable, his presence became unwelcome there; so that upon the birth of the Prince of Wales, afterwards Charles II. Laud had the honour to baptize him, as dean of the chapel. The archbishop being worn out with cares and infirmities, died at Croydon, the fifth of August 1633, aged 71 years; and was buried at Guildford, the place of his nativity, and where he had endowed an hospital with lands to the amount of 300*l.* per annum. A stately monument was erected over the grave, with the effigy of the archbishop in his robes.

He shewed himself, in most circumstances of his life, a man of great moderation to all parties; and was desirous that the clergy should attract the esteem of the laity by the sanctity of their manners, rather than claim it as due to their function. His notions and principles, however, not suiting the humour of some writers, have drawn upon him many severe reflections; particularly, which is to be regretted, from the earl of Clarendon. But Dr. Welwood has done more justice to his merit and abilities.\* He wrote several tracts upon various subjects; and, as already mentioned, translated part of the New Testament, with the rest of the Oxford divines, 1611.

It is proper to observe here, that there was another writer of both his names, who flourished somewhat later. This George Abbot wrote *A paraphrase on Job*,

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bury.

*Job, A vindication of the sabbath, and A paraphrase on the Psalms.*

ABBOT (Robert), elder brother to the former, and born at Guildford in 1560, went through his studies in Baliol college, Oxford. In 1582, he took his degree of master of arts, and soon became a celebrated preacher; and to this talent he chiefly owed his preferment. Upon his first sermon at Worcester, he was chosen lecturer in that city, and soon after rector of All-saints in the same place. John Stanhope, Esq; happening to hear him preach at Paul's-cross, was so pleased with him, that he immediately presented him to the rich living of Bingham in Nottinghamshire. In 1597, he took his degree of doctor in divinity: and, in the beginning of king James's reign, was appointed chaplain in ordinary to his Majesty; who had such an opinion of him as a writer, that he ordered the doctor's book *De Antichristo* to be printed with his own commentary upon part of the Apocalypse. In 1609, he was elected master of Baliol college; which trust he discharged with the utmost care and assiduity, by his frequent lectures to the scholars, by his continual presence at public exercises, and by promoting temperance in the society. In November 1610, he was made prebendary of Normanton in the church of Southwell; and, in 1612, his Majesty appointed him regius professor of divinity at Oxford. The fame of his lectures became very great; and those which he gave upon the supreme power of kings against Bellarmine and Suarez, so much pleased his Majesty, that, when the see of Salisbury became vacant, he named him to that bishoprick, and he was consecrated by his own brother at Lambeth, December 3, 1615. When he came to Salisbury, he found the cathedral running to decay, through the negligence and covetousness of the clergy belonging to it: however, he found means to draw five hundred pounds from the prebendaries, which he applied to the reparation of this church. He then gave himself up to the duties of his function with great diligence and assiduity, visiting his whole diocese in person, and preaching every Sunday whilst health would permit. But this was not long: for his sedentary life, and close application to study, brought upon him the gravel and stone; of which he died on the 2d of March 1618, in the fifty-eighth year of his age; having not filled the see quite two years and three months, and being one of the five bishops which Salisbury had in six years. He was buried opposite to the bishop's seat in the cathedral. Dr. Fuller\*, speaking of the two brothers, says, "that George was the more plausible preacher, Robert the greatest scholar; George the ablest statesman, Robert the deepest divine; gravity did frown in George, and smile in Robert." He published several pieces; he also left behind him sundry manuscripts, which Dr Corbet made a present of to the Bodleian library.

\* *Worthies of England in Surrey.*

ABBOTSBROMLEY, a town in Staffordshire, with a market on Tuesday. After the dissolution of the monasteries, it was given to the Lord Paget; and has since been called *Paget's Bromley*, and is so denominated in the county map. But it retains its old name in the king's books, and is a discharged vicarage of 30l. clear yearly value. It likewise retains its old name with regard to the fairs. W. Long. 1. 2. Lat. 52. 45.

ABBOTSBURY, a small town in Dorsetshire, with

a market on Thursday. W. Long. 1. 17. Lat. 50. 40. Abbreviate The abbey near this town was founded by a Norman lady, about the year 1026; and Edward the Confessor and William the Conqueror were considerable benefactors to it.

Abdalmalek.

ABBREVIATE of ADJUDICATIONS, in Scots law, an abstract or abridgment of a decret of adjudication, which is recorded in a register kept for that purpose.

ABBREVIATION, or ABBREVIATURE, a contraction of a word or passage; made by dropping some of the letters, or by substituting certain marks or characters in their place.—Lawyers, physicians, &c. use abundance of abbreviations, partly for the sake of expedition, and partly for that of mystery; but of all people the Rabbins are the most remarkable for this practice, so that their writings are unintelligible without the Hebrew abbreviatures. The Jewish authors and copyists do not content themselves with abbreviating words like the Greeks and Latins, by retrenching some of the letters and syllables; they frequently take away all but the initial letters. They even frequently take the initials of several succeeding words, join them together, and, adding vowels to them, make a sort of barbarous word, representative of all those which they have thus abridged. Thus, Rabbi Moses ben Maïmen, in their abbreviature is *Rambam*, &c.

ABBREVIATOR, in a general sense, a person who abridges any large book into a narrower compass.

ABBREVIATORS, a college of 72 persons in the chancery of Rome, who draw up the pope's brieves, and reduce petitions, when granted by him, into proper form for being converted into bulls.

ABBUTALS, signify the buttings or boundings of land towards any point. Limits were anciently distinguished by artificial hillocks, which were called *botemines*; and hence *butting*. In a description of the site of land, the sides on the breadth are more properly *adjacents*, and these terminating the length are *abbutantes*; which, in old surveys, were sometimes expressed by *capitare*, to head, whence abbutals are now called *head-lands*.

ABCEDARY, or ABCEDARIAN, an epithet given to compositions, the parts of which are disposed in the order of the letters of the alphabet: thus we say, *Abcedarian psalms, lamentations, hymns, &c.*

ABCOURT, a town near St Germans, four leagues from Paris. Here is a brisk chalybeate water, impregnated with fixed air and the fossil alkali; and resembling the waters of Spa and Ilmington.

ABDALLA, the son of Abdalmothleb, was the father of the prophet Mahomet. Several other Arabians of eminence bore the same name.

ABDALMALEK, the son of Mirvan, and the 5th khalif of the race of the Ommiades, surnamed *Raschal Hegianat*, i. e. the skinner of a stone, because of his extreme avarice; as also *Aboulzebab*, because his breath was said to be so poisonous as to kill all the flies which rested on his face. Yet he surpassed all his predecessors in power and dominion; for in his reign the Indies were conquered in the east, and his armies penetrated Spain in the west: he likewise extended his empire towards the south, by making himself master of Medina and Mecca. He began his reign in the 65th of the hegira, A. D. 648; reigned 15 years; and four of his sons enjoyed the khalifate one after another.

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ABDALMELEK, (Ben Zohar), an eminent physician, commonly called by the Europeans *Avenzoar*. See AVENZOAR.

ABDALMOTHLEB, or ABDAL MATELEB, the son of Hashem, the father of Abdalla, and grandfather of Mahomet the prophet of the Mussulmans, was, it is said, of such wonderful comeliness and beauty, that all women who saw him became enamoured: which may have given occasion to that prophetic light, which, according to the Arabians, shone in the foreheads of him, his ancestors, and descendants; it being certain that they were very handsome and graceful men. He died when Mahomet, of whom he had taken peculiar care, was only 8 or 9 years old; aged, according to some, 110, and according to other writers 120.

ABDALONYMUS, or ABDOLONYMUS, (in classic history), of the royal family of Sidon, and descended from king Cinyras, was contented to live in obscurity, and get his subsistence by cultivating a garden, while Strato was in possession of the crown of Sidon. Alexander the Great having deposed Strato, inquired whether any of the race of Cinyras was living, that he might set him on the throne. It was generally thought that the whole race was extinct: but at last Abdalonymus was thought of, and mentioned to Alexander; who immediately ordered some of his soldiers to fetch him. They found the good man at work, happy in his poverty, and entirely a stranger to the noise of arms, with which all Asia was at that time disturbed; and they could scarcely persuade him that they were in earnest. Alexander was convinced of his high descent by the dignity that appeared in his person; but was desirous of learning from him in what manner he bore his poverty. "I wish" said Abdalonymus, "I may bear my new condition as well: These hands have supplied my necessities: I have had nothing, and I have wanted nothing." This answer pleased Alexander so much, that, besides giving him all that was Strato's, he augmented his dominions, and gave him a large present out of the Persian spoils.

ABDALS, in the Eastern countries, a kind of saints supposed to be inspired to a degree of madness. The word comes, perhaps, from the Arabic, *Abdallah*, the servant of God. The Persians call them *devaneh khoda*, similar to the Latins way of speaking of their prophets and sibyls, *q. d. furentes deo*, raging with the god. They are often carried by excess of zeal, especially in the Indies, to run about the streets, and kill all they meet of a different religion; of which travellers furnish many instances. The English call this *running a muk*, from the name of the instrument, a sort of poniard; which they employ on these desperate occasions. If they are killed, as it commonly happens, before they have done much mischief, they reckon it highly meritorious; and are esteemed, by the vulgar, martyrs for their faith.

ABDARA, or ABDERA, (anc. geog.) a town of Bœotia in Spain, a Phœnician colony; now *Adra*, to the west of Almeira in the kingdom of Granada.

ABDERA, (anc. geog.) a maritime town of Thrace, not far from the mouth of the river Nessus, on the east side. The foundation, according to Herodotus, was attempted to be laid by Timesius the Clazomenian; but he was forced by the Thracians to quit the design. The Teians undertook it, and succeeded; set-

ting there, in order to avoid the insults of the Persians. —Several singularities are told of Abdera\*. The grass of the country round it was so strong, that such horses as eat of it ran mad. In the reign of Cassander king of Macedon, this city was so pestered with frogs and rats, that the inhabitants were forced to quit it for a time. —The Abderites, or Abderitani, were very much derided for their want of wit and judgment: yet their city has given birth to several eminent persons; as, Protagoras, Democritus, Anaxarchus, Hecatæus the historian, Nicenæus the poet, and many others, who were mentioned among the illustrious men.—In the reign of Lysimachus, Abdera was afflicted for some months with a most extraordinary disease †: this was a burning fever, whose crisis was always on the seventh day, and then it left them; but it so distracted their imaginations, that they fancied themselves players. After this, they were ever repeating verses from some tragedy, and particularly out of the *Andromeda* of Euripides, as if they had been upon the stage; so that many of these pale, meagre actors, were pouring forth their tragic exclamations in every street. This delirium continued till the winter following; which was a very cold one, and therefore fitter to remove it. Lucian, who has described this disease, endeavours to account for it in this manner: Archelaus, an excellent player, acted the *Andromeda* of Euripides before the Abderites, in the height of a very hot summer. Several had a fever at their coming out of the theatre; and as their imaginations were full of the tragedy, the delirium which the fever raised represented perpetually *Andromeda*, *Perseus*, *Medusa*, &c. and the several dramatic incidents, and called up the ideas of those objects, and the pleasure of the representation, so strongly, that they could not forbear imitating Archelaus's action and declamation: And from these the fever spread to others by infection.

ABDERAHMA, a Saracen viceroy in Spain, who revolted, and formed an independent principality at Cordova. He had several successors of the same name.

ABDEST, a Persian word, properly signifying the water placed in a basin for washing the hands; but is used to imply the legal purifications practised by the Mahometans before they enter on their religious ceremonies.

ABDIAS OF BABYLON, one of the boldest legend-writers, who boasted he had seen our Saviour, that he was one of the 72 disciples, had been eye-witness of the actions and prayers at the deaths of several of the apostles, and had followed into Persia St Simon and St Jude, who, he said, made him the first bishop of Babylon. His book intitled *Historia certaminis apostolici*, was published by Wolfgang Lazius, at Basil, 1551; and it has since borne several impressions in different places.

ABDICATION, the action whereby a magistrate, or person in office, renounces and gives up the same before the term of service is expired.

This word is frequently confounded with *resignation*; but differs from it, in that abdication is done purely and simply, whereas resignation is in favour of some third person. It is said to be a renunciation, quitting, and relinquishing, so as to have nothing further to do with a thing; or the doing of such actions as are inconsistent with the holding of it. On king James's leaving the kingdom, and abdicating the government, the lords

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Abdication

\* Plinii,  
lib. xxv. c. 8.  
Just. lib. xv.  
c. 2.

† Lucianus  
*quomodo Hist*  
*fit conscri-*  
*hendus, ini-*  
*tio.*



Abdomen lords would have had the word *desertion* made use of ; but the commons thought that it was not comprehensive enough, for that the king might then have liberty of returning.—Among the Roman writers it was more particularly used for the act whereby a father disclaimed or disclaimed his son, and expelled him the family. It is distinguished from *exheredatio* or *disinheriting*, in that the former was done in the father's lifetime ; the latter, by will at his death : so that whoever was abdicated, was also disinherited ; but not *vice versa*.

ABDOMEN, in anatomy, is that part of the trunk of the body which lies between the thorax and the bottom of the pelvis. See ANATOMY.

ABDOMINALES, or ABDOMINAL FISHES, constitute the IVth Order of the *Fourth Class* of Animals, in the Linnæan system. See ZOOLOGY.

ABDUCTION, in Logic, a kind of argumentation, by the Greeks called *apagoge*, wherein the greater extreme is evidently contained in the medium, but the medium not so evidently in the lesser extreme as not to require some farther medium or proof to make it appear. It is called *abduction*, because, from the conclusion, it draws us on to prove the proposition assumed. Thus, in the syllogism, "All whom God absolves are free from sin ; but God absolves all who are in Christ ; therefore all who are in Christ are free from sin,"—the major is evident ; but the minor, or assumption, is not so evident without some other proposition to prove it, as, "God received full satisfaction for sin by the sufferings of Jesus Christ."

ABDUCTION, in surgery, a species of fracture, wherein the broken parts of the bone recede from each other.

ABDUCTOR, or ABDUCENT, in anatomy, a name given to several of the muscles, on account of their serving to withdraw, open, or pull back the parts to which they belong.

ABEL, second son of Adam and Eve, was a shepherd. He offered to God some of the firstlings of his flock, at the same time that his brother Cain offered the fruits of the earth. God was pleased with Abel's oblation, but displeased with Cain's ; which so exasperated the latter, that he rose up against his brother and killed him. These are the only circumstances Moses relates of him ; though, were we to take notice of the several particulars to which curiosity has given birth on this occasion, they would run to a very great length. But this will not be expected. It is remarkable, that the Greek churches, who celebrate the feasts of every other patriarch and prophet, have not done the same honour to Abel. His name is not to be found in any catalogue of saints or martyrs till the 10th century ; nor even in the new Roman martyrology. However he is prayed to, with some other saints, in several Roman litanies said for persons who lie at the point of death.

ABEL *Keramim*, or *Vincarum*, beyond Jordan, in the country of the Ammonites, where Jephthah defeated them, seven miles distant from Philadelphia, abounding in vines, and hence the name. It was also called *Abela*.

ABEL *Mehola*, the country of the prophet Elisha, situate on this side Jordan between the valley of Jezreel and the village Bethmaela in the plains of Jordan, where the Midianites were defeated by Gideon. Judges vii. 22.

ABEL *Mizraim*, called also the Threshing-floor of Atad ; signifying the lamentation of the Egyptians ; in allusion to the mourning for Jacob, Gen. i. 3, 10, 11. Supposed to be near Hebron.

ABEL *Mosch*, or *Abelmusch*, in botany, the trivial name of a species of the HIBISCUS.

ABEL *Sattim*, or *Sittim*, a town in the plains of Moab, to the N. E. of the Dead Sea, not far from Jordan, where the Israelites committed fornication with the daughters of Moab : So called, probably, from the great number of sittim-trees there.

ABELARD (Peter), one of the most famous doctors of the twelfth century, was born at Palais near Nantz, in Britany : he was well learned in divinity, philosophy, and the languages ; but was particularly distinguished by his skill in logic, and his fondness for disputations, which led him to travel into several provinces in order to give public proof of his acuteness in that science.

After having baffled many antagonists, he read lectures in divinity with great applause at Paris ; where he boarded with a canon whose name was Fulbert, and who had a very beautiful niece named Heloise. The canon ardently wished to see this young lady make a figure among the learned, and Abelard was made her preceptor : but instead of instructing her in the sciences, he taught her to love. Abelard now performed his public functions very coldly, and wrote nothing but amorous verses. Heloise proving with child, Abelard sent her to a sister of his in Britany, where she was delivered of a son. To soften the canon's anger, he offered to marry Heloise privately ; and the old man was better pleased with the proposal than the niece ; who, from a singular excess of passion, chose to be Abelard's mistress rather than his wife. She married, however ; but used often to protest upon oath that she was single, which provoked the canon to use her ill. Upon this, Abelard sent her to the monastery of Argenteuil ; where she put on a religious habit, but did not take the veil. Heloise's relations considering this as a second treachery, hired ruffians, who, forcing into his chamber in the dead of the night, emasculated him. This infamous treatment made him fly to the gloom of a cloister. He assumed the monastic habit in the abbey of St Dennis ; but the disorders of that house soon drove him from thence. He was afterwards charged with heresy ; but after several persecutions for his religious sentiments, he settled in a solitude in the diocese of Troies, where he built an oratory, to which he gave the name of the Paraclet. He was afterwards chosen superior of the abbey of Ruis in the diocese of Vannes : when the nuns being expelled from the nunnery in which Heloise had been placed, he gave her his oratory ; where she settled with some of her sister nuns, and became their prioress.

Abelard mixed the philosophy of Aristotle with his divinity, and in 1140 was condemned by the council of Rheims and Sens. Pope Innocent II. ordered him to be imprisoned, his books to be burnt, and forbid him ever teaching again. However, he was soon after pardoned, at the solicitation of Peter the Venerable, who received him into his abbey of Clugni, where he led an exemplary life. He died in the priory of Marcellus at Chalons, April 21, 1142, aged sixty-three. His corpse was sent to Heloise, who buried it in the Paraclet. He left several works : the most celebrated of which

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Abelard.

Abel-tree are those tender letters that passed between him and Heloise, with the account of their misfortunes prefixed; which have been translated into English, and immortalised by the harmony of Mr Pope's numbers.

ABEL-TREE, or ABLE-TREE, an obsolete name for a species of the poplar. See POPULUS.

ABELIANS, ABEOLITES, or ABELONIANS, in church-history, a sect of heretics mentioned by St Austin, which arose in the diocese of Hippo in Africa, and is supposed to have begun in the reign of Arcadius, and ended in that of Theodosius. Indeed it was not calculated for being of any long continuance. Those of this sect regulated marriage after the example of Abel; who, they pretended, was married, but died without ever having known his wife. They therefore allowed each man to marry one woman, but enjoined them to live in continence: and, to keep up the sect, when a man and woman entered into this society, they adopted a boy and a girl, who were to inherit their goods, and to marry upon the same terms of not begetting children, but of adopting two of different sexes.

ABELLA, anciently a town of Campania, near the river Clanius. The inhabitants were called Abellani, and said to have been a colony of Chalcidians. The nux Avellana, called also Prænestina, or the hazelnut, takes its name from this town, according to Macrobius. Now *Avella*.

ABELLINUM, anciently a town of the Hirpini, a people of Apulia; distant about a mile from the rivulet Sabbato, between Beneventum and Salernum. Pliny calls the inhabitants Abellinates, with the epithet Protopi, to distinguish them from the Abellinates Maris. Now *Avellino*. E. Long. 15. 20. Lat. 21.

ABEN EZRA (Abraham), a celebrated rabbi, born at Toledo in Spain, called by the Jews, The wise, great and admirable Doctor, was a very able interpreter of the Holy Scriptures; and was well skilled in grammar, poetry, philosophy, astronomy, and medicine. He was also a perfect master of the Arabic. His principal work is, Commentaries on the Old Testament, which is much esteemed: these are printed in Bomberg's and Buxtorf's Hebrew Bibles. His style is clear, elegant, concise, and much like that of the Holy Scriptures: he almost always adheres to the literal sense, and every where gives proofs of his genius and good sense: he, however, advances some erroneous sentiments. The scarcest of all his books is entitled, *Jesud Mora*; which is a theological work, intended as an exhortation to the study of the Talmud. He died in 1174, aged 75.

ABEN Meller, a learned rabbin, who wrote a commentary on the Old Testament in Hebrew, intitled *The Perfection of Beauty*. This rabbin generally follows the grammatical sense and the opinions of Kimchi. The best edition is that of Holland.

ABENAS, a town of France, in Languedoc and in the lower Vivarais, seated on the river Ardesch, at the foot of the Cévennes. E. Long. 4. 43. Lat. 44. 40.

ABENEL GAUBY, a fixed star of the second or third magnitude, on the south scale of the constellation LIBRA.

ABENSPERG, a small town of Germany, in the circle and duchy of Bavaria, and in the government of Munich. It is seated on the river Abentz, near the Danube. E. Long. 11. 38. Lat. 48. 45.

ABERAVON, a borough-town of Glamorganshire in Wales, governed by a portreeve. It had a market, which is now discontinued: the vicarage is discharged, and is worth 45l. clear yearly value. It is seated at the mouth of the river Avon, 194 miles west of London. W. Long. 3. 21. Lat. 51. 40.

ABERBROTHICK, or ARBROATH, one of the royal boroughs of Scotland, situated in the county of Angus, about forty miles N. N. E. of Edinburgh; its W. Long. being 2. 29. and N. Lat. 56. 36. It is seated on the discharge of the little river Brothick into the sea, as the name imports, *Aber* in the British implying such a situation. It is a small but flourishing place, well built, and still increasing. The town has been in an improving state for the last forty years, and the number of inhabitants greatly augmented; which is owing to the introduction of manufactures. The number, at this time, is said to be about four thousand: these principally consist of weavers of coarse brown linens, and some sail-cloth; others are employed in making white and coloured threads: the remainder are either engaged in the shipping of the place, or in the necessary and common mechanic trades. The brown linens, or Osnaburghs, were manufactured here before any encouragement was given by government, or the linen company erected at Edinburgh. It appears from the books of the stamp-office in this town, that seven or eight hundred thousand yards are annually made in the place, and a small district round. Besides this export and that of thread, much barley and some wheat is sent abroad. The foreign imports are flax, flax-seed, and timber, from the Baltic. The coasting trade consists of coals from Borrowstounness, and lime from Lord Elgin's kilns in Fife.—At this place, in default of a natural harbour, a tolerable artificial one of piers has been formed, where, at spring-tides, which rise here fifteen feet, ships of two hundred tons can come, and of eighty at neap-tides; but they must lie dry at low water. This port is of great antiquity: there is an agreement yet extant between the abbot and the burghers of Aberbrothick, in 1194, concerning the making of the harbour. Both parties were bound to contribute their proportions; but the largest fell to the share of the former, for which he was to receive an annual tax payable out of every rood of land lying within the borough.—The glory of this place was the abbey, whose very ruins give some idea of its former magnificence. It was founded by William the Lion in 1178, and dedicated to the celebrated primate Thomas à Becket. The founder was buried here; but there are no remains of his tomb, or of any other, excepting that of a monk of the name of Alexander Nicol. The monks were of the Tyronensian order; and were first brought from Kelfo, whose abbot declared those of this place, on the first institution, to be free from his jurisdiction. The last abbot was the famous Cardinal Beaton, at the same time archbishop of St Andrew's, and, before his death, as great and absolute here as Wolsey was in England. King John, the English monarch, granted this monastery most uncommon privileges; for, by charter under his great seal, he exempted it *a teloniis et consuetudine* in every part of England, except London. At Aberbrothick is a chalybeate water, similar to those of Peterhead and Glendy.

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ABERCONWAY, or CONWAY, Caernarvonshire, North-Wales; so called from its situation at the mouth of the river Conway. It is a handsome town, pleasantly situated on the side of a hill, and has many conveniences for trade; notwithstanding which it is the poorest town in the county. It was built by Edward I. and had not only walls, but a strong castle which is now in ruins. Here is an inscription on the tomb of one Nicholas Hooks, importing that he was the one-and-fortieth child of his father, and had twenty-seven children himself. It is 229 miles from London, W. Long. 3. 47. N. Lat. 53. 20.

ABERDEEN, the name of two cities in Scotland, called the *Old* and *New Towns*, situated on the German ocean, in W. Long. 1. 40. and N. Lat. 57. 19.

Aberdeen is a place of great antiquity. According to tradition, it was of note in the reign of Gregory, who conferred on it some privileges about the year 893. In 1004, Malcolm II. founded a bishoprick at a place called Mortlich in Banffshire, in memory of a signal victory which he there gained over the Danes: which bishoprick was translated to Old Aberdeen by David I.; and in 1163, the then bishop of Aberdeen obtained a new charter from Malcolm IV. There is extant a charter of Alexander II. by which, in 1217, the King grants to Aberdeen the same privileges he had granted to his town of Perth.

The Old Town lies about a mile to the north of the new, at the mouth of the river Don, over which is a fine Gothic bridge, of a single arch, greatly admired, which rests at both sides on two rocks. This arch, said to have been built by a bishop of Aberdeen about the year 1290, is 67 feet wide at the bottom, and 34½ feet high above the surface of the river, which at ebb-tide is here 19 feet deep. The old town was formerly the seat of the bishop, and had a large cathedral commonly called *St Macher's*. Two very antique spires, and one aisle, which is used as a church, are now the only remains of it. The bishoprick was founded in the time of David I. as above mentioned. The cathedral had anciently two rows of stone pillars across the church, and three turrets; the steeple, which was the largest of these turrets, rested upon an arch, supported by four pillars. In this cathedral there was a fine library; but, about the year 1560, it was almost totally destroyed. But the capital building is the King's-college, on the south side of the town, which is a large and stately fabric. It is built round a square, with cloisters on the south side. The chapel is very ruinous within; but there still remains some wood-work of exquisite workmanship. This was preserved by the spirit of the principal at the time of the reformation, who armed his people and checked the blind zeal of the barons of the Mearns; who, after stripping the cathedral of its roof, and robbing it of the bells, were going to violate this seat of learning. They shipped their sacrilegious booty, with an intention of exposing it to sale in Holland: but the vessel had scarcely gone out of port, when it perished in a storm with all its ill-gained lading. The steeple is vaulted with a double cross arch; above which is an imperial crown, supported by eight stone pillars, and closed with a globe and two gilded crosses. In the year 1631 this steeple was thrown down by a storm, but was soon after rebuilt in a more stately form. This college was founded in

1494, by William Elphinston, bishop of this place, Aberdeen. Lord Chancellor of Scotland in the reign of James III. and Lord Privy Seal in that of James IV. But James IV. claimed the patronage of it, and it has since been called the *King's College*. This college and the Marischal-college in the New Town, form one university, called the *University of King Charles*. The library is large, but not remarkable for many curiosities. Hector Boethius was the first principal of the college; and sent for from Paris for that purpose, on an annual salary of forty marks Scots, at thirteen pence each. The square tower on the side of the college was built by contributions from General Monk and the officers under him then quartered at Aberdeen, for the reception of students; of which there are about a hundred belonging to the college who lie in it.

The New Town is the capital of the shire of Aberdeen. For largeness, trade, and beauty, it greatly exceeds any town in the north of Scotland. It is built on a hill or rising ground, and lies on a small bay formed by the Dee, deep enough for a ship of 200 tons, and above two miles in circumference.—The buildings (which are of granite from the neighbouring quarries) are generally four stories high; and have, for the most part, gardens behind them, which gives it a beautiful appearance. On the high-street is a large church, which formerly belonged to the Franciscans. This church was begun by Bishop William Elphinston; and finished by Gavinus Dunbar, bishop of Aberdeen, about the year 1500. Bishop Dunbar is said likewise to have built the bridge over the Dee, which consists of seven arches. In the middle of Castle-street is an octagon building, with neat bas-relievs of the kings of Scotland from James I. to James VII. The town-house makes a good figure, and has a handsome spire in the centre. The grammar-school is a low but neat building. Gordon's hospital is handsome; in front is a good statue of the founder: it maintains forty boys, who are apprenticed at proper ages. The infirmary is a large plain building, and sends out between eight and nine hundred cured patients annually. But the chief public building in the new town is the Marischal-college, founded by George Keith earl of Marischal, in the year 1593; but since greatly augmented with additional buildings. There are about 140 students belonging to it. In both the Marischal and King's-college the languages, mathematics, natural philosophy, divinity, &c. are taught by very able professors. The convents of Aberdeen were: One of the Mathurines, or of the order of the Trinity, founded by William the Lion, who died in 1214; another of Dominicans, by Alexander II.; a third of Observantines, a building of great length in the middle of the city, founded by the citizens and Mr. Richard Vans, &c.; and a fourth of Carmelites, or White Friars, founded by Philip de Arbuthnot in 1350.

Aberdeen, including the Old Town, is supposed to contain 25,000 people. Its trade is considerable, but might be greatly extended by an attention to the white fisheries.

The harbour was long a great detriment to its trade, and occasioned the loss of many lives and much property. A stranger could never depend upon finding it as he left it; while vessels lay at anchor in the road till the tide should make, they have often been wrecked by storms.

**Aberdeen.** storms which suddenly arose. It was very narrow at the mouth, having the easterly rocky point of the Grampian mountains on the south, and a flat blowing sand on the north, extending along the coast for many miles. By the easterly and north-east storms the sand was driven in a long ridge across the harbour's mouth, and formed what was called the *bar*. Upon this bar the depth of water at low tide was sometimes not above three feet. Clearing away the sand, though but a partial and temporary remedy, was a matter of great expence to the community: If it was cleared one week, so as to have five or six feet of water at ebb, a fresh storm the next week undid all that had been done. The town at last came to the resolution of erecting a strong pier on the north side of the harbour. This pier is 1200 feet in length, and gradually increases in thickness and height as it approaches the sea, where the head or rounding is 60 feet diameter at the base, and the perpendicular elevation is 38 feet. The whole is built of granite, the most durable stone known: many of the outside stones are above three tons weight, with hewn beds. It was built under the direction of Mr. Smeaton; and the expence, amounting to above 17,000*l.*, is defrayed by doubling the harbour-dues, which are chiefly paid by the inhabitants.

A little to the south of the bar, they have now a depth of 17 fathoms at low water; and at the harbour mouth, from eight to nine fathoms, where they had formerly but a few feet.

Aberdeen once enjoyed a good share of the tobacco trade. At present, its imports are from the Baltic, and a few merchants trade to the West Indies and this country. Its exports are stockings, thread, salmon, and oatmeal. The first is a most important article, as appears by the following state of it. For this manufacture, 20,800 pounds worth of wool is annually imported, and 1600 pounds worth of oil. Of this wool are annually made 69,333 dozen pairs of stockings, worth, at an average, 1*l.* 10*s.* *per* dozen. These are the work of the country people in almost all parts of this great county, who get 4*s.* *per* dozen for spinning, and 14*s.* *per* dozen for knitting; so that there is annually paid them 62,329*l.* 14*s.* There is, besides, about 2000*l.* value of stockings manufactured from the wool of the county. The thread manufacture is another considerable article, though trifling in comparison of the woolen. The salmon fisheries on the Dee and the Don are a good branch of trade. About 46 boats, and 130 men, are employed on the first; and, in some years, 167,000 *lb.* of fish have been sent pickled to London, and about 930 barrels of salted fish exported to France, Italy, &c.—The fishery on the Don is far less considerable. The fish of this river are taken in cruives above the bridge; a practice contrary to the ancient laws of the kingdom, unless where the nature of the water rendered the net-fishery impracticable. The inhabitants likewise export considerable quantities of pickled pork, which they sell to the Dutch for victualling their East India ships and men of war; the Aberdeen pork having the reputation of being the best cured of any in Europe for keeping on long voyages.

“It is however remarkable (Mr. Knox observes), that there is not a single decked vessel fitted out from Aberdeen for the herring or white fisheries: here is now

an excellent harbour; an active people, conversant in trade, and possessed of capital; seated within six hours sailing of Long Fortys, and two days sailing of the Shetland Isles. This inattention is the more extraordinary, as the exports of Aberdeen, though very considerable, do not balance the imports in value. The herring and white fisheries, therefore, if prosecuted with vigour, cured and dried with judgment, would not only extend the scale of exports, but also furnish the outward bound vessels with freights, and better assortments for the foreign markets. The salmon of the Dee and Don are taken in great abundance, cured in the highest perfection, and greatly valued at the European markets. If the merchants, in addition to these, should also export the cargoes of 50 or 60 vessels constantly employed in the herring and white fisheries, the port of Aberdeen would in a few years become the most celebrated mart of fish now existing.”

From a round hill at the west end of the city, flow two springs, one of pure water and the other of a quality resembling the German Spa. Aberdeen, with Aberbrothick, Brechin, Montrose, and Inverbervie, returns one member to Parliament.

**ABERDEENSHIRE**, comprehends the districts of Mar, Garioch, Strathbogie, and the greater part of Buchan; and sends one member to Parliament. It is washed on the east and north by the ocean; and abounds in sea-ports, from whence there is a safe and ready passage to the Orkneys and Shetland Isles, the Greenland fisheries, Norway, and the regions round the Baltic, the German coast, Holland, Flanders, France. It is watered by numerous streams, all of them the resort of salmon, and whose banks display the most extensive plantations as well as natural woods in Britain.

**ABERDOUR**, a small town in Fifeshire, Scotland, on the frith of Forth, about ten miles N. W. of Edinburgh. In old times it belonged to the Viponts; in 1126 it was transferred to the Mortimers by marriage, and afterwards to the Douglasses. William, lord of Liddesdale, surnamed the *Flower of Chivalry*, in the reign of David II. by charter conveyed it to James Douglas, ancestor of the present noble owner the Earl of Morton. The monks of Inchcolm had a grant for a burial-place here from Allan de Mortimer, in the reign of Alexander III. The nuns, usually styled the poor *Clares*, had a convent at this place.

**ABERFORD**, a market town in the west-riding of Yorkshire, stands in a bottom; and is about a mile long, and indifferently well built. It is near a Roman road, which is raised very high, and not far from the river Cock; between which and the town there is the foundation of an old castle still visible. It is 181 miles N. by W. from London. W. Long. 2. 45. Lat. 55. 52.

**ABERGAVENNY**, a large, populous, and flourishing town in Monmouthshire, seated at the confluence of the rivers Usk and Gavenny. It has a fine bridge over the Usk, consisting of fifteen arches; and being a great thoroughfare from the west part of Wales to Bath, Bristol, Gloucester, and other places, is well furnished with accommodations for travellers. It is surrounded with a wall, and had once a castle. It carries on a considerable trade in flannels, which are brought hither for sale from the other parts of the county.

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**Abernethy country.** It is 142 miles distant from London. W. Long. 2. 45. Lat. 51. 50. Abergavenny appears to have been the *Gibbanium* of Antoninus, and the town of Usk his *Burrium*.

**ABERNETHY (John)**, an eminent dissenting minister, was the son of Mr. John Abernethy a dissenting minister in Colrairie, and was born on the 19th of October 1680. When about nine years of age, he was separated from his parents, his father being obliged to attend some public affairs in London; and his mother, to shelter herself from the mad fury of the Irish rebels, retiring to Derry, a relation who had him under his care, having no opportunity of conveying him to her, took him with him to Scotland; by which means he escaped the hardships he must have suffered at the siege of Derry, where Mrs. Abernethy lost all her other children. He afterwards studied at the university of Glasgow, till he took the degree of master of arts; and, in 1708, he was chosen minister of a dissenting congregation at Antrim, where he continued above twenty years. About the time of the Bangorian controversy (for which see **HOADLEY**), a dissention arose among his brethren in the ministry at Belfast, on the subject of subscription to the Westminster confession; in which he became a leader on the negative side, and incurred the censure of a general synod. Being in consequence deserted by the greatest part of his congregation, he accepted an invitation to settle in Dublin, where his preaching was much admired. He was distinguished by his candid, free, and generous sentiments; and died of the gout in Dec. 1740, in the sixtieth year of his age. He published a volume of sermons on the Divine Attributes; after his death a second volume was published by his friends; and these were succeeded by four other volumes on different subjects: all of which have been greatly admired.

**ABERNETHY**, a town in Strathern, a district of Perthshire in Scotland. It is seated on the river Tay, a little above the mouth of the Erne. It is said to have been the seat of the Pictish kings; and was afterwards the see of an archbishop, since transferred to St Andrews. It is now greatly decayed.

**ABERRATION**, in astronomy, a small apparent motion of the fixed stars discovered by the late Dr. Bradley. The discovery was made by accident in the year 1725, when Mr Molyneux and Dr Bradley began to observe the bright star in the head of *Draco*, marked  $\gamma$  by Bayer, as it passed near the zenith, with an instrument made by Mr Graham, in order to discover the parallax of the earth's annual orbit; and, after repeated observations, they found this star, about the beginning of March 1726, to be 20" more southerly than at the time of the first observation. It now indeed seemed to have arrived at its utmost limits southward; because, in several trials made about this time, no sensible difference was observed in its situation. By the middle of April, it appeared to be returning back again toward the north; and, about the beginning of June, it passed at the same distance from the zenith as it had done in December, when it was first observed: in September following, it appeared 30" more northerly than it was in March, just the contrary way to what it ought to appear by the annual parallax of the stars. This unexpected phenomenon perplexed the observers very much; and Mr. Molyneux died before the true cause of it was

discovered. After this, Dr. Bradley, with another instrument more exact and accurately adapted to this purpose, observed the same appearances not only in that but many other stars: and, by the great regularity that appeared in a series of observations made in all parts of the year, the Doctor was fully satisfied with regard to the general laws of the phenomena; and therefore endeavoured to find out the cause of them. He was already convinced, that the apparent motion of the stars was not owing to a nutation of the earth's axis. The next thing that offered itself, was an alteration in the direction of the plumb line, with which the instrument was constantly rectified; but this, upon trial, proved insufficient. Then he had recourse to what refraction might do; but here also nothing satisfactory occurred. At last this acute astronomer found, that the phenomena in question proceeded from the progressive motion of light, and the earth's annual motion in its orbit: for he perceived, that if light was propagated in time, the apparent place of a fixed object would not be the same when the eye is at rest, as when it is moving in any other direction, than that of the line passing through the eye and object; and that, when the eye is moving in different directions, the apparent place of the object would be different.

**ABERRATION**, in optics, is used to denote that error or deviation of the rays of light, when inflected by a lens or speculum, whereby they are hindered from meeting or uniting in the same point. There are two species of the aberrations of rays, distinguished by their different causes; one arising from the figure of the glass or speculum, the other from the unequal refrangibility of the rays of light. This last species is sometimes called the Newtonian, from the name of its discoverer. See **OPTICS**. n<sup>o</sup> 17. 136. 173.

**ABERYSWITH**, a market-town of Cardiganshire, in Wales, seated on the Ridal, near its confluence with the Istwith, where it falls into the sea. It is a populous, rich town, and has a great trade in lead, and a considerable fishery of whiting, cod, and herrings. It was formerly surrounded with walls, and fortified with a castle; but both are now in ruins. Its distance from London is 199 miles west-south-west. W. Long. 4. 15. Lat. 52. 30.

**ABESTA**, the name of one of the sacred books of the Persian magi, which they ascribe to their great founder Zoroaster. The abesta is a commentary on two others of their religious books called *Zend* and *Pazend*; the three together including the whole system of the Ignicold, or worshippers of fire.

**ABETTOR**, a law-term, implying one who encourages another to the performance of some criminal action, or who is art and part in the performance itself. Treason is the only crime in which abettors are excluded by law, every individual concerned being considered as a principal. It is the same with *art-and-part* in the Scots law.

**ABEX**, a country in High Ethiopia, in Africa, bordering on the Red Sea, by which it is bounded on the east. It has Nubia or Sennar on the north; Sennar and Abyssinia on the west; and Abyssinia on the south. Its principal towns are Suaquem and Arkeko. It is subject to the Turks, and has the name of the Beglerbeg of Habelerh. It is about five hundred miles in length and one hundred in breadth, and is a wretched country;

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**Abeyance** country; for the heat here is almost insupportable, and the air is so unhealthy, that an European cannot stay long in it without the utmost hazard of his life. It is very mountainous, in so much that there are many more wild beasts than men. There are forests in which grow a great number of ebony trees.

**ABEYANCE**, in law, the expectancy of an estate. Thus if lands be leased to one person for life, with reversion to another for years, the remainder for years is an abeyance till the death of the lessee.

**ABGAR**, or **ABGARUS**, a name given to several of the kings of Edessa in Syria. The most celebrated of them is one who, it is said, was cotemporary with Jesus Christ; and who having a distemper in his feet, and hearing of Jesus's miraculous cures, requested him, *\* Eccl. Hist.* by letter, to come and cure him. Eusebius\*, who believed that this letter was genuine, and also an answer our Saviour is said to have returned to it, has translated them both from the Syriac, and asserts that they were taken out of the archives of the city of Edessa. The first is as follows: "Abgarus, prince of Edessa, to Jesus the holy Saviour, who hath appeared in the flesh in the confines of Jerusalem, greeting. I have heard of thee, and of the cures thou hast wrought without medicines or herbs. For it is reported thou makest the blind to see, the lame to walk, lepers to be clean, devils and unclean spirits to be expelled, such as have been long diseased to be healed, and the dead to be raised; all which when I heard concerning thee, I concluded with myself, That either thou wast a God come down from heaven, or the Son of God sent to do these things. I have therefore written to thee, beseeching thee to vouchsafe to come unto me, and cure my disease. For I have also heard that the Jews use thee ill, and lay snares to destroy thee. I have here a little city, pleasantly situated, and sufficient for us both. **ABGARUS.**" To this letter Jesus, it is said, returned an answer by Ananias, Abgarus's courier; which was as follows: "Blessed art thou, O Abgarus! who hast believed in me whom thou hast not seen; for the scriptures say of me, They who have seen me have not believed in me, that they who have not seen, may, by believing, have life. But whereas thou writest to have me come to thee, it is of necessity that I fulfil all things here for which I am sent; and having finished them, to return to him that sent me: but when I am returned to him, I will then send one of my disciples to thee, who shall cure thy malady, and give life to thee and thine. **JESUS.**" After Jesus's ascension, Judas, who is also named Thomas, sent Thaddeus, one of the seventy, to Abgarus; who preached the gospel to him and his people, cured him of his disorder, and wrought many other miracles: which was done, says Eusebius, A. D. 43.—Though the above letters are acknowledged to be spurious by the candid writers of the church of Rome; several protestant authors, as Dr Parker, Dr Cave, and Dr Grabe, have maintained that they are genuine, and ought not to be rejected.

**ABGILLUS** (John), surnamed Prester John, was son to a king of the Friscii; and, from the austerity of his life obtained the name of *Prester*, or Priest. He attended Charlemagne in his expedition to the Holy Land; but instead of returning with that monarch to Europe, it is pretended that he gained mighty con-

quests, and founded the empire of the Abyssines, called, from his name, the empire of Prester John. He is said to have written the history of Charlemagne's journey into the Holy Land, and of his own into the Indies; but they are more probably trifling romances, written in the ages of ignorance.

**ABIANS**, anciently a people of Thrace, or (according to some authors) of Scythia. They had no fixed habitations; they led a wandering life. Their houses were waggons, which carried all their possessions. They lived on the flesh of their herds and flocks, on milk and cheese, chiefly on that of mare's milk. They were unacquainted with commerce. They only exchanged commodities with their neighbours. They possessed lands, but they did not cultivate them. They assigned their agriculture to any who would undertake it, reserving only to themselves a tribute; which they exacted, not with a view to live in affluence, but merely to enjoy the necessaries of life. They never took arms but to oblige those to make good a promise to them by whom it had been broken. They paid tribute to none of the neighbouring states. They deemed themselves exempt from such an imposition; for they relied on their strength and courage, and consequently thought themselves able to repel any invasion. The Abians, we are told, were a people of great integrity. This honourable eulogium is given them by Homer. (Strabo.)

**ABIATHAR**, high-priest of the Jews, son to Abimelech, who had borne the same office, and received David into his house. This so enraged Saul, who hated David, that he put Abimelech to death, and 81 priests; Abiathar alone escaped the massacre. He afterwards was high-priest; and often gave king David testimonies of his fidelity, particularly during Absalom's conspiracy, at which time Abiathar followed David, and bore away the ark. But after this, conspiring with Adonijah, in order to raise him to the throne of king David his father; this so exasperated Solomon against him, that he divested him of the priesthood, and banished him, A. M. 3021, before Christ 1014.

**ABIB**, signifying an ear of corn, a name given by the Jews to the first month of their ecclesiastical year, afterwards called *Nisan*. It commenced at the vernal equinox; and according to the course of the moon, by which their months were regulated, answered to the latter part of our March and beginning of April.

**ABIDING** *by* WRITINGS, in Scots law: When a person founds upon a writing alleged to be false, he may be obliged to declare judicially whether he will stand or abide by it as a true deed.

**ABIES**, the FIR-TREE. See PINUS.

**ABIGEAT**, an old law term, denoting the crime of stealing cattle by droves or herds. This crime was severely punished; the delinquent being often condemned to the mines, banishment, and sometimes capitally.

**ABIHU**, brother to Nadab, and son to Aaron. The two former had the happiness to ascend mount Sinai with their father, and there to behold the glory of God: but afterward putting strange fire into their censers, instead of the sacred fire commanded by God, fire rushing upon them killed them. Though all the people bewailed this terrible catastrophe, Moses forbade Aaron and his two sons Eleazer and Ithamar to join in the lamentation.

**ABII SCYTHÆ**, taken by Strabo to denote the European

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ropean Sarmatæ, bordering on the Thracians and Ba-  
 stanæ: They were commended by Curtius for their  
 love of justice, and by Ammiesius for their contempt  
 of earthly things.

**ABIMELECH**, king of Gerar, a country of the  
 Philistines, was cotemporary with Abraham. This pa-  
 triarch and his family being there, his wife Sarah,  
 though 90 years of age, was not safe in it; for Abi-  
 melech carried her off, and was so enamoured of her,  
 that he resolved to marry her. Abraham did not de-  
 clare himself Sarah's husband; but gave out she was  
 his sister. But the king being warned in a dream, that  
 she was married to a prophet, and that he should die if  
 he did not restore her to Abraham, the king obeyed:  
 at the same time reproving Abraham for his disinge-  
 nuity; who thereupon, among other excuses, said she  
 was really his sister, being born of the same father, tho'  
 of a different mother. Abimelech afterwards gave con-  
 siderable presents to Abraham; and a covenant, that of  
 Beer-sheba, was entered into between them.—After the  
 death of Abraham, there being a famine in the neigh-  
 bouring countries, Isaac his son also withdrew into Gerar,  
 which was then likewise governed by a king called—

**ABIMELECH**, probably the successor of the former.  
 Here Rebekah's beauty forced her husband to employ  
 Abraham's artifice. Abimelech discovering that they  
 were nearly related, chid Isaac for calling his wife his  
 sister; and at the same time forbid all his subjects,  
 upon pain of death, to do the least injury to Isaac  
 or Rebekah.—Isaac's prosperity lost him the king's  
 friendship, and he was desired to go from among them.  
 He obeyed; but Abimelech afterwards entered into a  
 covenant with him.

**ABIMELECH**, the natural son of Gideon, by Druma  
 his concubine. His violent acts and death are record-  
 ed in Judges, chap. ix.

**ABINGDON**, a market town in Berkshire, seated  
 on a branch of the Thames, received its name from an  
 abbey anciently built there. The streets, which are  
 well paved, centre in a spacious area, in which the  
 market is held; and in the centre of this area is the  
 market-house, which is supported on lofty pillars, with  
 a large hall of free stone above, in which the summer-  
 assizes for the county are held, and other public busi-  
 ness done, the Lent assizes being held at Reading. It  
 has two churches, one dedicated to St. Nicholas, and  
 the other to St. Helena: the latter is adorned with  
 a spire, and both are said to have been erected by the  
 abbots of Abingdon. Here are also two hospitals,  
 one for six, and the other for thirteen poor men, and  
 as many poor women; a free school; and a charity-  
 school. The town was incorporated by Queen Mary.  
 It sends two members to Parliament, who are chosen  
 by the inhabitants at large not receiving alms. Its  
 great manufacture is malt, large quantities of which are  
 sent by water to London. It is six miles and a half  
 south of Oxford, 47 east of Gloucester, and 55 west  
 of London. This town is supposed by Bishop Gibson  
 to be the place called, in the Saxon annals, *Cloveshoo*,  
 where two synods are said to have been held, one in  
 742, and the other in 822. Long. 1. 20. Lat. 51.

**ABINTESTATE**, in the civil law, is applied to a  
 person who inherits the right of one who died intestate  
 or without making a will. See **INTESTATE**.

**ABIPONIANS**, a tribe of American Indians, who

formerly inhabited the district of *Chaks* in Paraguay; **Abiponians**  
 but the hostilities of the Spaniards have now obliged ||  
 them to remove southward into the territory lying be- **Abjuration**  
 tween Santa Fe and St. Jago. The only account we  
 have of them is that published by M. Dobrizhoffer in  
 1785. This gentleman, who lived seven years in their  
 country, informs us that they are not numerous, the  
 whole nation not much exceeding 5000; for which he  
 assigns as a reason an unnatural custom among their  
 women of sometimes destroying their own children from  
 motives of jealousy, lest their husbands should take other  
 mates during the long time they give suck, which is  
 not less than two years. They are naturally white,  
 but, by exposure to the air and smoke, become of a  
 brown colour. They are a strong and hardy race of  
 people; which our author attributes to their marrying  
 so late, an Abiponian seldom or never thinking of mar-  
 riage till 30 years of age. They are greatly celebrated  
 on account of their chastity and other virtues; though,  
 according to our author, they have no knowledge of a  
 Deity. They make frequent incursions into the terri-  
 tories of the Spaniards, mounted on the horses which  
 run wild in those parts. They have a kind of order of  
 chivalry for their warriors; and are so formidable, that  
 100 of their enemies will fly before ten of these horse-  
 men. The hatred which these savages, whose manners,  
 though rude and uncultivated, are in many respects pure  
 and virtuous, bear to the Spaniards, is invincible. "These  
 pretended Christians," says our author, "who are the  
 scum of the Spanish nation, practise every kind of fraud  
 and villany among these poor barbarians; and their  
 corrupt and vicious morals are so adapted to prejudice  
 the Abiponians against the Christian religion, that the  
 Jesuit missionaries have, by a severe law, prohibited any  
 Spaniard from coming, without a formal permission,  
 into any of their colonies."—From his account of the  
 success of the Jesuits in converting them to Christianity,  
 however, it does not appear that they have been able  
 to do more than bribe them to a compliance with the  
 ceremonies of the Popish superstition; so that in ge-  
 neral they are quite ignorant and uncivilized: a most  
 striking instance of which is, that in counting they can  
 go no farther than three; and all the art of the Jesuits  
 to teach them the simplest use and expression of num-  
 bers, has proved unsuccessful.

**ABIRAM**, a seditious Levite, who, in concert  
 with Korah and Dathan, rebelled against Moses and  
 Aaron, in order to share with them in the government  
 of the people; when Moses ordering them to come  
 with their censers before the altar of the Lord, the  
 earth suddenly opened under their feet, and swallowed  
 up them and their tents; and at the same instant fire  
 came from heaven, and consumed 250 of their follow-  
 ers. Numb. xvi.

**ABISHAI**, son of Zeruah, and brother to Joab,  
 was one of the celebrated warriors who flourished in  
 the reign of David: he killed with his own hand 300  
 men, with no other weapon but his lance; and slew a  
 Philistine giant, the iron of whose spear weighed 300  
 shekels. 1 Sam. xxvi. 2 Sam. xxiii.

**ABJURATION**, in ancient custom, implied an oath,  
 taken by a person guilty of felony, and who had fled  
 to a place of sanctuary, whereby he solemnly engaged  
 to leave the kingdom for ever.

**ABJURATION**, is now used in Britain to signify the  
 renounc-

**Abjuration** renouncing, disclaiming, and denying upon oath the Pretender to have any kind of right to the crown.

||  
Able.

**ABJURATION of Heresy**, the solemn recantation of any doctrine as false and wicked.

**ABLACTATION**, or weaning a child from the breast. See **WEANING**.

**ABLACTATION**, among the ancient gardeners, the same with what is called *CRAFTING by approach*.

**ABLAI**, a country of Great Tartary, the inhabitants of which, called *Buchars*, or *Buchares*, are subject to Russia, but that only for protection. It lies eastward of the river Irtis, and extends five hundred leagues along the southern frontiers of Siberia.

**ABLACQUEATION**, an old term in gardening, signifies the operations of removing the earth and baring the roots of trees in winter, to expose them more freely to the air, rain, snows, &c.

**ABLANCOURT**. See **PERROT**.

**ABLATIVE**, in grammar, the sixth case of Latin nouns. The word is formed from *auferre*, "to take away." Priscian also calls it the *comparative case*; as serving, among the Latins, for comparing, as well as taking away.

The **ABLATIVE** is opposite to the **DATIVE**; the first expressing the action of taking away, and the latter that of giving.

In English, French, &c. there is no precise mark whereby to distinguish the ablative from other cases; and we only use the term in analogy to the Latin. Thus, in the two phrases, *the magnitude of the city*, and *he spoke much of the city*; we say, that *of the city* in the first is *genitive*, and in the latter *ablative*; because it would be so, if the two phrases were expressed in Latin.

The question concerning the Greek ablative has been the subject of a famous literary war between two great grammarians, Frischlin and Crusius; the former of whom maintained, and the latter opposed, the reality of it. The dispute still subsists among their respective followers. The chief reason alleged by the former is, that the Roman writers often joined Greek words with the Latin prepositions, which govern ablative cases, as well as with nouns of the same case. To which their opponents answer, that the Latins anciently had no ablative themselves; but instead thereof, made use, like the Greeks, of the dative case; till at length they formed an ablative, governed by prepositions, which were not put before the dative: that, at first, the two cases had always the same termination, as they still have in many instances: but that this was afterwards changed in certain words. It is no wonder then, that the Latins sometimes join prepositions which govern an ablative case, or nouns in the ablative case, with Greek datives, since they were originally the same; and that the Greek dative has the same effect as the Latin ablative.

**ABLE**, or **ABEL** (Thomas), chaplain to queen Catharine, consort to Henry VIII. distinguished himself by his zeal in opposing the proceedings against that unfortunate princess for a divorce. For this purpose he wrote a piece intitled, "*Traclatus de non dissolvendo Henrici et Catharinæ matrimonio*, i. e. A Treatise proving that the marriage of king Henry and queen Catharine ought not to be dissolved." But the title of the book, according to bishop Tanner, was *Invicta Veritas*. He took the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Oxford on the 4th of July 1513, and that of Master of

Arts on the 27th of July 1516. In 1534, he fell under a prosecution for being concerned in the affair of Elizabeth Barton, called the *Holy Maid of Kent*. This was an infamous impostor, suborned by the monks to use some strange gesticulations, and to pretend to inspiration by the spirit of prophecy; and so well did she act her part, that some people of consequence gave credit to her: but being at last detected, she was condemned and executed, after discovering the names of her principal accomplices and instigators. On her account Able was accused of misprision of treason, by stat. 25. Hen. VIII.; and being also one of those who denied the king's supremacy over the church, he was apprehended and imprisoned; during which time his confinement was so rigorous, that the keeper of Newgate was committed to Marshalsea prison for suffering him to go out upon bail. He was afterwards hanged, drawn, and quartered, at Smithfield in 1540. Boucher gives him the character of a very learned man; and tells us, that he used to teach the queen music and the learned languages.

**ABLECTI**, in Roman antiquity, a select body of soldiers chosen from among those called **EXTRAORDINARIII**.

**ABLEGMINA**, in Roman antiquity, those choice parts of the entrails of victims which were offered in sacrifice to the gods. They were sprinkled with flour, and burnt upon the altar; the priests pouring some wine on them.

**ABLUMENTS**, in medicine, the same with diluters, or **DILUENTS**.

**ABLUTION**, in a general sense, signifies the washing or purifying something with water.

**ABLUTION**, in a religious sense, a ceremony in use among the ancients, and still practised in several parts of the world: it consisted in washing the body, which was always done before sacrificing, or even entering their houses.—Ablutions appear to be as old as any ceremonies, and external worship itself. Moses enjoined them; the heathens adopted them; and Mahomet and his followers have continued them: thus they have got footing among most nations, and make a considerable part of most established religions. The Egyptian priests had their diurnal and nocturnal ablutions: the Grecians their sprinklings; the Romans their lustrations and lavations; the Jews their washing of hands and feet, beside their baptisms. The ancient Christians had their ablutions before communion; which the Romish church still retain before their mass, sometimes after: the Syrians, Copts, &c. have their solemn washings on Good Friday: the Turks their greater and lesser ablutions; their Ghast and Wodou, their Aman, Taharat, &c.

**ABNER**, the son of Ner, father-in-law to Saul, and general of all his forces, who served him on all occasions with fidelity and courage. After the death of that prince, Abner set Ishbosheth, Saul's son, on the throne. A war breaking out between the tribe of Judah who had elected David king, and Israel, Abner marched against that prince with the flower of his troops, but was defeated. Abner afterward, being disguised, went over to David, and disposed the chiefs of the army and the elders of Israel to declare for him; and was received by David with such testimonies of affection, as gave umbrage to Joab, who killed him traitorously.

Ablecti  
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Abner.



Abnoba  
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tion.

ABNOBA, now ABENOW, a long range of mountains in Germany, taking different names according to the different countries they run through. As about the river Maine, called the *Oden* or *Ottenwald*; between Hesse and Franconia, the *Speffart*; and about the duchy of Wirtemberg, where the Danube takes its rise, called the *Baar*.

ABO, a maritime town in Sweden: it is the capital of the province of Finland, and lies upon the point where the gulphs of Bothnia and Finland unite. It is a good port; and is the see of a bishop, suffragan of Upsal. It has an university, founded by queen Christina in 1640, and endowed with the same privileges as that of Upsal. There is also a school here, which was founded by Gustavus Adolphus, for 300 scholars. The town is tolerably well built, and contains several brick buildings; but the generality are of wood painted red. The inhabitants export linen, corn, and planks. It lies 120 miles north-east from Stockholm. E. Long. 21. 28. Lat. 60. 50.

ABOARD, the inside of a ship. Hence any person who enters a ship is said to *go aboard*: but when an enemy enters in the time of battle, he is said to *board*; a phrase which always implies hostility.—To *fall aboard of*, is to strike or encounter another ship when one or both are in motion, or to be driven upon a ship by the force of the wind and current.—*Aboard-main-tack*, the order to draw the main-tack, *i. e.* the lower corner of the main-sail, down to the CHESS-TREE.

ABOLITION, implies the act of annulling, destroying, making void, or reducing to nothing. In law, it signifies the repealing any law or statute.

ABOLLA, a warm kind of garment, lined or doubled, worn by the Greeks and Romans, chiefly out of the city, in following the camp.—Critics and antiquaries are greatly divided as to the form, use, kinds, &c. of this garment. Papias makes it a species of the toga, or gown; but Nonius, and the generality, a species of the pallium, or cloak. The *abolla* seems rather to have stood opposed to the *toga*, which was a garment of peace, as the *abolla* was of war; at least Varro and Martial place them in this opposite light. There seem to have been different kinds of abollas, suited to different occasions. Even kings appear to have used the abolla: Caligula was affronted at king Ptolemy for appearing at the shews in a purple abolla, and by the eclat thereof turning the eyes of the spectators from the emperor upon himself.

ABOMASUS, ABOMASUM, or ABOMASIUS, names of the fourth stomach of ruminating animals. It is in the abomasus of calves and lambs that the runnet or curdling is formed wherewith milk is curdled. See COMPARATIVE Anatomy.

ABOMINATION, a term used in scripture with regard to the Hebrews, who, being shepherds, are said to have been an abomination to the Egyptians, because they sacrificed the sacred animals of that people, as oxen, goats, sheep, &c. which the Egyptians esteemed as abominations, or things unlawful. The term is also applied in the sacred writings to idolatry and idols, because the worship of idols is in itself an abominable thing, and at the same time ceremonies observed by idolaters were always attended with licentiousness and other odious and abominable actions. The *abomination of desolation*, foretold by the prophet Daniel, is suppo-

fed to imply the statue of Jupiter Olympius, which Antiochus Epiphanes caused to be placed in the temple of Jerusalem. And the *abomination of desolation*, mentioned by the Evangelists, signifies the ensigns of the Romans, during the last siege of Jerusalem by Titus, on which the figures of their gods and emperors were embroidered, and placed upon the temple after it was taken.

ABON, ABONA, or ABONIS (anc. geog.), a town and river of Albion. The town, according to Camden, is Abingdon; and the river Abhon or Avon. But by Antonine's Itinerary, the distance is nine miles from the Venta Silurum, or Caer-Went: others, therefore, take the town to be Porshut, at the mouth of the river Avon, over against Bristol. Abhon or Avon, in the Celtic language, denotes a river.

ABORIGINES, (Dionysius of Halicarnassus, Livy, Virgil); originally a proper name, given to a certain people in Italy, who inhabited the ancient Latium, or country now called *Campagna di Roma*. In this sense the Aborigines are distinguished from the Janigenæ, who, according to the false Berofus, inhabited the country before them; from the Siculi, whom they expelled; from the Grecians, from whom they descended; from the Latins, whose name they assumed after their union with Æneas and the Trojans; lastly, from the Ausonii, Volsci, Oenotrii, &c. neighbouring nations in other parts of the country. Whence this people came by the appellation, is much disputed. St Jerome says, they were so called, as being, *absque origine*, the primitive planters of the country after the flood: Dion. of Halicarnassus accounts for the name, as denoting them the founders of the race of inhabitants of that country: others think them so called, as being originally Arcadians, who claimed to be earth-born, and not descended from any people. Aurelius Victor suggests another opinion, viz. that they were called *Aborigines*, *q. d. Aberrigines*, from *ab* "from" and *errare* "to wander;" as having been before a wandering people. Pausanias rather thinks they were thus called *απο ορει*, from "mountains;" which opinion seems confirmed by Virgil, who, speaking of Saturn, the legislator of this people, says,

*Is genus indocile ac dispersum montibus altis  
Composuit, legesque dedit.*—

The Aborigines were either the original inhabitants of the country, settled there by Janus, as some imagine; or by Saturn, or Cham, as others; not long after the dispersion, or even, as some think, before it: Or they were a colony sent from some other nation; who expelling the ancient inhabitants the Siculi, settled in their place.—About this mother-nation there is great dispute. Some maintain it to be the Arcadians, parties of whom were brought into Italy at different times; the first under the conduct of Oenotrius, son of Lycaon, 450 years before the Trojan war; a second from Theffaly; a third under Evander, 60 years before the Trojan war: besides another under Hercules; and another of Lacedæmonians, who fled from the severe discipline of Lycurgus: all these uniting, are said to have formed the nation or kingdom of the Aborigines. Others will have them of barbarous rather than Grecian origin, and to have come from Scythia; others from Gaul. Lastly, others will have them to be Canaanites, expelled by Joshua.

Abon  
Aborigines

Abortion  
||  
Aboukir.

The term *Aborigines*, though so famous in antiquity, is used in modern geography only occasionally as an appellative. It is given to the primitive inhabitants of a country, in contradistinction to colonies, or new races of people.

ABORTION, in midwifery, the exclusion of a foetus before it has acquired a sufficient degree of perfection to enable it to perform respiration and the other vital functions. See MIDWIFERY.

The practice of procuring abortions was prohibited by the ancient Greek legislators Solon and Lycurgus. Whether or not it was permitted among the Romans, has been much disputed. It is certain the practice, which was by them called *visceribus vim inferre*, was frequent enough: but whether there was any penalty on it, before the emperors Severus and Antonine, is the question. Noodt maintains the negative; and further, that those princes only made it criminal in one particular case, viz. of a married woman's practising it out of resentment against her husband, in order to defraud him of the comfort of children: this was ordered to be punished by a temporary exile. The foundation on which the practice is said to have been allowed, was, that the foetus, while *in utero*, was reputed as a part of the mother, ranked as one of her own viscera, over which she had the same power as over the rest: besides, that it was not reputed as a man, *homo*; nor to be alive, otherwise than as a vegetable: consequently, that the crime amounted to little more than that of plucking unripe fruit from the tree. Seneca represents it as a peculiar glory of Helvia, that she had never, like other women, whose chief study is their beauty and shape, destroyed the foetus in her womb. The primitive fathers, Athenagoras, Tertullian, Minutius Felix, Augustin, &c. declaimed loudly against the practice as virtual murder. Several councils have condemned it. Yet we are told that the modern Romish ecclesiastical laws allow of dispensations for it. Egane mentions the rates at which a dispensation for it may be had.

The practice of artificial abortion is chiefly in the hands of women and nurses, rarely in that of physicians; who, in some countries, are not admitted to the profession without abjuring it. Hippocrates, in the oath he would have enjoined on all physicians, includes their not giving the *peffus abortivus*; though elsewhere he gives the formal process whereby he himself procured in a young woman a miscarriage. It may, however, be observed, that often all the powers of art prove ineffectual, and no less often do the attempts prove the means of punishment by the fatal consequences which they produce.

ABORTION, among gardeners, signifies such fruits as are produced too early, and never arrive at maturity.

ABORTIVE, is, in general, applied to whatever comes before its legitimate time, or to any design which miscarries.

ABORTIVE Corn, a distemper of corn mentioned by M. Gillet, and suspected to be occasioned by insects. It appears long before harvest, and may be known by a deformity of the stalk, the leaves, the ear, and even the grain.

ABORTIVE Vellum is made of the skin of an abortive calf.

ABOUKIR, a small town of Egypt, situate in the desert between Alexandria and Rosetta. It is the an-

cient Canopus, and is situated, according to Mr Savary, six leagues from Pharos. Pliny says, from the testimonies of antiquity, that it was formerly an island: and its local appearance makes this credible; for the grounds around it are so low, that the sea still covered a part of them in the days of Strabo. The town is built upon a rock, which forms a handsome road for shipping, and is out of the reach of inundations.— See CANOPUS.

ABOUT, the situation of a ship immediately after she has *tacked*, or changed her course by going about and standing on the other tack.—*About ship!* the order to the ship's crew to prepare for tacking.

ABOUTIGE, a town in Upper Egypt, in Africa, near the Nile, where they make the best opium in all the Levant. It was formerly a large, but now is a mean place. N. Lat. 26. 50.

ABRA, a silver coin struck in Poland, and worth about one shilling sterling. It is current in several parts of Germany, Constantinople, Astracan, Smyrna, and Grand Cairo.

ABRABANEL, ABRABANEL, or AVRAVANEL, (Isaac), a celebrated rabbi, descended from king David, and born at Lisbon A. D. 1437. He became counsellor to Alphonso V. king of Portugal, and afterwards to Ferdinand the Catholic; but in 1492 was obliged to leave Spain with the other Jews. In short, after residing at Naples, Corfu, and several other cities, he died at Venice in 1508, aged 71. Abrabanel passed for one of the most learned of the rabbis; and the Jews gave him the names of the Sage, the Prince, and the Great Politician. We have a commentary of his on all the Old Testament, which is pretty scarce: he there principally adheres to the literal sense; and his style is clear, but a little diffuse. His other works are, A Treatise on the Creation of the World; in which he refutes Aristotle, who imagined that the world was eternal: A Treatise on the explication of the prophecies relating to the Messiah, against the Christians: A book concerning articles of Faith; and some others less sought after. Though Abrabanel discovers his implacable aversion to Christianity in all his writings, yet he treated Christians with politeness and good-manners in the common affairs of life.

ABRACADABRA, a magical word, recommended by Serenus Samonicus as an antidote against agues and several other diseases. It was to be written upon a piece of paper as many times as the word contained letters, omitting the last letter of the former every time, as in the margin †, and repeated in the same order; and then suspended about the neck by a linen thread. *Abracadabra* was the name of a god worshiped by the Syrians; so wearing his name was a sort of invocation of his aid; a practice which, though not more useful, yet was less irrational, than is the equally heathenish practice among those who call themselves Christians, of wearing various things, in expectation of their operating by a Sympathy, whose parents were Ignorance and Superstition.

ABRAHAM, the father and stock whence the faithful sprung, was the son of Terah. He was descended from Noah by Shem, from whom he was nine degrees removed. Some fix his birth in the 130th year of Terah's age, but others place it in his father's 70th year. It is highly probable he was born in the city of Ur, in Chaldec, which he and his father left when they

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**Abraham.** went to Canaan, where they remained till the death of Terah; after which, Abraham resumed his first design of going to Palestine. The Scriptures mention the several places he stopped at in Canaan; his journey into Egypt, where his wife was carried off from him; his going into Gerar, where Sarah was again taken from him, but restored as before; the victory he obtained over the four kings who had plundered Sodom; his compliance with his wife, who insisted that he should make use of their maid Hagar in order to raise up children; the covenant God made with him, sealed with the ceremony of circumcision; his obedience to the command of God, who ordered him to offer up his only son as a sacrifice, and how this bloody act was prevented; his marriage with Keturah; his death at the age of 175 years; and his interment at the cave of Macpelah, near the body of Sarah his first wife. It would be of little use to dwell long upon these particulars, since they are so well known. But tradition has supplied numberless others, the mention of one or two of which may not be unacceptable.

Many extraordinary particulars have been told relating to his conversion from idolatry. It is a pretty general opinion, that he sucked in the poison with his milk; that his father made statues, and taught that they were to be worshipped as gods.\* Some Jewish authors relate, † that Abraham followed the same trade with Terah for a considerable time. Maimonides ‡ says, that he was bred up in the religion of the Sabæans, who acknowledged no deity but the stars; that his reflections on the nature of the planets, his admiration of their motions, beauty, and order, made him conclude there must be a being superior to the machine of the universe, a being who created and governed it: however, according to an old tradition, he did not renounce

\* Suidas, in *Exp. 87*.  
See Joshua xxiv. 2.  
† Apud Genebrand. in Chron.  
‡ More N. v. c. 29.

§ Heidegg. Hist. Patriarch. tom. iii. p. 36.

paganism till the 50th year of his age. It is related, § that his father, being gone a journey, left him to sell the statues in his absence; and that a man, who pretended to be a purchaser, asked him how old he was. Abraham answered, "Fifty."—"Wretch that thou art (said the other), for adoring, at such an age, a being which is but a day old!" These words greatly confounded Abraham. Some time afterwards, a woman brought him some flour, that he might give it as an offering to the idols; but Abraham, instead of doing so, took up a hatchet and broke them all to pieces, excepting the largest, into the hand of which he put the weapon. Terah, at his return, asked whence came all this havock? Abraham made answer, that the statues had had a great contest which should eat first of the oblation: "Upon which (said he), the god you see there, being the stoutest, hewed the others to pieces with that hatchet." Terah told him this was bantering; for those idols had not the sense to act in this manner. Abraham retorted these words upon his father, against the worshipping of such gods. Terah, stung with his raillery, delivered up his son to the cognisance of Nimrod, the sovereign of the country: who exhorted Abraham to worship the fire; and, upon his refusal, commanded him to be thrown into the midst of the flames: "Now let your God (said he) come and deliver you:" But (adds the tradition), Abraham came safe and sound out of the flames.—This tradition is not of modern date, since it is told by St. Jerome; || who seems to credit it in general, but disbe-

§ Tradit. Hebraic. in Genes. i.

lieves that part of it which makes Terah so cruel as to be the informer against his own son. Perhaps the ambiguity of the word *Ur*\* might have given rise to this fiction altogether. Such as lay stress on the following words which God says to Abraham (Gen. xv. 7.), *I am the Lord that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees*, imagine that he saved him from a great persecution, since he employed the very same words in the beginning of the decalogue, to denote the deliverance from Egypt.

Abraham is said to have been well skilled in many sciences, and to have wrote several books. Josephus † tells us that he taught the Egyptians arithmetic and geometry; and, according to Eupolemus and Artapan, he instructed the Phœnicians, as well as the Egyptians, in astronomy. A work which treats of the creation has been long ascribed to him; it is mentioned in the Talmud, ‡ and the Rabbis Chanina and Hoschia used to read it on the eve before the sabbath. In the first ages of Christianity, according to St. Epiphanius, || a heretical sect, called Sethinians, dispersed a piece which had the title of *Abraham's Revelation*. Origen mentions also a treatise supposed to be wrote by this patriarch. All the several works which Abraham composed in the plains of Mamre, are said to be contained in the library of the monastery of the Holy Cross on Mount Amara, in Ethiopia. § The book on the creation was printed at Paris 1552, and translated into Latin by Postel: Rittangel, a converted Jew, and professor at Königsberg, gave also a Latin translation of it, with remarks, in 1642.

Abraham  
|| Abrafax.

\* It is the proper name of a city, and it also signifies *fre*. The Latin version, *Esd. ix.* has it thus: *Qui elegit cum de igne Chaldeorum.*  
† *Antiq. lib. i. cap. 7.*  
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§ Heidegg. Hist. Patriarch. tom. ii. p. 143.  
|| *Advers. Har. p. 216.*

§ Kirchem; treatise of libraries, p. 142.

ABRAHAM USQUE, a Portuguese Jew, who translated the Bible out of Hebrew into Spanish. It was printed at Ferrara in 1553, and reprinted in Holland in 1630. This Bible, especially the first edition, which is most valuable, is marked with stars at certain words, which are designed to show that these words are difficult to be understood in the Hebrew, and that they may be used in a different sense.

ABRAHAM (Nicholas), a learned Jesuit born in the diocese of Toul, in Lorraine, in 1589. He obtained the rank of divinity-professor in the university of Pont-a-Mousson, which he enjoyed 17 years, and died September 7, 1655. He wrote Notes on Virgil and on Nonnius; A Commentary on some of Cicero's Orations, in 2 vols. folio; An excellent collection of theological pieces, in folio, intitled *Pharus Veteris Testamenti*; and some other works.

ABRAHAMITES, an order of monks exterminated for idolatry by Theophilus in the ninth century. Also the name of another sect of heretics who had adopted the errors of Paulus. See PAULICIANS.

ABRANTES, a town of Portugal, in Estremadura, seated on the river Tajo, belongs to a marquis of the same name. It stands high; is surrounded with gardens and olive-trees, and contains thirty-five thousand inhabitants. It has four convents, an alms-house, and an hospital. W. Long. 7. 18. Lat. 39. 13.

ABRASAX, or ABRAXAS, the supreme god of the Basilidian heretics. It is a mystical word, composed of the Greek numerals, α, β, γ, δ, ε, ς, ζ, η, θ, which together make up the number CCCLXV. For Basilides taught, that there were 365 heavens between the earth and the empyrean; each of which heavens had its angel or intelligence, which created it; each of which angels like-

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wife was created by the angel next above it; thus ascending by a scale to the supreme Being, or first Creator. The Basilidians used the word *Abrahas* by way of charm or amulet.

ABRASION, is sometimes used, among medicinal writers, for the effect of sharp corrosive medicines or humours in wearing away the natural mucus which covers the membranes, and particularly those of the stomach and intestines. The word is composed of the Latin *ab* and *rado*, to *shave* or *scrape off*.

ABRAVANNUS (anc. geog.), the name of a promontory and river of Galloway, in Scotland, so called from the Celtic terms *Aber*, signifying either the mouth of a river, or the confluence of two rivers, and *Avon*, a river.

ABRAUM, in natural history, a name given by some writers to a species of red clay, used in England by the cabinet makers, &c to give a red colour to new mahogany wood. We have it from the isle of Wight; but it is also found in Germany and Italy.

ABRAXAS, an antique stone with the word *abraxas* engraven on it. They are of various sizes, and most of them as old as the third century. They are frequent in the cabinets of the curious; and a collection of them, as complete as possible, has been desired by several. There is a fine one in the abbey of St Geneviève, which has occasioned much speculation. Most of them seem to have come from Egypt; whence they are of some use for explaining the antiquities of that country. Sometimes they have no other inscription besides the word: but others have the names of saints, angels, or Jehovah himself annexed; though most usually the name of the Basilidian god. Sometimes there is a representation of Isis sitting on a lobes, or apis, surrounded with stars; sometimes monstrous compositions of animals, obscene images, Phalli and Ithyfalli. The graving is rarely good, but the word on the reverse is sometimes said to be in a more modern taste than the other. The characters are usually Greek, Hebrew, Coptic, or Hetnerian, and sometimes of a mongrel kind, invented, as it would seem, to render their meaning the more inscrutable. It is disputed whether the Veronica of Montreuil, or the granite obelisk mentioned by Gori, be *Abrahases*.

ABREAST (a sea-term), side by side, or opposite to; a situation in which two or more ships lie, with their sides parallel to each other, and their heads equally advanced. This term more particularly regards the line of battle at sea, where, on the different occasions of attack, retreat, or pursuit, the several squadrons or divisions of a fleet are obliged to vary their dispositions, and yet maintain a proper regularity by sailing in right or curved lines. When the line is formed *abreast*, the whole squadron advances uniformly, the ships being equally distant from and parallel to each other, so that the length of each ship forms a right angle with the extent of the squadron or line abreast. The commander in chief is always stationed in the centre, and the second and third in command in the centres of their respective squadrons.—*Abreast*, within the ship; implies on a line with the beam, or by the side of any object abroad; as, the frigate sprung a leak *abreast* of the main hatch-way, *i. e.* on the same line with the main hatch-way, crossing the ship's length at right angles, in opposition to *AFORE* or *ABAFT* the hatch-way.—We

discovered a fleet *abreast* of Beachy-head; *i. e.* off, or directly opposite to it.

ABRETGENE, or ABRETTINE (anc. geog.), a district of Mysia, in Asia. Hence the epithet *Abrettenus* given Jupiter, (Strabo); whose priest was Cleon, formerly at the head of a gang of robbers, and who received many and great favours at the hand of Antony, but afterwards went over to Augustus. The people were called *Abretteni*; inhabiting the country between Ancyra of Phrygia and the river Rhyndacus.

ABRIDGEMENT, in literature, a term signifying the reduction of a book into a smaller compass.

The art of conveying much sentiment in few words, is the happiest talent an author can be possessed of. This talent is peculiarly necessary in the present state of literature; for many writers have acquired the dexterity of spreading a few critical thoughts over several hundred pages. When an author hits upon a thought that pleases him, he is apt to dwell upon it, to view it in different lights, to force it in improperly, or upon the slightest relations. Though this may be pleasant to the writers, it tires and vexes the reader. There is another great source of diffusion in composition. It is a capital object with an author, whatever be the subject, to give vent to all his best thoughts. When he finds a proper place for any of them, he is peculiarly happy. But, rather than sacrifice a thought he is fond of, he forces it in by way of digression, or superfluous illustration. If none of these expedients answer his purpose, he has recourse to the margin, a very convenient apartment for all manner of pedantry and impertinence. There is not an author, however correct, but is more or less faulty in this respect. An abridger, however, is not subject to these temptations. The thoughts are not his own; he views them in a cooler and less affectionate manner; he discovers an impriety in some, a vanity in others, and a want of utility in many. His business, therefore, is to retrench superfluities, digressions, quotations, pedantry, &c. and to lay before the public only what is really useful. This is by no means an easy employment: To abridge some books, requires talents equal, if not superior, to those of the author. The facts, manner, spirit, and reasoning, must be preserved; nothing essential, either in argument or illustration, ought to be omitted. The difficulty of the task is the principal reason why we have so few good abridgments: Wynne's abridgement of Locke's Essay on the Human Understanding, is, perhaps, the only unexceptionable one in our language.

These observations relate solely to such abridgments as are designed for the public. But,

When a person wants to set down the substance of any book, a shorter and less laborious method may be followed. It would be foreign to our plan to give examples of abridgments for the public: But as it may be useful, especially to young people, to know how to abridge books for their own use, after giving a few directions, we shall exhibit an example or two, to shew with what ease it may be done.

Read the book carefully; endeavour to learn the principal view of the author; attend to the arguments employed: When you have done so, you will generally find, that what the author uses as new or additional arguments, are in reality only collateral ones, or extensions of the principal argument. Take a piece of paper

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paper or a common-place book, put down what the author wants to prove, subjoin the argument or arguments, and you have the substance of the book in a few lines. For example,

In the Essay on Miracles, Mr Hume's design is to prove, That miracles which have not been the immediate object of our senses, cannot reasonably be believed upon the testimony of others.

Now, his argument (for there happens to be but one) is,

“ That experience, which in some things is variable,  
“ in others uniform, is our *only* guide in reasoning  
“ concerning matters of fact. A variable experience  
“ gives rise to probability only; an uniform experi-  
“ ence amounts to a proof. Our belief of any fact  
“ from the testimony of eye-witnesses is derived from  
“ no other principle than our experience in the vera-  
“ city of human testimony. If the fact attested be  
“ miraculous, here arises a contest of two opposite ex-  
“ periences, or proof against proof. Now, a miracle  
“ is a violation of the laws of nature; and as a firm and  
“ unalterable experience has established these laws, the  
“ proof against a miracle, from the very nature of the  
“ fact, is as complete as any argument from experi-  
“ ence can possibly be imagined; and if so, it is an  
“ undeniable consequence, that it cannot be surmounted  
“ by any proof whatever derived from human testimony.”

In Dr Campbell's Dissertation on Miracles, the author's principal aim is to shew the fallacy of Mr Hume's argument; which he has done most successfully by another single argument, as follows:

“ The evidence arising from human testimony is *not*  
“ *solely* derived from experience: on the contrary, te-  
“ stimony hath a natural influence on belief antecedent  
“ to experience. The early and unlimited assent given  
“ to testimony by children gradually contracts as they  
“ advance in life: it is, therefore, more consonant to  
“ truth, to say, that our *diffidence* in testimony is the  
“ result of experience, than that our *faith* in it has this  
“ foundation. Besides, the uniformity of experience,  
“ in favour of any fact, is not a proof against its be-  
“ ing reversed in a particular instance. The evidence  
“ arising from the single testimony of a man of known  
“ veracity will go farther to establish a belief in its be-  
“ ing actually reversed: If his testimony be confirmed  
“ by a few others of the same character, we cannot  
“ withhold our assent to the truth of it. Now, tho'  
“ the operations of nature are governed by uniform  
“ laws, and though we have not the testimony of our  
“ senses in favour of any *violation* of them; still, if in  
“ particular instances we have the testimony of *thou-*  
“ *sands* of our fellow-creatures, and those too, men of  
“ strict integrity, swayed by no motives of ambition  
“ or interest, and governed by the principles of com-  
“ mon-sense, That they were actually eye-witnesses  
“ of these violations, the constitution of our nature  
“ obliges us to believe them.”

These two examples contain the substance of about 400 pages.—Making private abridgments of this kind has many advantages; it engages us to read with accuracy and attention; it fixes the subject in our minds; and, if we should happen to forget, instead of reading the book again, by glancing a few lines we are not only in possession of the chief arguments, but recal in a good measure the author's method and manner.

Abridging is peculiarly useful in taking the substance of what is delivered by professors, &c. It is impossible, even with the assistance of short-hand, to take down, *verbatim*, what is said by a public speaker. Besides, although it were practicable, such a talent would be of little use. Every public speaker has circumlocutions, redundancies, lumber which deserve not to be copied. All that is really useful may be comprehended in a short compass. If the plan of the discourse, and arguments employed in support of the different branches, be taken down, you have the whole. These you may afterwards extend in the form of a discourse dressed in your own language. This would not only be a more rational employment, but would likewise be an excellent method of improving young men in composition; an object too little attended to in all seminaries of learning.

ABRINCATARUM OPPIDUM (anc. geog.), the town of the *Abrincata* or *Abrincatui*, now *Avanches*, in France, situated on an eminence in the south-west of Normandy near the borders of Brittany on the English channel. W. Long. 1. 10. N. Lat. 48. 40.

ABROGATION, the act of abolishing a law, by authority of the maker; in which sense the word is synonymous with abolition, repealing, and revocation.

*Abrogation* stands opposed to *rogation*: it is distinguished from *derogation*, which implies the taking away only some part of a law; from *subrogation*, which denotes the adding a clause to it; from *obrogation*, which implies the limiting or restraining it; from *dispensation*, which only sets it aside in a particular instance; and from *antiquation*, which is the refusing to pass a law.

ABROKANI, or MALLEMOLLI, a kind of muslin, or clear white fine cotton cloth, brought from the East Indies, particularly from Bengal; being in length 16 French ells and 3 quarters, and in breadth 5 eighths.

ABROLKOS, the name of certain shelves, or banks of sand, about 20 leagues from the coast of Brazil.

ABROTANUM, in botany. See ARTEMISIA and SANTOLINA.

ABROTONUM (anc. geog.), a town and harbour on the Mediterranean, in the district of Syrtis Parva, in Africa, one of the three cities that went to form Tripoly.

ABRUS, in botany, the trivial name of the GLYCINE.

ABRUZZO, a province in Naples. The river Pescara divides it into two parts; one of which is called Ulterior, whereof Aquila is the capital; and the other Citerior, whose capital is Soromona. Besides the Apennines, there are two considerable mountains, the one called Monte Cavallo, and the other Monte Maiello; the top of which last is always covered with snow. Abruzzo is a cold country; but the rigour of the climate is not so great as to prevent the country from producing in abundance every thing requisite for the support of life. Vegetables, fruits, animals, and numberless other articles of sustenance, not only furnish ample provisions for the use of the natives, but also allow of exportation. There is so large a quantity of wheat reaped, that many thousands of quarters are annually shipped off. Much Turkey wheat is sent out, and the province of Teramo sells a great deal of rice little inferior in goodness to that of Lombardy. Oil is a plentiful commodity, and wines are made for exportation on many parts of the coast; but wool has always been,

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**Abruzzo.** and still is their staple commodity: the flocks, after passing the whole summer in the fine pastures of the mountains, are driven for the winter into the warm plains of Puglia, and a few spots near their own coast, where the snow does not lie; there are no manufactures of woollens in the province, except two small ones of coarse cloth, and the greatest part of the wool is sent out unwrought. No silk is made here, though mulberry-trees would grow well in the low grounds.

Formerly the territory of Aquila furnished Italy almost exclusively with saffron; but since the culture of that plant has been so much followed in Lombardy, it has fallen to nothing in Abruzzo. In the maritime tracks of the country the cultivation of liquorice has been increased of late years, but foreigners export the roots in their natural state: in the province of Teramo there is a manufactory of pottery-ware, for which there is a great demand in Germany, by the way of Trieste, as it is remarkably hard and fine; but even this is going to decay, by being abandoned entirely to the ignorance of common workmen. It is not to be expected that any improvements will be made in arts and manufactures, where the encouragement and attention of superiors is wanting, and no pains taken to render the commodity more marketable, or to open better channels of sale for it. The only advantages these provinces enjoy, are the gift of benevolent nature: but she has still greater presents in store for them, and waits only for the helping hand of government to produce them. This whole coast, one hundred miles in length, is utterly destitute of sea-ports; and the only spots where the produce can be embarked are dangerous inconvenient roads, at the mouths of rivers, and along a lee-shore: the difficulty of procuring shipping, and of loading the goods, frequently causes great quantities of them to rot on hand; which damps industry, and prevents all improvements in agriculture. The husbandman is a poor dispirited wretch, and wretchedness produces emigration: the uneven surface of the country occasions it to be inhabited by retail, if the expression may be used, rather than in large masses; for there is not a city that contains ten thousand people, and the most of them would find it difficult to muster three thousand. Villages, castles, and feudatory estates, are to be met with in abundance; but the numbers of their inhabitants are to be reckoned by hundreds, not thousands: in a word, the political and social system of the province shews no signs of the vigour which nature so remarkably displays here in all her operations.

The antiquary and the naturalist may travel here with exquisite pleasure and profit; the former will find treasures of inscriptions, and inedited monuments appertaining to the warlike nations that once covered the face of the country: the natural philosopher will have a noble field for observation in the stupendous monuments that arise on all sides. Monte-corno and Majella are among the most interesting; the first is like an aged monument of nature, bald, and horribly broken on every aspect: from various appearances, it is evident that its bowels contain many valuable veins of metallic ore; but the great difficulty of access renders the search of them almost impracticable. Majella has other merits, and of a gayer kind:—nature has clothed its declivities and elevated fields with an infinite variety of her most precious plants; vulnerary herbs grow there

in as great perfection as on the Alps of Swisserland, and are applied by the natives to wounds with equal success.

The character of the inhabitants varies a little among themselves, according to situation and climate, but essentially from the disposition of the natives of the more southern provinces. This proceeds from a difference of origin: for the Lombards, who were barbarians, but not cruel; poor, but hospitable; endowed with plain honest sense, though possessed of little acuteness or subtlety; remained peaceable proprietors, of these mountainous regions, till the Normans, who were accustomed to a similar climate, came, and dispossessed them. The Greeks, who retained almost every other part of the kingdom under their dominion, never had any sway here. For this reason the Abruzzesi still bear a great resemblance to their northern progenitors or masters: to this day, one may trace in them the same goodness of heart, but great indolence, and repugnance to lively exertions; a fault that proceeds rather from a want of active virtue, than a disposition to wickedness. Hence it comes that in these provinces, where the proximity of the frontier almost insures impunity, fewer atrocious and inhuman deeds are heard of than in other parts of the realm. Remnants of ancient northern customs existed here so late as the beginning of this century, and, among the mountancers, very evident traces of the Frank and Teutonic languages may be discovered.

**ABSALOM**, the son of David by Maacah, was brother to Thamar, David's daughter, who was ravished by Amnon their eldest brother by another mother. Absalom waited two years for an opportunity of revenging the injury done to his sister; and at last procured the assassination of Amnon at a feast which he had prepared for the king's sons. He took refuge with Talmai king of Geshur; and was no sooner restored to favour, but he engaged the Israelites to revolt from his father. Absalom was defeated in the wood of Ephraim: as he was flying, his hair caught hold of an oak, where he hung till Joab came and thrust him through with three darts: David had expressly ordered his life to be spared, and extremely lamented him.

**ABSCISS**, in surgery; from *abscedo*, to depart. A cavity containing pus; or, a gathering of matter in a part: So called, because the parts which were joined are now separated; one part recedes from another, to make way for the collected matter. See **SURGERY**.

**ABSCISSE**, in conics, a part of the diameter or transverse axis of a conic section intercepted between the vertex or some other fixed point and a semiordinate. See *CONIC Sections*.

**ABSCONSA**, a dark lantern used by the monks at the ceremony of burying their dead.

**ABSENCE**, in Scots law: When a person cited before a court does not appear, and judgment is pronounced, that judgment is said to be *in absence*. No person can be tried criminally in absence.

**ABSINTHIATED**, any thing tinged or impregnated with absinthium or wormwood. Bartholin mentions a woman whose milk was become absinthiated, and rendered as bitter as gall, by the too liberal use of wormwood.

*Vinum absinthites*, or *potulum absinthiatum*, "wormwood wine," is much spoke of among the ancients as a whole-

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wholesome drink, and even an antidote against drunkenness; though some have charged it with being offensive to the head, and liable to cause fevers, cephalalgias, vomitings, uterine fluxes, &c. Ray also makes it a preventative of venery. According to the common opinion, it is made by infusing the leaves of the plant in wine; but, according to Fehr, it ought to be prepared by fermentation, in order to correct the crudities, and call forth a volatile salt; which last, however, does not exist in wormwood. Some prefer the distilled water; but whatever virtues wormwood possesses reside entirely in its essential oil.

ABSINTHIUM, in botany, the trivial name of the common wormwood. See the article ARTEMISIA.

ABSIS, in astronomy, the same with APSIS. See APSIS.

ABSOLUTE, in a general sense, something that stands free or independent.

ABSOLUTE is more particularly understood of a being or thing which does not proceed from any cause, or does not subsist by virtue of any other being, considered as its cause; in which sense, God alone is *absolute*. *Absolute*, in this sense, is synonymous with *independent*, and stands opposed to *dependent*.

ABSOLUTE also denotes a thing's being free from conditions or limitations; in which sense the word is synonymous with *unconditional*. We say, an *absolute* decree, *absolute* promise, *absolute* obedience.

*ABSOLUTE Government*, that wherein the prince is left solely to his own will, being not limited to the observance of any laws except those of his own discretion.

*ABSOLUTE Equation*, in astronomy, is the aggregate of the optic and eccentric equations. The apparent inequality of a planet's motion arising from its not being equally distant from the earth at all times, is called its optic equation, and would subsist even if the planet's real motion were uniform. The eccentric inequality is caused by the planet's motion being uniform. To illustrate which, conceive the sun to move, or to appear to move, in the circumference of a circle, in whose centre the earth is placed. It is manifest, that if the sun moves uniformly in this circle, it must appear to move uniformly to a spectator on the earth, and in this case there will be no optic nor eccentric equation: but suppose the earth to be placed out of the centre of the circle, and then, though the sun's motion should be really uniform, it would not appear to be so, being seen from the earth; and in this case there would be an optic equation, without an eccentric one. Imagine farther, the sun's orbit to be not circular, but elliptic, and the earth in its focus; it will be as evident that the sun cannot appear to have an uniform motion in such ellipse; so that his motion will then be subject to two equations, the optic and the eccentric.

*ABSOLUTE Number*, in algebra, is any pure number standing in any equation without the conjunction of literal characters; as  $2x + 36 = 48$ ; where 36 and 48 are absolute numbers, but 2 is not, as being joined with the letter *x*.

ABSOLUTION, in civil law, is a sentence whereby the party accused is declared innocent of the crime laid to his charge.—Among the Romans, the ordinary method of pronouncing judgment was this: after the cause

had been pleaded on both sides, the prætor used the word *dixerunt*, q. d. they have said what they had to say; then three ballots were distributed to each judge, marked as mentioned under the article A; and as the majority fell of either mark, the accused was *absolved* or condemned, &c. If he were absolved, the prætor dismissed him with *videtur non fecisse*, or *jure videtur fecisse*.

ABSOLUTION, in the canon law, is a juridical act, whereby the priest declares the sins of such as are penitent remitted.—The Romanists hold absolution a part of the sacrament of penance: the council of Trent, sess. xiv. cap. iii. and that of Florence, in the decree *ad Armenos*, declare the form or essence of the sacrament to lie in the words of *absolution*, I absolve thee of thy sins. The *formula* of absolution, in the Romish church, is absolute: in the Greek church, it is deprecatory; and in the churches of the reformed, declarative.

ABSOLUTION is chiefly used among Protestants for a sentence whereby a person who stands excommunicated is released or freed from that punishment.

ABSORBENT, in general, any thing possessing the faculty of *absorbing*, or swallowing up another.

*ABSORBENT Medicines*, testaceous powders, as chalk, crab-eyes, &c. which are taken inwardly for drying up or absorbing any acid or redundant humours in the stomach or intestines. They are likewise applied outwardly to ulcers or sores with the same intention.

*ABSORBENT Vessels*, a name given promiscuously to the lacteal vessels, lymphatics, and inhalent arteries. See ANATOMY.

Naturalists speak of the like absorbents in plants, the fibrous or hairy roots of which are as a kind of vasa absorbentia, which attract and imbibe the nutritious juices from the earth. See PLANTS.

ABSORBING, the swallowing up, sucking up, or imbibing, any thing: thus black bodies are said to absorb the rays of light; luxuriant branches, to absorb or waste the nutritious juices which should feed the fruit of trees, &c.

ABSORPTION, in the animal œconomy, is the power whereby the absorbent vessels imbibe the juices, &c.

*ABSORPTIONS of the Earth*, a term used by Kircher and others for the sinking in of large tracts of land by means of subterranean commotions, and many other accidents.

Pliny tells us, that in his time the mountain Cymbotus, with the town of Eurites, which stood on its side, were wholly absorbed into the earth, so that not the least trace of either remained; and he records the like fate of the city Tantalus in Magnesia, and after it of the mountain Sypelus, both thus absorbed by a violent opening of the earth. Galanis and Garnatus, towns once famous in Phœnicia, are recorded to have met the same fate; and the vast promontory, called *Phlegium*, in Ethiopia, after a violent earthquake in the night-time, was not to be seen in the morning, the whole having disappeared, and the earth closed over it. These, and many other histories, attested by the authors of greatest credit among the ancients, abundantly prove the fact in the earlier ages; and there have not been wanting too many instances of more modern date. *Kircher's Mund. Subter.* p. 77. See EARTH and EARTHQUAKE.

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**ABSORUS**, **APSORUS**, **ABSYRTIS**, **ABSYRTIDES**, **APSYRTIDES**, **APSYRTIS**, and **ABSYRTIUM**, (Strabo, Mela, Ptolemy;) islands in the Adriatic, in the gulf of Carnero: so called from Absyrtus, Medea's brother, there slain. They are either one island, or two, separated by a narrow channel, and joined by a bridge; and are now called *Chersò* and *Osero*.

**ABSTEMII**, in church-history, a name given to such persons as could not partake of the cup of the eucharist on account of their natural aversion to wine. Calvinists allow these to communicate in the species of bread only, touching the cup with their lip; which, on the other hand, is by the Lutherans deemed a profanation.

**ABSTEMIOUS**, is properly understood of a person who refrains absolutely from all use of wine.

The history of Mr. Wood, in the *Medic. Transf.* vol. ii. p. 261. art. 18. is a very remarkable exemplification of the very beneficial alterations which may be effected on the human body by a strict course of abstemiousness.

The Roman ladies, in the first ages of the republic, were all enjoined to be abstemious; and that it might appear, by their breath, whether or no they kept up to the injunction, it was one of the laws of the Roman civility, that they should kiss their friends and relations whenever they accosted them.

**ABSTEMIUS** (Laurentius), a native of Macerata, professor of belles lettres in Urbino, and librarian of duke Guido Ubaldo, under the pontificate of Alexander VI. He wrote, 1. Notes on most difficult passages of ancient authors. 2. *Hecatomythium*, *i. e.* A collection of an 100 fables, &c. which have been often printed with those of Æsop, Phædrus, Gabrius, Avienus, &c.

**ABSTERGENT MEDICINES**, those employed for resolving obstructions, concretions, &c. such as soap, &c.

**ABSTINENCE**, in a general sense, the act or habit of refraining from something which we have a propensity to, or find pleasure in.—Among the Jews, various kinds of abstinence were ordained by their law. Among the primitive Christians, some denied themselves the use of such meats as were prohibited by that law, others looked upon this abstinence with contempt; as to which, St. Paul gives his opinion Rom. xiv. 1—3. The council of Jerusalem, which was held by the Apostles, enjoined the Christian converts to abstain from meats strangled, from blood, from fornication, and from idolatry. Abstinence, as prescribed by the gospel, is intended to mortify and restrain the passions, to humble our vicious natures, and by that means raise our minds to a due sense of devotion. But there is another sort of abstinence, which may be called *ritual*, and consists in abstaining from particular meats at certain times and seasons. It was the spiritual monarchy of the western world which first introduced this ritual abstinence; the rules of which were called *rogations*; but grossly abused from the true nature and design of fasting.—In England, abstinence from flesh has been enjoined by statute even since the reformation, particularly on Fridays and Saturdays, on vigils, and on all commonly called *fish-days*. The like injunctions were renewed under Q. Elizabeth: but at the same time it was declared, that this was done not out of motives of

religion, as if there were any difference in meats; but in favour of the consumption of fish, and to multiply the number of fishermen and mariners, as well as spare the flock of sheep. The great fast, says St. Augustin, is to abstain from sin.

**ABSTINENCE** is more particularly used for a spare diet, or a slender parsimonious use of food, below the ordinary standard of nature. The physicians relate wonders of the effects of abstinence in the cure of many disorders, and protracting the term of life. The noble Venetian, Cornaro, after all imaginable means had proved vain, so that his life was despaired of at 40, recovered, and lived to near 100, by mere dint of abstinence; as he himself gives the account. It is indeed surprising to what a great age the primitive Christians of the east, who retired from the persecutions into the deserts of Arabia and Egypt, lived, healthful and cheerful, on a very little food. Cassian assures us, that the common rate for 24 hours was 12 ounces of bread, and mere water; with this St. Anthony lived 105 years; James the Hermit 104; Arsenius, tutor of the Emperor Arcadius, 120; S. Epiphanius, 115; Simeon the Stylite, 112; and Romauld, 120. Buchanan writes, that in Scotland, one Laurence preserved himself to 140 by force of temperance and labour; and Spotswood mentions one Kentigern, afterwards called S. Mongah or Mungo, who lived to 185 by the same means. Other instances see under the article **LONGEVITY**.

Abstinence, however, is to be recommended only as it means a proper regimen: for in general it must have bad consequences when observed without a due regard to constitution, age, strength, &c. According to Dr. Cheyne, most of the chronical diseases, the infirmities of old age, and the short lives of Englishmen, are owing to repletion; and may be either cured, prevented, or remedied by abstinence: but then the kinds of abstinence which ought to obtain, either in sickness or health, are to be deduced from the laws of diet and regimen.

Among the brute creation, we see extraordinary instances of long abstinence. The serpent-kind, in particular, bear abstinence to a wonderful degree. We have seen rattle-snakes that had subsisted many months without any food, yet still retained their vigour and fierceness. Dr. Shaw speaks of a couple of cerastes, (a sort of Egyptian serpents), which had been kept five years in a bottle close corked, without any sort of food, unless a small quantity of sand wherein they coiled themselves up in the bottom of the vessel may be reckoned as such; yet when he saw them, they had newly cast their skins, and were as brisk and lively as if just taken. But it is even natural for divers species to pass four, five, or six months every year, without either eating or drinking. Accordingly, the tortoise, bear, dormouse, serpent, &c. are observed regularly to retire, at those seasons, to their respective cells, and hide themselves, some in the caverns of rocks or ruins; others dig holes under ground; others get into woods, and lay themselves up in the clefts of trees; others bury themselves under water, &c. And these animals are found as fat and fleshy after some months abstinence as before.—Sir G. Ent\* weighed his tortoise several years successively, at its going to earth in October, and coming out again in March; and found, that, of four pounds, four

\* *Phil. Transact.* n<sup>o</sup> 194-  
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**Abstinence** four ounces, it only used to lose about one ounce.—Indeed, we have instances of men passing several months as strictly abstinent as other creatures. In particular, the records of the Tower of London mention a Scotchman imprisoned for felony, and strictly watched in that fortress for six weeks: in all which time he took not the least sustenance; for which he had his pardon. Numberless instances of extraordinary abstinence, particularly from morbid causes, are to be found in the different periodical Memoirs, Transactions, Ephemerides, &c.—It is to be added, that, in most instances of extraordinary human abstinence related by naturalists, there were said to have been apparent marks of a texture of blood and humours, much like that of the animals abovementioned. Though it is no improbable opinion, that the air itself may furnish something for nutrition. It is certain, there are substances of all kinds, animal, vegetable, &c. floating in the atmosphere, which must be continually taken in by respiration. And that an animal body may be nourished thereby, is evident in the instance of vipers; which if taken when first brought forth, and kept from every thing but air, will yet grow very considerably in a few days. So the eggs of lizards are observed to increase in bulk, after they are produced, though there be nothing to furnish the increment but air alone; in like manner as the eggs or spawn of fishes grow and are nourished with the water. And hence, say some, it is that cooks, turnspit-dogs, &c. though they eat but little, yet are usually fat. See **FASTING**.

**ABSTINENTS**, or **ABSTINENTES**, a set of heretics that appeared in France and Spain about the end of the third century. They are supposed to have borrowed part of their opinions from the Gnostics and Manicheans, because they opposed marriage, condemned the use of flesh meat, and placed the Holy Ghost in the class of created beings. We have, however, no certain account of their peculiar tenets.

**ABSTRACT**, in a general sense, any thing separated from something else.

**ABSTRACT Idea**, in metaphysics, is a partial idea of a complex object, limited to one or more of the component parts or properties, laying aside or abstracting from the rest. Thus, in viewing an object with the eye, or recollecting it in the mind, we can easily abstract from some of its parts or properties, and attach ourselves to others: we can attend to the redness of a cherry, without regard to its figure, taste, or consistence. See **ABSTRACTION**.

**ABSTRACT Terms**, words that are used to express abstract ideas. Thus beauty, ugliness, whiteness, roundness, life, death, are abstract terms.

**ABSTRACT Numbers**, are assemblages of units, considered in themselves without denoting any particular and determined particulars. Thus 6 is an abstract number, when not applied to any thing; but, if we say 6 feet, 6 becomes a concrete number. See the article **NUMBER**.

**ABSTRACT Mathematics**, otherwise called *Pure Mathematics*, is that which treats of magnitude or quantity, absolutely and generally considered, without restriction to any species of particular magnitude; such are Arithmetic and Geometry. In this sense, abstract mathematics is opposed to mixed mathematics; wherein simple and abstract properties, and the relations of quantities primitively considered in pure mathematics,

are applied to sensible objects, and by that means become intermixed with physical considerations: such are Hydrostatics, Optics, Navigation, &c.

**ABSTRACT**, in literature, a compendious view of any large work; shorter and more superficial than an abridgment.

**ABSTRACTION**, in general, the act of abstracting, or the state of being abstracted.

**ABSTRACTION**, in metaphysics, the operation of the mind when occupied by abstract ideas. A large oak fixes our attention, and abstracts us from the shrubs that surround it. In the same manner, a beautiful woman in a crowd, abstracts our thoughts, and engrosses our attention solely to herself. These are examples of real abstraction: when these, or any others of a similar kind, are recalled to the mind after the objects themselves are removed from our sight, they form what are called *abstract ideas*, or the mind is said to be employed in abstract ideas. But the power of abstraction is not confined to objects that are separable in reality as well as mentally: the size, the figure, the colour of a tree are inseparably connected, and cannot exist independent of each other; and yet we can mentally confine our observations to any one of these properties, neglecting or abstracting from the rest.

Abstraction is chiefly employed these three ways. First, When the mind considers any one part of a thing, in some respect distinct from the whole; as a man's arm, without the consideration of the rest of the body. Secondly, When we consider the *mode* of any substance, omitting the substance itself; or when we separately consider several modes which subsist together in one subject. This abstraction the geometers make use of when they consider the length of a body separately which they call *a line*, omitting the consideration of its breadth and thickness. Thirdly, It is by abstraction that the mind forms general or universal ideas; omitting the modes and relations of the particular objects whence they are formed. Thus, when we should understand a thinking being in general, we gather from our self-consciousness what it is to think; and, omitting those things which have a particular relation to our own minds, or to the human mind, we conceive a thinking being in general.

Ideas formed in this manner, which are what we properly call *abstract ideas*, become general representatives of all objects of the same kind; and their names applicable to whatever exists conformable to such ideas. Thus the idea of colour that we receive from chalk, snow, milk, &c. is a representative of all of that kind; and has a name given it, *whiteness*, which signifies the same quality wherever found or imagined.

**ABSTRUSE**, something deep, hidden, concealed, or far removed from common apprehensions, and therefore not easily understood; in opposition to what is obvious and palpable. Thus metaphysics is an abstruse science; and the doctrine of fluxions, and the method *de maximis et minimis*, are abstruse points of knowledge.

**ABSURD**, an epithet applied to any thing that opposes the human apprehension and contradicts a manifest truth. Thus, it would be absurd to say that 6 and 6 make only 10, or to deny that twice 6 make 12. When the term *absurd* is applied to actions, it has the same import as *ridiculous*.

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ABSINTHIUM. See ABSINTHIUM.

ABSYRTUS, in the heathen mythology, the fon of Æta and Hypfea, and the brother of Medea. The latter running away with Jafon, after her having affifted him in carrying off the golden fleece, was purfued by her father; when, to ftop his progress, he tore Abfyrus in pieces, and fcattered his limbs in his way.

ABTHANES, a title of honour ufed by the ancient inhabitants of Scotland, who called their nobles *thanes*, which in the old Saxon fignifies *king's minifters*; and of thefe the higher rank were ftyled *abthanes*, and thofe of the lower *underthanes*.

ABUCCO, *Abocco*, or *Авоцци*, a weight ufed in the kingdom of Pegu. One abucco contains 12½ teccalis; two abuccos make a *giro* or *agire*; two *giri*, half a *hiza*; and a *hiza* weighs an hundred teccalis; that is, two pounds five ounces the heavy weight, or three pounds nine ounces the light weight of Venice.

ABUKESO, in commerce, the fame with *ASLAN*.

ABULFARAGIUS (Gregory), fon to Aaron a phyfician, born in 1226, in the city of Malatia, near the fource of the Euphrates in Armenia. He followed the profefion of his father; and praftifed with great fuccefs, numbers of people coming from the moft remote parts to afk his advice. However, he would hardly have been known at this time, had his knowledge been confined to phyfic: but he applied himfelf to the ftudy of the Greek, Syriac, and Arabic languages, as well as philofophy and divinity; and he wrote a hiftory which does honour to his memory. It is written in Arabic, and divided into dynafties. It confifts of ten parts, being an epitome of univerfal hiftory from the creation of the world to his own time. Dr Pocock published it with a Latin tranflation in 1663; and added, by way of fupplement, a fhort continuation relating to the hiftory of the eastern princes.

ABUNA, the title given to the archbifhop or metropolitan of Abyffinia. See *ABYSSINIA*.

ABUNDANT NUMBER, in arithmetic, is a number, the fum of whose aliquot parts is greater than the number itfelf. Thus the aliquot parts of 12, being 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6, they make, when added together, 16. An abundant number is oppofed to a *deficient* number, or that which is greater than all its aliquot parts taken together; as 14, whose aliquot parts are 1, 2, and 7, which make no more than ten: and to a *perfect* number, or one to which its aliquot parts are equal, as 6, whose aliquot parts are 1, 2, and 3.

ABUNDANTIA, a heathen divinity, represented in ancient monuments under the figure of a woman with a pleafing afpect, crowned with garlands of flowers, pouring all forts of fruit out of a horn which fhe holds in her right hand, and fcattering grain with her left, taken promifcuoufly from a fheaf of corn. On a medal of Trajan, fhe is represented with two cornucopiæ.

ABUSAID, (Ebn Aljaptu), fultan of the Moguls, fucceeded his father anno 717 of the hegira. He was the laft monarch of the race of Jenghiz khan; and after his death, which happened the fame year that Tamerlane was born, the empire was made a fcene of blood and defolation.

ABUS, (anc. geog.), a river of Britain, formed by the confluence of the Ure, the Derwent, Trent, &c. falling into the German fea, between Yorkfhire and Lincolnfhire, and forming the mouth of the Humber.

ABUSE, an irregular ufe of a thing, or the introducing fomething contrary to the true intention thereof. In grammar, to apply a word *abufively*, or in an *abufive* fenfe, is to mifapply or pervert its meaning.—A permutation of benefices, without the confent of the bifhop, is termed *abufive*, and confequently null.

ABUTILON, in botany, the trivial name of feveral fpecies of the fida. See *SIDA*.

ABYDOS, (anc. geog.), anciently a town built by the Milefians in Afia, on the Hellespont, where it is fcarce a mile over, oppofite to Seftos on the European fide. Now both called the *Dardanelles*. Abydos lay midway between Lampfacus and Ilium, famous for Xerxes's bridge, (Herodotus, Virgil); and for the loves of Leander and Hero, (Mufæus, Ovid); celebrated alfo for its oysters, (Ennius, Virgil). The inhabitants were a foft, effeminate people, given much to detraction; hence the proverb, *Ne temere Abydum*, when we would caution againft danger, (Stephanus).

ABYDOS, (anc. geog.), anciently an inland town of Egypt, between Ptolemais and Diofpolis Parva, towards Syene; famous for the palace of Memnon and the temple of Ofiris. A colony of Milefians; (Stephanus.) It was the only one in the country into which the fingers and dancers were forbid to enter.

This city, reduced to a village under the empire of Auguftus, now presents to our view only an heap of ruins without inhabitants; but to the weft of thefe ruins is ftill found the celebrated tomb of Ifnandes. The entrance is under a portico 60 feet high, and fupported by two rows of mafsy columns. The immovable folidity of the edifice, the huge mafses which compofe it, the hieroglyphics it is loaded with, ftamp it a work of the ancient Egyptians. Beyond it is a temple 300 feet long and 145 wide. Upon entering the monument we meet with an immense hall, the roof of which is fupported by 28 columns 60 feet high and 19 in circumference at the bafe. They are 12 feet diftant from each other. The enormous ftones that form the ceiling, perfectly joined and incrufted, as it were, one in the other, offer to the eye nothing but one folid platform of marble 126 feet long and 26 wide. The walls are covered with hieroglyphics. One fees there a multitude of animals, birds, and human figures with pointed caps on their heads, and a piece of ftuff hanging down behind, dressed in loofe robes that come down only to the waift. The fculpture, however, is clumsy; the forms of the body, the attitudes and proportions of the members, ill obferved. Amongft thefe we may diftinguifh fome women fuckling their children, and men prefenting offerings to them. Here alfo we meet with the divinities of India. Monsieur Chevalier, formerly governor of Chaudernagore, who refided 20 years in that country, carefully vifited this monument on his return from Bengal. He remarked here the gods *Jag-grenat*, *Gonez*, and *Vechnou* or *Wifnou*, fuch as they are represented in the temples of Indoftan.—A great gate opens at the bottom of the firft hall, which leads to an apartment 46 feet long by 22 wide. Six fquare pillars fupport the roof of it; and at the angles are the doors of four other chambers, but fo choaked up with rubbifh that they cannot now be entered. The laft hall, 64 feet long by 24 wide, has ftairs by which one defcends into the fubterraneous apartments of this grand edifice. The Arabs, in fearching after treasure, have piled

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piled up heaps of earth and rubbish. In the part we are able to penetrate, sculpture and hieroglyphics are discoverable as in the upper story. The natives say that they correspond exactly with those above ground, and that the columns are as deep in the earth as they are lofty above ground. It would be dangerous to go far into these vaults; for the air of them is so loaded with a mephitic vapour, that a candle can scarce be kept burning in them. Six lions heads, placed on the two sides of the temple, serve as spouts to carry off the water. You mount to the top by a staircase of a very singular structure. It is built with stones incrusting in the wall, and projecting six feet out; so that being supported only at one end, they appear to be suspended in the air. The walls, the roof, and the columns of this edifice, have suffered nothing from the injuries of time; and did not the hieroglyphics, by being corroded in some places, mark its antiquity, it would appear to have been newly built. The solidity is such, that unless people make a point of destroying it, the building must last a great number of ages. Except the colossal figures, whose heads serve as an ornament to the capitals of the columns, and which are sculptured *in relievo*, the rest of the hieroglyphics which cover the inside are carved in stone. To the left of this great building we meet with another much smaller, at the bottom of which is a sort of altar. This was probably the sanctuary of the temple of Osiris.

ABYLA, (Ptolemy, Mela); one of Hercules's pillars on the African side, called by the Spaniards *Sierra de las Monas*, over against Calpe in Spain, the other pillar; supposed to have been formerly joined, but separated by Hercules, and thus to have given entrance to the sea now called the *Mediterranean*: the limits of the labours of Hercules, (Pliny).

ABYSS, in a general sense, denotes something profound, and, as it were, bottomless. The word is originally Greek, *αβυσσος*; compounded of the primitive *α*, and *βυσσει*, *q. d.* without a bottom.

ABYSS, in a more particular sense, denotes a deep mass or fund of waters. In this sense, the word is particularly used, in the Septuagint, for the water which God created at the beginning with the earth, which encompassed it round, and which our translators render by *deep*. Thus it is that darkness is said to have been on the face of the abyfs.

ABYSS is also used for an immense cavern in the earth, wherein God is supposed to have collected all those waters on the third day; which, in our version, is rendered the *seas*, and elsewhere the *great deep*. Dr Woodward, in his Natural History of the Earth, asserts; That there is a mighty collection of waters inclosed in the bowels of the earth, constituting a huge orb in the interior or central parts of it; and over the surface of this water he supposes the terrestrial strata to be expanded. This, according to him, is what Moses calls the *great deep*, and what most authors render the *great abyfs*. The water of this vast abyfs, he alleges, does communicate with that of the ocean, by means of certain hiatuses or chasms passing betwixt it and the bottom of the ocean: and this and the abyfs he supposes to have one common centre, around which the water of both is placed; but so, that the ordinary surface of the abyfs is not level with that of the ocean, nor at so great a distance from the centre as the other,

it being for the most part restrained and depressed by the strata of earth lying upon it: but wherever those strata are broken, or so lax and porous that water can pervade them, there the water of the abyfs ascends; fills up all the clefts and fissures into which it can get admittance; and saturates all the interstices and pores of the earth, stone, or other matter, all around the globe, quite up to the level of the ocean.

The existence of an abyfs or receptacle of subterraneous waters, is controverted by Camerarius\*; and defended by Dr Woodward chiefly by two arguments: the first drawn from the vast quantity of water which covered the earth in the time of the deluge; the second, from the consideration of earthquakes, which he endeavours to show are occasioned by the violence of the waters in this abyfs. A great part of the terrestrial globe has been frequently shaken at the same moment; which argues, according to him, that the waters, which were the occasion thereof, were co-extended with that part of the globe. There are even instances of universal earthquakes; which (says he) show that the whole abyfs must have been agitated: for so general an effect must have been produced by as general a cause, and that cause can be nothing but the subterraneous abyfs †.

To this abyfs also has been attributed the origin of springs and rivers; the level maintained in the surface of different seas; and their not overflowing their banks. To the effluvia emitted from it, some even attribute all the diversities of weather and changes in our atmosphere ‡. Ray §, and other authors, ancient as well as modern, suppose a communication between the Caspian sea and the ocean by means of a subterranean abyfs: and to this they attribute it that the Caspian does not overflow, notwithstanding the great number of large rivers it receives, of which Kempfer reckons above 50 in the compass of 60 miles; tho' as to this, others suppose that the daily evaporation may suffice to keep the level.

The different arguments concerning this subject may be seen collected and amplified in *Cockburn's Inquiry into the Truth and Certainty of the Mosaic Deluge*, p. 271, &c. After all, however, this amazing theory of a central abyfs is far from being demonstrated: it will perhaps in several respects appear inconsistent with sound philosophy, as well as repugnant to the phenomena of nature. In particular, if we believe any thing like elective attraction to have prevailed in the formation of the earth, we must believe that the separation of the chaos proceeded from the union of similar particles. It is certain that rest is favourable to such operations of nature. As, therefore, the central parts of the earth were more immediately quiescent than those remote from the centre, it seems absurd to suppose that the heavier and denser bodies gave place to the more light and fluid; that the central part should consist of water only, and the more superficial part of a crust or shell. Vid. *Whitehurst's Inquiry into the original Formation of the Strata*, &c. See DE-LUGE.

ABYSS is also used to denote hell; in which sense the word is synonymous with what is otherwise called *Barathrum*, *Erebus*, and *Tartarus*; in the English bible, the *bottomless pit*. The unclean spirits expelled by Christ,

Abyfs.

\* Differt. Taur. Acta Erud. supp. ton. vi. p. 24.

† Hist. of the Earth. Journal de Scavens, tom. lviii. p. 393. Memoirs of Literature, tom. viii. p. 101, &c. ‡ Holloway Introd. to Woodward's Hist. of the Earth. Acta Erud. 1727 p. 313. § Physico-Theol. Disc. ii. c. 2. p. 76.

Abyfs, Christ, begged, *ne imperaret ut in abyffum irent*, according to the vulgate; *εις αβυσσον*, according to the Greek. Luke viii. 31. Rev. ix. 1.

ABYSS is more particularly used, in antiquity, to denote the temple of Proserpine. It was thus called on account of the immense fund of gold and riches deposited there; some say, hid under ground.

ABYSS is also used in heraldry to denote the centre of an escutcheon. In which sense a thing is said to be borne in abyfs, *en abyffine*, when placed in the middle of the shield, clear from any other bearing: He bears azure, a flower de lis, in abyfs.

ABYSSINIA, by some called *Higher Ethiopia*, and by the Arabians *Al Habash*, is bounded on the north by Nubia; on the east, by the Arabic gulph or Red Sea, and the kingdom of Adel; on the south, by the kingdoms of Ajan, Alabo, and Gingiro; and on the west, by the kingdoms of Goram, and part of Gingiro; and is divided into a great number of provinces. The principal river is the Nile, which has its source in this country; and the most considerable lake, that of Dambea, which discharges itself into the Nile, is about 700 miles in length, and 90 in breadth. The air is pretty temperate in the mountains, and therefore their towns and strong holds are generally placed on them; but in the vallies it is hot and suffocating. The soil and face of the country is various. In some places there are nothing but rocks and profound caverns: in others, especially where there are rivers, the land is exceedingly fruitful; and the banks of these streams are bordered with flowers of various kinds, many of which are unknown in Europe. The torrents in the rainy season wash a great deal of gold from the mountains. This season begins in May, when the sun is vertical, or directly over their heads, and ends in September.—The country produces a great variety of animals, both tame and wild, such as lions, tigers, rhinoceroses, leopards, elephants, monkeys, stags, deer; horses, camels, dromedaries, goats, cows, sheep; likewise ostriches, with a vast variety of other birds. In the rivers are crocodiles and the hippopotamus. Travellers mention also a peculiar kind of bees, small, black, and without a sting, which hive in the earth, and make honey and wax that are extremely white. The country is greatly infested with locusts, which devour every thing that is green wherever they come.

The inhabitants are Moors, Pagans, Jews, and Christians. The last was the reigning and established religion when father Lobo visited this country in 1624. This diversity of people and religion is the reason that the kingdom, in different parts, is under different forms of government, and that their laws and customs are extremely various. Some of the people neither sow their lands nor improve them; but live on milk and flesh, and encamp like the Arabs, without any settled habitation. In some places they practise no rites of worship, though they believe that there dwells in the regions above a Being who governs the world: This deity they call *Oul*. In these parts where Christianity is professed, it is so corrupted with superstitious errors, and so mingled with ceremonies borrowed from the Jews, that little beside the name of Christianity is to be found among them. (See the next article.)—They have two harvests in the year; one in winter, (which begins in May, and lasts, with great rigour, through the months of

July, August, and September); and the other in spring. Every man who has a thousand cows saves once a-year a day's milk, and makes a bath for his friends; so that to give an idea of a man's wealth, their common expression is, *he bathes so many times a-year*. Their males marry about ten years old, and their females younger. Their marriage tie is so loose, that they part whenever they find they cannot live agreeably together.

Besides the large towns, there are a great number of villages, which in some places are so thick sown, that they look like one continued town: the houses are very mean, being but one story high, and built of straw, earth, and lime. In most of the towns the houses are separated by hedges, which are always green, and mixed with flowers and fruit-trees at a certain distance from each other, which affords an agreeable prospect.—The government is monarchical. The sovereign has the title of Negus, and is an absolute prince. When he is in camp, the tents are so regularly disposed as to have the appearance of a city; and there is a captain over every division, to prevent disorders, and to execute justice.

The Abyssines in general are of an olive complexion, tall, graceful, and well featured. Those who are neither mechanics nor tradesmen (which few of them are) nor tillers of the ground, are inured to bear arms, which are a head-piece, a buckler, a coat of mail, bows and arrows, darts, pikes capped with iron at both ends, a sling, and a sword; they have very few fire-arms, and those were introduced by the Portuguese. The habit of persons of quality is a fine silken vest, or fine cotton, with a kind of scarf. The citizens have the same habit, only coarser. The common people have nothing but a pair of cotton drawers, and a scarf which covers the rest of their body. The women are of a healthy constitution, active, and moderately handsome, having neither flat noses nor thick lips like the negroes; and nature is so friendly, that they stand in little need of midwives, which is indeed the case of most countries in the torrid zone. They appear in public as in Europe, without being forbid the conversation of the men as among the Mahometans. Princesses of the royal blood are not permitted to marry foreigners: and when they take the air, they go in great state, with 400 or 500 women attendants. Their language is the Ethiopic, which bears a great affinity with the Arabic; but particular provinces have a different dialect.

Manufactures are almost wholly wanting in this country; and the few trades which they have amongst them are always conveyed from the father to the children. They seem indeed by their churches, and other ruined places, to have had a knowledge of architecture. But the workmen were sent for from other countries, and were forced to do all themselves; so that when these fabrics were reared, especially the imperial palace built, by Peter Pais, a Portuguese architect, the people flocked from all parts of Ethiopia to view it, and admired it as a new wonder of the world.—Gold, silver, copper, and iron, are the principal ores with which their mines abound in this extensive part of Africa: but not above one third part is made use of by way of merchandize, or converted into money; of which they have little or no use in Abyssinia. They cut their gold indeed into small pieces for the pay of their troops, and for expenses of the court, which is but a modern custom among them;

**Abyssinia.** them; the king's gold, before the end of the 17th century, being laid up in his treasury in ingots, with intent to be never carried out, or never used in any thing but vessels and trinkets for the service of the palace. In the lieu of small money, they make use of rock salt as white as snow and as hard as stone. This is taken out of the mountain of Lafta, and put into the king's warehouses; where it is reduced into tablets of a foot long, and three inches broad, ten of which are worth about a French crown. When they are circulated in trade, they are reduced into still smaller pieces, as occasion requires. This salt is also applied to the same purpose as common sea-salt. With this mineral salt they purchase pepper, spices, and silk stuffs, which are brought to them by the Indians, in their ports in the Red Sea. Cardamums, ginger, aloes, myrrh, cassia, civet, ebony-wood, ivory, wax, honey, cotton, and linsens of various sorts and colours, are merchandises which may be had from Abyssinia; to which may be added sugar, hemp, flax, and excellent wines, if these people had the art of preparing them. It is affirmed there are in this country the finest emeralds that are any where to be found; and, though they are found but in one place, they are there in great quantities, and some so large and so perfect as to be of almost inestimable value. The greatest part of the merchandises above mentioned, are more for foreign than inland trade. Their domestic commerce consists chiefly in salt, honey, buck-wheat, grey pease, citrons, oranges, lemons, and other provisions, with fruits and herbage necessary for the support of life. Those places that the Abyssinian merchants frequent the most, who dare venture to carry their commodities by sea themselves, are Arabia Felix, and the Indies, particularly Goa, Cambaye, Bengal, and Sumatra. With regard to their ports on the Red Sea, to which foreign merchants commonly resort, the most considerable are those of Mette, Azum, Zajallah, Maja, Dazo, Patea, and Brava. The trade of the Abyssinians by land is inconsiderable. There are, however, bands of them who arrive yearly at Egypt, particularly at Cairo, laden with gold-dust, which they bring to barter for the merchandises of that country, or of Europe, for which they have occasion. These casilas or caravans, if we may be allowed thus to call a body of 40 or 50 poor wretches who unite together for their mutual assistance in their journey, are commonly three or four months on their route, traversing forests and mountains almost impassable, in order to exchange their gold for necessaries for their families, and return immediately with the greatest part of the merchandise on their backs. Frequently the Jews or Egyptians give them large credit; which may seem surprising, as they are beyond recourse if they should fail of payment. But experience has shown, that they have never abused the confidence reposed in them; and even in the event of death, their fellow-travellers take care of the effects of the deceased for the benefit of their families, but in the first place for the discharge of those debts contracted at Cairo.— It remains only to be observed, that one of the principal branches of trade of the Abyssines is that of slaves; who are greatly esteemed in the Indies and Arabia for the best, and most faithful, of all that the other kingdoms of Africa furnish. The Indian and Arabian merchants frequently substitute them as their factors: and, on ac-

count of their good services and integrity, not only often give them their liberty but liberally reward them. **Abyssinia.**

Into this part of the globe the admission of travellers has been supposed extremely difficult, and their return from thence almost impracticable. A Scotch gentleman, however, of family and fortune, James Bruce, Esq; of Kinnaird, is known not only to have entered that country, but to have resided in it several years, and returned safe home, bringing with him many great curiosities. Soon after his return, the following notice was given by the Count de Buffon in an advertisement prefixed to the 3d volume of his History of Birds: "A new aid which I have received, and which I am anxious to announce to the public, is the free and generous communication which I had of the drawings and observations of James Bruce, Esq; of Kinnaird, who returning from Numidia, and the interior parts of Abyssinia, stopt in my house for several days, and made me a partaker of the knowledge which he had acquired in a tour no less fatiguing than hazardous. It filled me with the utmost astonishment to view the numerous drawings which he had made and coloured himself. He possesses the most perfect representations and descriptions of the birds, fishes, plants, edifices, monuments, dress, arms, &c. of different nations, all of them objects worthy of knowledge. Nothing has escaped his curiosity, and his talents have been proportioned to it. The English government will without doubt take proper measures for the publication of his work. That respectable nation, which has given a lead to all others in discoveries of every kind, will not fail to add to its glory, by speedily communicating to the world at large, those of this excellent traveller, who, not contented with accurate descriptions of nature, has made many important observations on the culture of different kinds of grains; on the navigation of the Red Sea; on the course of the Nile, from its mouth to its source, which he has been the first to discover; and on different particulars which may be of the highest utility to commerce and agriculture, those great arts which are but little known and ill cultivated. Yet, on these alone, the superiority of one nation over another does depend, and for ever will depend."

It is much to be regretted, that after so long an interval, this gentleman's discoveries have not yet made their appearance. The delay has given rise to various speculations. Doubts have even been entertained concerning the credibility of the reports that have transpired, or been gathered from his conversation. His honour and abilities, however, are too extensively known to be affected by such injurious insinuations. That he hath great talents for the information of his readers, appears by his dissertation on the Theban harp\*, which Dr Burney hath inserted in the first volume of his History of Music, and in which are also mentioned several of the Abyssinian instruments. Mr Bruce, moreover, is said to have a great facility in learning languages, and talents for drawing; nor perhaps was any other traveller furnished with so large and scientific an apparatus of instruments. Add to all this, that he is possessed of a spirit and enterprise not easily to be equalled. The speedy production, therefore, of so interesting an account as he is capable of giving, of this almost unfrequented part of Africa, cannot but still be

\* See the article HARP in this Dictionary.

Abyssinia. earnestly wished for. In the mean time the following authentic anecdotes will not, it is presumed, be unacceptable, nor appear foreign to the present article.

Mr Bruce was appointed consul to Algiers, where he continued till 1765. In June 1764, he requested leave of absence from the secretary of state for the southern department, in order to make some drawings of antiquities near Tunis.

In Mr Bruce's last letter from Algiers to the same secretary (dated December 29, 1764.) he alludes to another leave of absence, which he had likewise requested, that he might visit parts of the African continent. He explains himself no farther in this letter; but it is believed that he proceeded considerably to the southward of Algiers, and made those very capital drawings of remains of Roman architecture, which many have seen since his return to Britain. Before he set out for Algiers, he informed some of his friends, that the making such excursions for these interesting purposes was his principal inducement for accepting the consulship.

How long he continued in Africa, the present writer has not had the opportunity of procuring information; but having intentions afterwards of visiting Palmyra, he was shipwrecked on the coast of Tunis, and plundered of every thing by the barbarous inhabitants.

The most distressing part of the loss was probably that of his instruments, so necessary to a scientific traveller; and though he afterwards procured some of these, yet others (particularly a quadrant) could not be recovered. Mr Bruce, however, determining to repair this loss as soon as possible from France, so much nearer to him than England, was so fortunate as to be provided with a time-piece and quadrant from that quarter. Upon this occasion Lewis XV. presented him with an iron quadrant of four feet radius, as he had probably represented to the academy of sciences his want of such an instrument whilst he should be in Abyssinia: Mr Bruce brought back with him to England this cumbrous fellow-traveller, and, having put upon it an inscription to the following purport, is said to have presented it to the university of Glasgow: "With this instrument given by the king of France, Lewis XV. Mr Bruce proceeded to the sources of the Nile, it being carried on foot, upon mens shoulders, over the mountains of Abyssinia." This information was received from that eminent maker of instruments Mr Nairne.

Where and when Mr Bruce received the French instruments is not known; but as he was still bent on visiting Abyssinia, he gave a commission to Mr W. Ruffel, F. R. S. for a reflecting telescope, made by *Bird* or *Short*; a watch with a hand to point seconds, and the newest and completest English astronomical tables; all of which were to be sent to Mr Fremaux, and forwarded to him at Alexandria before August. On the 29th of March 1768, Mr Bruce was at Sidon on the coast of Syria, and wrote to Mr Ruffel from thence for the following additional instruments, viz. a twelve-foot reflecting telescope, to be divided into pieces of three feet, and joined with screws. This telescope was also accompanied by two thermometers and two portable barometers. Mr Bruce moreover informed Mr Ruffel, that he was going into a country (viz. A-

byssinia) from which few travellers had returned; and wished Mr Ruffel, or his philosophical friends, would send him their desiderata, as he was entirely at their service. Mr Bruce added, that if he could not obtain admission into Abyssinia, he still would do his best in the cause of science on the eastern coast of the Red Sea.

As Mr Bruce had directed the instruments to be ready for him at Alexandria by the beginning of August 1768, it is probable that he reached Cairo about that time; from whence he proceeded to Abyssinia, by way of JEDDA, MAZAVA, and AQUICO.

It is supposed that Mr Bruce did not continue long at Jedda, as he is said to have explored the coast on the east side as low as Mocha, during which drawings were taken of many curious fish in the Red Sea. Mr Bruce must also have entered Abyssinia either at the latter end of 1768 or the very beginning of 1769, as he made an observation in that part of Africa on the 15th of January of that year.

In this perilous enterprize he was accompanied by a Greek servant (named *Michael*;) and an Italian painter, who probably assisted in the numerous articles which might deserve representation, and who died of a flux before Mr Bruce's return to Cairo in 1773. Mr Bruce must at times also have been assisted by many others, as his instruments, apparatus for drawings, and other necessaries, from their weight and bulk could not be easily transported from place to place, and perhaps required beasts of burden. To these likewise must be added several medicines which enabled him to perform cures on the inhabitants, and probably occasioned the good reception he afterwards met with.

Such other particulars as happened to Mr Bruce, during his long residence in this unfrequented country, must be left to his own superior narrative; and it shall suffice, therefore, only to state, that he made a large number of observations to fix the situations of places, out of which 31 have been examined and computed by the astronomer royal. The first of these observations was made on the 10th of January 1769, and the last on the 5th of October 1772, from 30 to 38 degrees of east longitude from Greenwich, and from 12 to 28 degrees of north latitude. It need scarcely be said, therefore, that these observations, which include so large an extent of almost unknown country, must prove a most valuable addition to geography; and the more so, because the Portuguese, who first visited Abyssinia, gave neither longitude nor latitude of any place in that empire; and Poncet only two latitudes, viz. those of Sennar and Giesum.

As Mr Bruce made the last of his observations on the 5th of October 1772, it is probable that he might then be on his return to Cairo, through Nubia and Upper Egypt, where he arrived on the 15th of January 1773, after an absence of more than four years; bringing back with him his Greek servant, named Michael.

Mr Bruce continued at Cairo four months, during which time he had daily intercourse with Mr Antes; the substance of a letter from whom will contain the principal confutation of Baron Tott, and others, who have been incredulous with regard to Mr Bruce's expected narrative.

**Abyssinia.** Mr Antes was born of German parents, who were possessed of lands in the back settlements of Pennsylvania; and having showed early abilities as a mechanic, removed to Europe, where he distinguished himself in the art of watch-making, which he learned without apprenticeship. Being a member of the church known by the name of *Unitas Fratrum*, and commonly called *Moravian*, he wished to be employed in their missions, and more especially that of the same persuasion established at Cairo, who always have desired to procure opportunities of instructing the Abyssinians.

Mr Bruce had left Cairo fifteen months before Mr Antes came there; and the intercourse, therefore, between them first took place on Mr Bruce's return in 1773.

Having given this account of Mr Bruce and Mr Antes's being first known to each other, we shall state the substance of some information received from the latter, who is now established at Fulneck near Leeds, after having resided eleven years at Cairo.

"That Mr Bruce left Cairo in 1768, and proceeded thence by way of Jedda, Mazava, and Arquico, into Abyssinia.

"That in 1771, a Greek came from Gondar (the capital) in Abyssinia, who had a draught from Mr Bruce on a French merchant at Cairo (named *Rose*) for some hundreds of German crowns, which were paid immediately. This draught was accompanied by a letter from Mr Bruce, and was the first time that he had been heard of at Cairo since his departure in 1768.

"That after Mr Bruce's return to Cairo in 1773, Mr Antes saw a young Armenian and his father (who came likewise from Gondar) at Mr Pini's, an Italian merchant of Cairo, where they and Mr Bruce conversed in the Abyssinian language, and seemed glad to meet him again.

"That Mr Bruce returned to Cairo from Abyssinia by way of Nubia and Upper Egypt; which can be fully attested by the Franciscan friars who are established at Isne near Asyuwan, which latter is the highest town of Upper Egypt.

"That during Mr Bruce's stay at Cairo, which was not less than four months, no day passed without their seeing each other; which gave Mr Antes frequent opportunities of inquiring with regard to Abyssinia, concerning which he was particularly interested from a reason before stated.

"That Mr Antes likewise frequently conversed with Michael, Mr Bruce's Greek servant; who is stated to

have by no means had a lively imagination, and who always agreed with the circumstances mentioned by his master, and more particularly in relation to their having visited the sources of the Nile; which the Baron Tott doubts of, from having had a conversation with this same Greek servant.

Mr Antes adds, "That Baron Tott staid but a few days at Cairo; and, from his short residence in that country, hath given several erroneous accounts relative to Egypt. Mr Antes, on the other hand, had almost daily conversations with Michael for several years, and often in relation to the sources of the Nile."

Lastly, "That after Mr Bruce left Cairo, Mr Antes had conversed with others who had known Mr Bruce in Abyssinia, and that he was there called *Maalim Jakube*, or Mr James."

After this state of facts, it is conceived that no one can entertain a reasonable doubt with regard to Mr Bruce's not only having visited, but resided long in Abyssinia; though it is remarkable that the Jesuits expressed the same doubts in relation to Poncet, who had continued there nearly as long as Mr Bruce. Poncet happened to be a layman; and the Jesuits, perhaps, would not approve of any narrative that did not come from father Benevent, who accompanied Poncet to Abyssinia, but unfortunately died there (*a*).

Driven, however, from this hold, the objectors will possibly retain their incredulity as to many particulars to be related.

The first of these is, the having visited the sources of the Nile; "which, from classical education, we cannot easily believe, as they were unknown to the ancients, though they had so great curiosity with regard to this discovery."

Many things, however, have been accomplished by travellers in modern times, which the ancients never could achieve, and which may be attributed to their want of enterprise (as travellers at least), of languages, and lastly the not being able to procure credit when in a distant country. Mr Bruce could not have continued so long as he did in Abyssinia, unless he had drawn from Gondar upon a merchant established at Cairo.

The difficulty, however, with regard to reaching the sources of the Nile, arises principally from the uncivilized state of Abyssinia, unless the traveller hath a proper introduction (*b*). When once this is procured, all difficulties seem to cease, as we find by Lobo's (*c*) account of this same discovery, and likewise by Pon-

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(*a*) It must be admitted, however, that we owe to the zeal of the Jesuits the best accounts we have both of China and Paraguay. Few laymen have been actuated so strongly for the promotion of geography and science as Mr Bruce; and we must therefore (upon the order of Jesuits being abolished) look up chiefly to the missionaries from the church of the *Unitas Fratrum*, who, though differing so totally in other respects, seem to have an equal ardour with the Jesuits for instructing the inhabitants of countries unfrequented by Europeans. Such missions are already established in West Greenland, the coast of Labrador, N. Lat. 56. the back settlements of Carolina and Pennsylvania, in India, Bengal, and the Nicobar islands. Those established on the coast of Labrador send over yearly meteorological Journals, which are communicated to the Royal Society. As for the dispute between Poncet and Maillet the French consul at Cairo, see *Mod. Univ. Hist.* vol. 6.

(*b*) The professing the knowledge of medicine was Poncet's introduction, and seems to have been that of Mr Bruce. Even in our own civilized country, how are quacks and mountebanks resorted to? And what an impression must Mr Bruce, with his magnificent and scientific apparatus, have made upon the inhabitants of such a country as Abyssinia?

(*c*) In father Telles's compilation. See also Ludolf, who describes the sources from Gregory, who was a native of Abyssinia. Father Payz was the first who visited them, A. D. 1622. His account of this is said to be in the archives

*Abyssinia.* cet's narrative, who was prevented by illness from visiting the very spot, but hath given an ample relation from an Abyssinian who had often been there. Poncet, moreover, had obtained leave from the emperor to make this journey, which he states as not being a distant one, and that the emperor hath a palace near the very sources.

If it be doubted whether Mr Bruce hath visited every source of the Nile, it may be answered, that perhaps no Englishman hath taken this trouble with regard to the sources of the Thames, which, like most other great rivers, is probably derived from many springs and rills in different directions.

The other objection which we have often heard, is, "That Mr Bruce hath mentioned in conversation, that the Abyssinians cut a slice from the living ox, esteeming it one of their greatest delicacies."

This sort of dainty, indeed, is not so considered in other parts of the globe; but every nation almost hath its peculiarities in the choice of their food. Do not we eat raw oysters within a second of their being separated from the shell? And do not we roast both them and lobsters whilst alive; the barbarity of which practice seems to equal that of the Abyssinians? Do not cooks skin eels whilst alive? And do not epicures crimp fish for the gratification of their appetites?

That the Abyssinians eat beef in a raw state, is agreed both by Lobo and Poncet; and the former says, *reeking* from the beast. Mr Antes, moreover, was told by a Franciscan monk, who went with the caravan from Abyssinia to Cairo (*d*), that he was witness of an ox being killed, and immediately devoured by the band of travellers.

One reason, perhaps, for this usage may be, the great heat of the climate, which will not permit meat to be kept a sufficient time to make it tender (as with us); and it is generally allowed, that a fowl, dressed immediately after it is killed, is in better order for eating than if it is kept four and twenty hours.

Is it therefore extraordinary, that an Abyssinian epicure may really find (or perhaps fancy) that a piece cut from the beast whilst alive, may be more tender, or have a better relish, than if it is previously killed by the butcher? To this may be added, that according to the information which has been received on this head, Mr Bruce's account of this practice is much misrepresented by the objectors, who suppose that the ox lives a considerable time after these pieces are cut from it. When these dainty bits, however, have been sent to the great man's table (and which are probably taken from the fleshy parts), the beast soon afterwards expires, when the first artery is cut, in providing slices for the numerous attendants.

Upon the whole, the not giving credit to a traveller, because he mentions an usage which is very different from ours (and is undoubtedly very barbarous), seems rather to argue ignorance than acuteness.

This brings to recollection the incredulity which

was shown to another distinguished traveller, Dr Shaw; *Abyssinia.* who having mentioned, in an Oxford common room, that *Abyssinian.* some of the Algerines were fond of lion's flesh, never could obtain any credit afterwards from his brother-fellows of the same college, though many of them were learned men. It is well known, however, though Dr Shaw states this same circumstance in the publication of his travels, that he is cited with the greatest approbation in almost every part of Europe. Sir William Temple somewhere mentions, that a Dutch governor of Batavia, who lived much with one of the most considerable inhabitants of Java, could never obtain any credit from him after having mentioned, that in Holland water became a solid body. The traveller who first saw a flying fish probably told every one of this extraordinary circumstance as soon as he set his foot on shore, and was probably discredited with regard to the other particulars of his voyage.

The natural cause and progress of the incredulity which a traveller generally experiences, seems to be the following:

When he returns from a distant and little frequented country, every one is impatient to hear his narrative; from which, of course, he selects the more striking parts, and particularly the usages which differ most from our own. Some of the audience, disbelieving what the traveller hath mentioned, put questions to him which show their distrust. The traveller by this treatment becomes irritated, and answers some of them peevishly, others ironically, of which the interrogators afterwards take advantage to his prejudice. Nothing is more irritating to an ingenuous person than to find his assertions are disbelieved. This is commonly experienced in the cross examinations of almost every witness. To the distresses of the traveller on his return, we may add, the being often teased by very ignorant questions.

ABYSSINIAN, in ecclesiastical history, is used as the name of a sect, or heresy, in the Christian church, established in the empire of Abyssinia. The Abyssinians are a branch of the Copts or Jacobites; with whom they agree in admitting but one nature in Jesus Christ, and rejecting the council of Chalcedon; whence they are also called Eutychiens, and stand opposed to the Melchites. They are only distinguished from the Copts, and other sects of Jacobites, by some peculiar national usages.—The Abyssinian sect or church is governed by a bishop or metropolitan styled *Abuna*, sent them by the Coptic patriarch of Alexandria residing at Cairo, who is the only person that ordains priests. The next dignity is that of *Komos*, or *Hegumenas*, who is a kind of arch-prefbyter. They have canons also, and monks: the former of whom marry; the latter, at their admission, vow celibacy, but with a reservation: these, it is said, make a promise aloud, before their superior, to keep chastity; but add, in a low voice, *as you keep it*. The emperor has a kind of supremacy in ecclesiastical matters. He alone

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archives of the College *de propaganda fide* at Rome. It is believed that there are many other curious particulars for the illustration of geography to be found in the same depository. Dr Shaw mentions, moreover, some papers of Lippi (who accompanied the French embassy into Abyssinia, A. D. 1704), which are to be found in the botanical library at Oxford.

(*d*) This points out another channel by which a traveller of enterprise may visit Abyssinia.



**Abyssinia** alone takes cognifance of all ecclefiastical caufes, except  
 || some fmall ones referved to the judges; and confers  
**Acacalotl:** all benefices, except that of Abuna.—The Abyssinians  
 have at different times expreffed an inclination to be  
 reconciled to the fee of Rome; but rather out of  
 interest of ftate than any other motive. The emperor  
 David, or the queen regent on his behalf, wrote a  
 letter on this head to pope Clement VII. full of fub-  
 miffion, and demanding a patriarch from Rome to be  
 instructed by: which being complied with, he pub-  
 licly abjured the doctrine of Euty chius and Diofcorus  
 in 1626, and allowed the fupremacy of the pope.—  
 Under the emperor Sultan Seghed all was undone again;  
 the Romifh miffionaries fettled there had their churches  
 taken from them, and their new converts banifhed or  
 put to death. The congregation *de propaganda* have  
 made feveral attempts to revive the miffion, but to lit-  
 tle purpofe.—The doctrines and ritual of this feftary  
 form a ftrange compound of Judaifm, Chriftianity, and  
 fuperftition. They praftife circumcifion; and are faid  
 to extend the praftice to the females as well as males:  
 They obferve both Saturday and Sunday fabbaths:  
 they eat no meats prohibited by the law of Mofes:  
 women are obliged to the legal purifications: and bro-  
 thers marry their brothers wives, &c. On the other  
 hand, they celebrate the epiphany with peculiar fefti-  
 vity, in memory of Chrift's baptifm; when they plunge  
 and fport in ponds and rivers; which has occafioned  
 fome to affirm that they were baptized anew every  
 year. Among the faints-days is one confecrated to Pi-  
 late and his wife; by reafon Pilate washed his hands  
 before he pronounc'd fentence on Chrift, and his wife  
 defired him to have nothing to do with the blood of  
 that juft perfon. They have four lents: the great one  
 commences ten days earlier than ours, and is obferved  
 with much feverity, many abftaining therein even from  
 fifh, becaufe St. Paul fays there is one kind of flefh of  
 men, and another of fifhes. They allow of divorce,  
 which is eafily granted among them, and by the civil  
 judge; nor do their civil laws prohibit polygamy it-  
 felf. They have at leaft as many miracles and legends  
 of faints as the Romifh church; which proved no fmall  
 embarrassment to the Jefuit miffionaries, to whom they  
 produced fo many miracles, wrought by their faints,  
 in proof of their religion, and thofe fo well circum-  
 ftantiated and attested, that the Jefuits were obliged to  
 deny miracles to be any proof of a true religion; and  
 in proof hereof to allege the fame arguments againft  
 the Abyssinians, which Proteftants in Europe allege a-  
 gainft Papifts. They pray for the dead, and invoke  
 faints and angels; have fo great a veneration for the  
 virgin, that they charged the Jefuits with not render-  
 ing her honour enough. Images in painting they ve-  
 nerate; but abhor all thofe in relievo, except the crofs.  
 They hold that the foul of man is not created; be-  
 caufe, fay they, God finifhed all his work on the fixth  
 day. They admit the apocryphal books, and the ca-  
 nons of the apoftles, as well as the apoftolical conftitu-  
 tions, for genuine. Their liturgy is given by Alvarez,  
 and in Englifh by Pagit.

ACA, ACE, or ACON, a town of Phœnicia, on the  
 Mediterranean; afterwards called *Ptolemais*; now *Acre*.

ACACALOTL, the Brafilian name of a bird called  
 by fome *corvus aquaticus*, or the water-raven: proper-  
 ly, the pelicanus carbo, or corvorant. See PELICANUS.

ACACIA, EGYPTIAN THORN, or BINDING BEAN-  
 TREE, in botany, a fpecies of Mimofa, according to  
 Linnæus; tho' other botanifts make it a diftinct genus.  
 See MIMOSA.

Acacia.

The flowers of a fpecies of the *acacia* are ufed by  
 the Chinefe in making that yellow, which we fee  
 bears washing in their filks and ftuffs, and appears  
 with fo much elegance in their painting on paper. The  
 method is this:

They gather the flowers before they are fully open;  
 thefe they put into a clean earthen vefel over a gentle  
 heat, and ftir them continually about, as they do the  
 tea-leaves; till they become dryifh and of a yellow co-  
 lour; then to half a pound of the flowers they add  
 three fpoonfuls of fair water, and after that a little  
 more, till there is juft enough to hold the flowers in-  
 corporated together: they boil this for fome time, and  
 the juice of the flowers mixing with the water, it be-  
 comes thick and yellow; they then take it from the  
 fire, and ftain it through a piece of coarfe filk. To  
 the liquor they add half an ounce of common alum,  
 and an ounce of calcined oyster-shells reduced to a fine  
 powder. All is then well mixed together; and this is  
 the fine lafting yellow they have fo long ufed.

The dyers of large pieces ufe the flowers and feeds  
 of the *acacia* for dying three different forts of yellow.  
 They roaft the flowers, as before obferved; and then  
 mix the feeds with them, which muft be gathered for  
 this purpofe when full ripe: by different admixture of  
 thefe, they give the different fhades of colour, only  
 for the deepeft of all they give a fmall mixture of Bra-  
 zil wood.

Mr. Geoffroy attributes the origin of bezoar to the  
 feeds of this plant: which being broufed by certain  
 animals, and vellicating the ftomach by their great  
 fourncfs and astringency, caufe a condensation of the  
 juices, till at length they become coated over with a  
 ftony matter, which we call BEZOAR.

*Falfe ACACIA.* See ROBINIA.

*Three-thorned ACACIA,* or *Honey-locuft.* See GLE-  
 DISTIA.

ACACIA, in the Materia Medica, the inffiffated juice  
 of the unripe fruit of the *MIMOSA Nilotica*.

This juice is brought from Egypt, in roundifh ma-  
 fhes, wrapt up in thin bladders. It is outwardly of a  
 deep brown colour, inclining to black; inwardly of a  
 reddifh or yellowifh brown; of a firm confiftence, but  
 not very dry. It foon foftens in the mouth, and dif-  
 covers a rough, not difagreeable tafte, which is fol-  
 lowed by a fweetifh relifh. This inffiffated juice en-  
 tirely diffolves in watery liquors; but is fcarce fenfibly  
 acted on by rectified fpirit.

Acacia is a mild astringent medicine. The Eryp-  
 tians give it in fputting of blood, in the quantity of a  
 dram, diffolved in any convenient liquor; and repeat  
 this dofe occasionally: they likewife employ it in col-  
 lyria for ftrengthening the eyes, and in gargarifms for  
 quinfeyes. Among us, it is little otherwife ufed than  
 as an ingredient in mithridate and theriaca, and is rarc-  
 ly met with in the fhop. What is ufually fold for the  
 Egyptian acacia, is the inffiffated juice of unripe flocs:  
 this is harder, heavier, of a darker colour, and fome-  
 what fharper tafte, than the true fort. See the next  
 article.

*German ACACIA,* the juice of unripe flocs inffiffated  
 nearly

Acacia nearly to dryness over a gentle fire, care being taken to prevent its burning. It is moderately astringent, similar to the Egyptian acacia, for which it has been commonly substituted in the shops. It is given in fluxes, and other disorders where styptic medicines are indicated, from a scruple to a dram.

ACACIA, among antiquaries, something resembling a roll or bag, seen on medals, as in the hands of several consuls and emperors. Some take it to represent a handkerchief rolled up, wherewith they made signals at the games; others, a roll of petitions or memorials; and some, a purple bag full of earth, to remind them of their mortality.

ACACIANS, in ecclesiastical history, the name of several sects of heretics; some of which maintained, that the Son was only a similar, not the same, substance with the Father; and others, that he was not only a distinct, but a dissimilar, substance. Two of these sects had their denomination from Acacius bishop of Cæsarea, who lived in the fourth century, and changed his opinions, so as, at different times, to be head of both. Another was named from Acacius patriarch of Constantinople, who lived in the close of the fifth century.

ACACIUS, surnamed Luscus, because he was blind of one eye, was bishop of Cæsarea in Palestine, and succeeded the famous Eusebius: he had a great share in the banishment of pope Liberius, and bringing Felix to the see of Rome. He gave name to a sect, and died about the year 365. He wrote the life of Eusebius, and several other works.

ACACIUS (St.), bishop of Amida, in Mesopotomia, in 420, was distinguished by his piety and charity. He sold the plate belonging to his church, to redeem seven thousand Persian slaves, who were ready to die with want and misery; and giving each of them some money, sent them home. Veranius, their king, was so affected with this noble instance of benevolence, that he desired to see the bishop; and this interview procured a peace between that prince and Theodosius I.

There have been several other eminent persons of the same name: particularly, A martyr under the emperor Decius: A patriarch of Antioch, who succeeded Basil in 453, and died in 459: A bishop of Milctum in the fifth century: A famous rhetorician in the reign of the emperor Julian: and, A patriarch of Constantinople in the fifth century; who was ambitious to draw the whole power and authority of Rome by degrees to Constantinople, for which he was delivered over irretrievably to the devil by pope Felix III.

ACAD, or ACHAD, (anc. geog.) the town in which Nimrod reigned, called *Archad* by the seventy; situated in Babylonia, to the eastward of the Tigris.

ACADEMICIAN, or ACADEMIST, a member of an academy. See ACADEMY in a modern sense.

ACADEMICS, or ACADEMISTS, a denomination given to the cultivators of a species of philosophy originally derived from Socrates, and afterwards illustrated and enforced by Plato, who taught in a grove near Athens, consecrated to the memory of *Academos*, an Athenian hero; from which circumstance this philosophy received the name of *academical*. Before the days of Plato, philosophy had in a great measure fallen into contempt. The contradictory systems and hypotheses which had successively been urged upon the

world, were become so numerous, that from a view of this inconstancy and uncertainty of human opinions, many were led to conclude, that truth lay beyond the reach of our comprehension. Absolute and universal scepticism was the natural consequence of this conclusion. In order to remedy this abuse of philosophy and of the human faculties, Plato laid hold of the principles of the academical philosophy; and, in his *Phædo*, reasons in the following manner. "If we are unable to discover truth (says he), it must be owing to two circumstances: either there is no truth in the nature of things; or the mind, from a defect in its powers, is not able to apprehend it. Upon the latter supposition, all the uncertainty and fluctuation in the opinions and judgments of mankind admit of an easy solution:—Let us therefore be modest, and ascribe our errors to the real weakness of our own minds, and not to the nature of things themselves. Truth is often difficult of access: in order to come at it, we must proceed with caution and diffidence, carefully examining every step; and, after all our labour, we will frequently find our greatest efforts disappointed, and be obliged to confess our ignorance and weakness."

Labour and caution in their researches, in opposition to rash and hasty decisions, were the distinguishing characteristics of the disciples of the ancient academy. A philosopher, possessed of these principles, will be slow in his progress; but will seldom fall into errors, or have occasion to alter his opinion after it is once formed. Vanity and precipitance are the great sources of scepticism: Hurried on by these, instead of attending to the cool and deliberate principles recommended by the academy, several modern philosophers have plunged themselves into an absurd and ridiculous kind of scepticism. They pretend to discredit subjects that are plain, simple, and easily comprehended; but give peremptory and decisive judgments upon things that evidently exceed the limits of our capacity. Of these, Berkley and Hume are the most considerable. Berkley denied the existence of every thing, excepting his own ideas. Mr. Hume has gone a step farther, and questioned even the existence of ideas; but at the same time has not hesitated to give determined opinions with regard to eternity, providence, and a future state, miraculous interpositions of the Deity, &c. subjects far above the reach of our faculties. In his essay on the academical or sceptical philosophy, he has confounded two very opposite species of philosophy. After the days of Plato, indeed, the principles of the first academy were grossly corrupted by Arcesilaus, Carneades, &c. This might lead Mr. Hume into the notion that the *academical* and *sceptical* philosophy were synonymous terms. But no principles can be of a more opposite nature than those which were inculcated by the old academy of Socrates and Plato, and the sceptical notions which were propagated by Arcesilaus, Carneades, and the other disciples of the succeeding academics.

ACADEMY, in antiquity, a garden, villa, or grove, situated within a mile of Athens, where Plato and his followers held their philosophical conferences. It took its name from one *Academos*, or *Ecademos*, who was the original owner of it, and made it a kind of gymnasium: he lived in the time of *Thesius*; and, after his death, it retained his name, and was consecrated to his

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*Academies.* his memory. Cimon embellished it with fountains, trees, and walks; but Sylla, during the siege of Athens, employed these very trees in making battering engines against the city. Cicero too had his villa, or place of retirement, near Puzzuoli, which he also named an *academy*, where he composed his *Academical questions*, and his book *De natura deorum*.

ACADEMY, among the moderns, is most commonly used to signify a SOCIETY of learned men, established for the improvement of any art or science, and generally under the protection of a prince.

The first Academy we read of, was established by Charlemagne, at the instigation of ALCUIN. It was composed of the chief wits of the court, the emperor himself being a member. In their academical conferences, every person was to give an account of what ancient authors he had read; and each even assumed the name of some ancient author who pleased him most, or some celebrated person of antiquity. Alcuin, from whose letters we learn these particulars, took that of Flaccus, the surname of Horace: a young lord, named Angilbert, took that of Homer: Adelaïd, bishop of Gorbie, was called Augustin: Riculfe, bishop of Mentz, was Dametas; and the king himself, David. This shows the mistake of some modern writers, who relate, that it was in conformity with the genius of the learned men of those times, who were great admirers of Roman names, that Alcuin took the name of Flaccus Albinus.

Most nations have now their academies; but Italy has the greatest number.—The French have many flourishing academies, most of which were established by Louis XIV.—There are but few in Britain; and those of chiefest note go by a different name. See the article SOCIETY.

In giving an account of the principal Academies, it seems most proper to arrange them according to their subjects.

I. *MEDICAL Academies*, as that of the *Naturæ Curiosæ* in Germany; that founded at Palermo in 1645; another at Venice in 1701, which meets weekly in a hall near the grand hospital; another at Geneva in 1715, in the house of M. Le Clerc. The colleges of physicians at London and Edinburgh are also, by some, ranked in the number of *Academies*.

The Academy of *Naturæ Curiosæ*, called also the Leopoldine Academy, was founded in 1652 by Jo. Laur. Bauschius, a physician; who, in imitation of the English, published an invitation to all physicians to communicate their extraordinary cases; and, meeting with success, was elected president. Their works were at first published separately; but in 1670 a new scheme was laid for publishing a volume of observations every year. The first volume appeared in 1684, under the title of *Ephemerides*, and the work has been continued with some interruptions and variations of the title, &c. In 1687; the emperor Leopold took the society under his protection, granting the members several privileges, particularly that their presidents should be counts palatine of the holy Roman empire. This academy has no fixed residence, nor regular assemblies: instead of these, there is a kind of bureau, or office, first established at Breslau, and afterwards removed to Nuremberg, where letters, observations, &c. from correspondents or members are taken in. The academy consists of a

president, two adjuncts or secretaries, and colleagues or *Academies*. members without restriction. The colleagues, at their admission, oblige themselves to two things: first, to choose some subject out of the animal, vegetable, or mineral kingdom, to handle, provided it had not been treated of by any colleague before; the second, to apply themselves to furnish materials for the Annual *Ephemerides*. Each member to wear a symbol of the academy; *viz.* a gold ring; whereon, instead of a stone, is a book open, and, on the face thereof, an eye; on the other side the motto of the academy, *Nunquam otiosus*.

II. *CHIRURGICAL Academies*; as that instituted some years ago, by public authority, at Paris: the members of which were not only to publish their own and correspondents observations and improvements; but to give an account of all that is published on surgery, and to compose a complete history of the art, by their extracts from all the authors ancient and modern who have wrote on it. A question in surgery is annually proposed by the academy, and a gold medal of 200 livres value given to him who furnishes the most satisfactory answer.

*Academy of Surgery at Vienna*, was instituted some years ago by the present emperor, under the direction of the celebrated Brambilla. In this there were at first only two professors; and to their charge the instruction of 130 young men was committed, 30 of whom had formerly been surgeons in the army. But of late the number both of the teachers and pupils has been considerably increased. Gabriëli has been appointed to teach pathology and practice; Bœcking, anatomy, physiology, and physics; Streit, medical and pharmaceutical surgery; Hunczowsky, surgical operations, midwifery, and the *chirurgia forensis*; and Plenck, chemistry and botany. To these also has been added, Beindl; as professor and extraordinary professor of surgery and anatomy. Besides this, the emperor, with his usual liberality, has provided a large and splendid edifice in Vienna, which affords habitation both for the teachers, the students, pregnant women, patients for clinical lectures, and servants. He has also purchased for the use of this academy a medical library, which is open every day; a complete set of surgical instruments; an apparatus for experiments in natural philosophy; a collection of natural history; a number of anatomical and pathological preparations; a collection of preparations in wax brought from Florence; and a variety of other useful articles. Adjoining to the building also there is a good botanical garden.

Among other parts of this institution, three prize-medals, each of the value of 40 florins, are to be annually bestowed on those students who return the best answer to questions proposed the year before. These prizes are not entirely founded by the emperor, but are in part owing to the liberality of Brendellius the protochirurgus at Vienna.

III. *ECCLESIASTICAL Academies*; as that of Bologna in Italy, instituted in 1687, employed in the examination of the doctrine, discipline, and history, of each age of the church.

IV. *COSMOGRAPHICAL Academies*; as that at Venice, called the *Argonauts*. This was instituted at the solicitation of F. Coronelli, for the improvement of geographical knowledge. Its design was to publish exact maps, both celestial and terrestrial, as well particular

Academy. ticular as general, together with geographical, historical, and astronomical descriptions. Each member, in order to defray the expence of such a publication, was to subscribe a proportional sum, for which they were to receive one or more copies of each piece published. For this end three societies are settled; one under F. Moro, provincial of the minorities in Hungary; another under the abbot Laurence au Rue Payenne au Marais; the third under F. Baldigiani, Jesuit, professor of mathematics in the Roman college. The device of this academy is the terraqueous globe, with the motto *Plus ultra*; and at its expence all the globes, maps, and geographical writings of F. Coronelli, have been published.

V. *Academies of SCIENCES*.—These comprehend such as are erected for improving natural and mathematical knowledge. They are otherwise called *Philosophical* and *Physical* academies.

The first of these was instituted at Naples, about the year 1560, in the house of Baptista Porta. It was called the *Academy Secretorum Naturæ*; and was succeeded by the *Academy of Lyncei*, founded at Rome by Prince Frederic Cesi, towards the end of that century. Several of the members of this academy rendered it famous by their discoveries; among these was the celebrated Galileo. Several other academies were instituted about that time, which contributed greatly to the advancement of the sciences; but none of them comparable to that of the *Lyncei*.

Some years after the death of Toricelli, the *Academy del Cimento* made its appearance, under the protection of Prince Leopold, afterwards Cardinal de Medicis. Redi was one of its chief members; and the studies pursued by the rest may be collected from those curious experiments published in 1667, by their secretary Count Laurence Magulotti, under the title of *Saggi di Naturali Esperienze*; a copy of which was presented to the Royal Society, translated into English by Mr Waller, and published at London in 4to.

The *Academy degl'Inquieti*, afterwards incorporated into that of Della Tracia in the same city, followed the example of that of Del Cimento. Some excellent discourses on physical and mathematical subjects, by Geminiano Montenari, one of the chief members, were published in 1667, under the title of *Persieri Fisico Matematici*.

The *Academy of Rossano*, in the kingdom of Naples, was originally an academy of Belles Letters, founded in 1540, and transformed into an Academy of Sciences in 1695 at the solicitation of the learned abbot Don Giacinto Gimma; who being made president, under the title of Promoter General thereof, gave them a new set of regulations. He divided the academists into the following classes: Grammarians, Rhetoricians, Poets, Historians, Philosophers, Physicians, Mathematicians, Lawyers, and Divines, with a class apart for Cardinals and persons of quality. To be admitted a member, a man must have some degrees in the faculty. The members are not allowed to take the title of *Academists* in the beginning of their books, without a written permission from their president, which is not granted till the work has been examined by the censors of the academy; and the permission is the greatest honour the academy can confer, as they thereby adopt the work, and are answerable for it against all criti-

cisms that may be made upon it. To this law the president or promoter himself is subject; and no academist is allowed to publish any thing against the writings of another without leave from the society.

Several other Academies of *Sciences* have been founded in Italy; but, for want of being supported by princes, did not continue long. The loss of them, however, was abundantly repaired by the institution of others still subsisting; such as, the *Academy of Filarmenici* at Verona; of *Ricovatri* at Padua, where a learned discourse on the origin of springs was delivered by Sig. Vallisnieri, first professor of physic in the university of that city, and which was afterwards printed. To the Academy of the *Muti de Riggio*, at Modena, the same Sig. Vallisnieri presented an excellent discourse on the scale of created beings, since inserted in his history of the generation of man and animals printed at Venice in the year 1721.

F. Merfenne is said to have given the first idea of a philosophical academy in France, towards the beginning of the 17th century, by the conferences of naturalists and mathematicians occasionally held at his lodgings; at which Gassendi, Des Cartes, Hobbes, Roberval, Pascal, Blondel, and others assisted. F. Merfenne proposed to each certain problems to examine, or certain experiments to be made. These private assemblies were succeeded by more public ones, formed by Mr Montmort, and Mr Thevenot the celebrated traveller. The French example animated several Englishmen of distinction and learning to erect a kind of philosophical academy at Oxford, towards the close of Oliver Cromwell's administration; which, after the Restoration, was erected into a Royal Society. See SOCIETY. The English example, in its turn, animated the French. Lewis XIV. in 1666, assisted by the counsels of Mr Colbert, founded an academy of sciences at Paris, with a sufficient revenue to defray the charge of experiments, and salaries to the members.

*Royal Academy of Sciences*. After the peace of the Pyrenees, Lewis XIV. being desirous of establishing the arts, sciences, and literature, upon a solid foundation, directed M. Colbert to form a society of men of known abilities and experience in the different branches, who should meet together under the king's protection, and communicate their respective discoveries. Accordingly Mr Colbert, having conferred with those who were at that time most celebrated for their learning, resolved to form a society of such persons as were conversant in natural philosophy and mathematics, to join to them other persons skilled in history and other branches of erudition, along with those who were entirely engaged in what are called the *Belles Lettres*, grammar, eloquence, and poetry. The geometers and natural philosophers were ordered to meet on Tuesdays and Saturdays, in a great hall of the king's library, where the books of mathematics and natural philosophy were contained; the learned in history to assemble on Mondays and Thursdays, in the hall where the books of history are contained; and the class of Belles Lettres to assemble on Wednesdays and Fridays. All the different classes were likewise ordered to meet together upon the first Thursday of every month; and, by their respective secretaries, make a report of the proceedings of the foregoing month.

In a short time, however, the classes of History, Belles

Academies. Belles Letters, &c. were united to the *French Academy*, which was originally instituted for the improvement and refining the French language; so that the royal Academy contained only two classes, viz. that of natural philosophy and mathematics.

In 1696, the king, by a proclamation dated the 26th of January, gave this Academy a new form, and put it upon a more respectable footing. It was now to be composed of four kinds of members, viz. *honorary, pensionary associates, and eleves*. These last were a kind of pupils, or scholars, each of whom was attached to one of the pensionaries. The first class to contain ten persons, and each of the rest twenty. The honorary academists to be all inhabitants of France; the pensionaries all to reside at Paris; eight of the associates allowed to be foreigners; and the eleves all to live at Paris. The officers to be, a president named by the king, out of the class of honorary academists; and a secretary and treasurer to be perpetual. Of the pensionaries, three to be geometricians, three astronomers, three mechanics, three anatomists, three chemists, three botanists, and the remaining two to be secretary and treasurer. Of the twelve associates, two to apply themselves to geometry, two to botany, and two to chemistry. The eleves to apply themselves to the same kind of science with the pensionaries they were attached to; and not to speak, except when called by the president. No regular or religious to be admitted, except into the class of honorary academists; nor any person to be admitted either for associate or pensionary, unless known by some considerable printed work, some machine, or other discovery. The assemblies were held on Wednesdays and Saturdays, unless either of them happened to be a holiday, and then the assembly was held on the preceding day.—To encourage the members to pursue their labours, the king engaged not only to pay the ordinary pensions, but even to give extraordinary gratifications, according to the merit of their respective performances; furnishing withal the expence of the experiments and other inquiries necessary to be made. If any member gave in a bill of charges of experiments he had made, or desiring the printing of any book, and brought in the charges of gravings, the money was immediately paid by the king, upon the president's allowing and signing the bill. So, if an anatomist required live tortoises, for instance, for making experiments about the heart, &c. as many as he pleased were brought him at the king's charge. Their motto was, *Invenit et perfecit*.

In the year 1716, the duke of Orleans, then regent, made an alteration in their constitution; augmenting the number of honoraries, and of associates capable of being foreigners, to 12; admitting regulars among such associates; and suppressing the class of eleves, as it appeared to be attended with some inconveniences, particularly that of making too great an inequality among the academists, and being productive of some misunderstandings and animosities among the members. At the same time he created other two classes; one consisting of 12 adjuncts, who, as well as the associates, were allowed a deliberative voice in matters relative to science; and the other six free associates, who were not attached to any particular science, nor obliged to pursue any particular work.

Since its re-establishment in 1696, this academy has

been very exact in publishing, every year, a volume containing either the works of its own members, or such memoirs as have been composed and read to the academy during the course of that year. To each volume is prefixed the history of the academy, or an extract of the memoirs, and, in general, of whatever has been read or said in the academy; at the end of the history, are the eulogiums on such academists as have died that year.—M. Rouille de Meslay, counsellor to the parliament of Paris, founded two prizes, one of 2500, and the other of 2000 livres, which are alternately distributed by the parliament every year: the subject for the first must relate to physical astronomy, and those for the latter to navigation and commerce.

Notwithstanding the advantages which the members of this academy enjoy over others, in having their expences defrayed, and even being paid for their time and attendance, they have fallen under some imputations, particularly that of plagiarism, or borrowing their neighbours inventions; but with what justice we do not say.

The French have also considerable academies in most of their great cities: as, at Montpellier, a royal academy of sciences on the like footing as that at Paris, being as it were a counterpart thereof; at Thoulouse, an academy under the denomination of Lanternists; others at Nismes, Arles, Lyons, Dijon, Bourdeaux, &c.

*The Royal Academy of Sciences at Berlin* was founded in 1700, by Frederic II. king of Prussia, on the model of that of England; excepting that, besides natural knowledge, it likewise comprehends the Belles Lettres. In 1710, it was ordained that the president shall be one of the counsellors of state, and nominated by the king. The members were divided into four classes; the first for prosecuting physics, medicine, and chemistry; the second for mathematics, astronomy, and mechanics; the third for the German language and the history of the country; the fourth for oriental learning, particularly as it may concern the propagation of the gospel among infidels. Each class to elect a director for themselves, who shall hold his post for life. The members of any of the classes have free admission into the assemblies of any of the rest.

The great promoter of this institution was the celebrated Mr Leibnitz, who accordingly was made the first director. The first volume of their transactions was published in 1710, under the title of *Miscellanea Berolinensia*; and though they received but few marks of the royal favour for some time, they continued to publish new volumes in 1723, 1727, 1734, and 1740. At last, however, Frederic III. the late king of Prussia, gave new vigour to this academy, by inviting to Berlin such foreigners as were most distinguished for their merit in literature, and encouraged his subjects to prosecute the study and cultivation of the sciences by giving ample rewards; and thinking that the academy, which till that time had had some minister or opulent nobleman for its president, would find an advantage in having a man of letters at its head, he conferred that honour on M. Maupertuis. At the same time, he gave a new regulation to the academy, and took upon himself the title of its protector.

The academists hold two public assemblies annually; one in January, on the late king's birth day; and the other

Academies. other in May, on the day of his accession to the throne. At the latter of these is given, as a prize, a gold medal of 50 ducats value: the subject for this prize is successively, natural philosophy, mathematics, metaphysics, and erudition.

*The Imperial Academy of Sciences at Petersburg* was projected by Czar Peter the Great. That great monarch having, during his travels, observed the advantage of public societies for the encouragement and promotion of literature, formed the design of founding an academy of sciences at St Petersburg. By the advice of Wolf and Leibnitz, whom he consulted on this occasion, the society was regulated, and several learned foreigners were invited to become members. Peter himself drew the plan, and signed it on the 10th of February 1724; but was prevented, by the suddenness of his death, from carrying it into execution. His decease, however, did not prevent its completion: for on the 21st of December 1725, Catharine I. established it according to Peter's plan; and on the 27th of the same month the society was first assembled. On the 1st of August 1726, Catharine honoured the meeting with her presence, when professor Bulfinger, a German naturalist of great eminence, pronounced an oration upon the advances made by the loadstone and needle for the discovery of the longitude.

The empress settled a fund of 4982l. *per annum* for the support of the academy; and fifteen members, all eminent for their learning and talents, were admitted and pensioned, under the title of Professors, in the various branches of literature and science. The most distinguished of these professors were Nicholas and Daniel Bernoulli, the two De Lilles, Bulfinger, and Wolf.

During the short reign of Peter II. the salaries of the members were discontinued, and the academy was utterly neglected by the court; but it was again patronized by the empress Anne, who even added a seminary for the education of youth, under the superintendance of the professors. Both institutions flourished for some time under the direction of Baron Korf; but upon his death, towards the latter end of Anne's reign, an ignorant person being appointed president, many of the most able members quitted Russia. At the accession of Elizabeth, new life and vigour were again restored to the academy: the original plan was enlarged and improved; some of the most learned foreigners were again drawn to Petersburg; and, what was considered as a good omen for the literature of Russia, two natives, Lomonosof and Rumovsky, men of genius and abilities, who had prosecuted their studies in foreign universities, were enrolled among its members. The annual income was increased to 10,659l. and soon afterwards the new institution took place.

The present empress Catharine III. with her usual zeal for promoting the diffusion of knowledge, has taken this useful society under her more immediate protection. She has altered the court of directors greatly to the advantage of the whole body; she has corrected many abuses, and has infused a new spirit into their researches. By her Majesty's particular recommendation, the most ingenious professors have visited the various provinces of her vast dominions; and as the fund of the academy was not sufficient to supply the whole expence of these several expeditions, the empress be-

stowed a largess of 2000l. which she has renewed as Academies. occasion has required.

The purpose and intent of these travels will appear from the instructions given by the academy to the several persons who were engaged in them. They were ordered to pursue their inquiries upon the different sorts of earths and waters; upon the best methods of cultivating the barren and desert spots; upon the local disorders incident to men and animals, and the most efficacious means of relieving them; upon the breeding of cattle, and particularly of sheep; on the rearing of bees and silk-worms; on the different places and objects for fishing and hunting; on minerals; on the arts and trades; and on forming a Flora Russica, or collection of indigenous plants: they were particularly instructed to rectify the longitude and latitude of the principal towns; to make astronomical, geographical, and meteorological observations; to trace the course of the rivers; to make the most exact charts; and to be very distinct and accurate in remarking and describing the manners and customs of the different people, their dresses, languages, antiquities, traditions, history, religion; and, in a word, to gain every information which might tend to illustrate the real state of the whole Russian empire.

In consequence of these expeditions, perhaps no country can boast, within the space of so few years, such a number of excellent publications on its internal state, on its natural productions, on its topography, geography, and history; on the manners, customs, and languages of the different people, as have issued from the press of this academy.

The first transactions of this society were published in 1728, and entitled, *Commentarii Academiae Scientiarum Imperialis Petropolitanae ad an. 1726*, with a dedication to Peter II. The publication was continued under this form until the year 1747, when its transactions were called *Novi Commentarii Academiae*, &c. In 1777 the academy again changed the title into *Acta Academiae Scientiarum Imperialis Petropolitanae*, and likewise made some alteration in the arrangement and plan of the work. The papers, which had been hitherto published in the Latin tongue, are now written either in that language or French; and a preface is added, styled *Partie Historique*, which contains an account of its proceedings, meetings, admission of new members, and other remarkable occurrences. Of the Commentaries, 14 volumes were published: the first of the New Commentaries made its appearance in 1750, and the twentieth in 1776. Under the new title of *Acta Academiae*, several volumes have been given to the public, and two are printed every year. These transactions abound with ingenious and elaborate disquisitions upon various parts of science and natural history, and which reflect the greatest honour upon their authors; and it may not be an exaggeration to assert, that no society in Europe has more distinguished itself for the excellence of its publications, and particularly in the more abstruse parts of the pure and mixed mathematics.

The academy is still composed, as at first, of fifteen professors, beside the president and director. Each of these professors has a house and an annual stipend from 200l. to 600l. Beside the professors, there are four adjuncts, who are pensioned, and who are present at the

Academies the fittings of the society, and succeed to the first vacancies.—The direction of the academy is at present consigned to the Princess Dashkof.

The building and apparatus of this academy are extraordinary. There is a fine library, consisting of 36000 curious books and manuscripts.—There is an extensive museum, in which the various branches of natural history, &c. are distributed in different apartments: it is extremely rich in native productions, having been considerably augmented with a variety of specimens collected by Pallas, Gmelin, Guldenshaedt, and other learned professors, during their late expeditions through the Russian empire. The stuffed animals and birds occupy one apartment. The chamber of rarities, the cabinet of coins, &c. contain innumerable articles of the highest curiosity and value. The society has this modest motto, *Paulatim*.

*The Academy of Sciences at Bologna*, called the *Institute of Bologna*, was founded by count Marfigli in 1712, for the cultivating of physics, mathematics, medicine, chemistry, and natural history. Its history is written by M. de Limiers, from memoirs furnished by the founder himself.

*The Academy of Sciences at Stockholm*, or *Royal Swedish Academy*, owes its institution to six persons of distinguished learning, amongst whom was the celebrated Linnæus: they originally met on the 2d of June 1739, formed a private society, in which some dissertations were read; and in the latter end of the same year their first publication made its appearance. As the meetings continued and the members increased, the society attracted the notice of the king, and was, on the 31st of March 1741, incorporated under the name of the Royal Swedish Academy. Not receiving any pension from the crown, it is only under the protection of the king, being directed by its own members. It has now a large fund, which has chiefly arisen from legacies and other donations; but a professor of experimental philosophy, and two secretaries, are still the only persons who receive any salaries. Each of the members resident at Stockholm becomes president by rotation, and continues in office during three months. There are two species of members, native and foreign: the election of the former is held in April, and of the latter in July: no money is paid at the time of admission. The dissertations read at each meeting are collected and published four times in the year; they are written in the Swedish language, and printed in octavo, and the annual publications make a volume. The first forty volumes, which were finished in 1779, are called the *Old Transactions*; for in the following year the title was changed into that of *New Transactions*. The king is sometimes present at the ordinary meetings, and particularly at the annual assembly in April for the election of members. Any person who sends a treatise which is thought worthy of being printed, receives the transactions for that quarter *gratis*, and a silver medal, which is not esteemed for its value, being worth only three shillings, but for its rarity and the honour conveyed by it. All the papers belonging to agriculture are put forth separately, under the title of *Oeconomica Acta*. Annual premiums, in money and gold medals, principally for the encouragement of agriculture and inland trade, are also distributed by the academy. The

fund for these prizes is supplied from private donations. Academies

*The Royal Academy of Sciences at Copenhagen*, owes its institution to the zeal of six literati, whom Christian VI. in 1742, ordered to arrange his cabinet of medals. The count of Holstein was the first president; and the six persons who first formed the design, were John Gram, Joachim Frederic Ramus, Christian Louis Scheid, Mark Woldickey, Eric Pontopidan, and Bernard Moelman. These persons occasionally meeting for that purpose, extended their designs; associated with them others who were eminent in several branches of science; and forming a kind of literary society, employed themselves in searching into, and explaining the history and antiquities of their country. The count of Holstein warmly patronised this society, and recommended it so strongly to Christian VI. that, in 1743, his Danish Majesty took it under his protection, called it the Royal Academy of Sciences, endowed it with a fund, and ordered the members to join to their former pursuits, natural history, physics, and mathematics. In consequence of the royal favour, the members engaged with fresh zeal in their pursuits; and the academy has published fifteen volumes in the Danish language, some whereof have been translated into Latin.

*The American Academy of Sciences*, was established in 1780 by the council and house of representatives in the commonwealth of Massachusetts-Bay, for promoting the knowledge of the antiquities of America, and of the natural history of the country; for determining the uses to which its various natural productions might be applied; for encouraging medicinal discoveries, mathematical disquisitions, philosophical inquiries and experiments, astronomical, meteorological, and geographical observations, and improvements in agriculture, manufactures, and commerce; and, in short, for cultivating every art and science, which may tend to advance the interest, honour, dignity, and happiness, of a free, independent, and virtuous people.—The members of this academy are never to be more than 200, nor less than 40.

VI. *Academies or Schools of Arts*; as that at Peterburgh, which was established by the empress Elizabeth, at the suggestion of count Shuvalof, and annexed to the academy of sciences; the fund was 4000*l.* per annum, and the foundation for 40 scholars. The present empress has formed it into a separate institution, enlarged the annual revenue to 12,000*l.*, and augmented the number of scholars to 300; she has also constructed, for the use and accommodation of the members, a large circular building, which fronts the Neva. The scholars are admitted at the age of six, and continue until they have attained that of 18: they are clothed, fed, and lodged, at the expence of the crown. They are all instructed in reading and writing, arithmetic, the French and German languages, and drawing. At the age of 14 they are at liberty to choose any of the following arts, divided into four classes. 1. Painting in all its branches of history, portraits, battles, and landscapes; architecture; Mosaic; enamelling, &c. 2. Engraving on copperplates, seal-cutting, &c. 3. Carving in wood, ivory, and amber. 4. Watch-making, turning, instrument-making, casting statues in bronze and other metals, imitating gems and medals in paste and other

Academies other compositions, gilding, and varnishing. Prizes are annually distributed to those who excel in any particular art: and from those who have obtained four prizes, twelve are selected, who are sent abroad at the charge of the empress. A certain sum is paid to defray their travelling expences; and when they are settled in any town, they receive an annual salary of 60*l.* which is continued during four years. There is a small assortment of paintings for the use of the scholars; and those who have made great progress are permitted to copy the pictures in the empress's collection. For the purpose of design, there are models in plaster, of the best antique statues in Italy, all done at Rome, of the same size with the originals, which the artists of the academy were employed to cast in bronze.

*The Royal Academy of Arts in London*, was instituted for the encouragement of Designing, Painting, Sculpture, &c. &c. in the year 1763. This academy is under the immediate patronage of the king, and under the direction of 40 artists of the first rank in their several professions. It furnishes, in winter, living models of different characters to draw after; and, in summer, models of the same kind to paint after. Nine of the ablest academicians are annually elected out of the 40, whose business is to attend by rotation, to set the figures, to examine the performance of the students, and to give them necessary instructions. There are likewise four professors, of *Painting*, of *Architecture*, of *Anatomy*, and of *Perspective*, who annually read public lectures on the subjects of their several departments; beside a president, a council, and other officers. The admission to this academy is free to all students properly qualified to reap advantage from the studies cultivated in it; and there is an annual exhibition of paintings, sculptures, and designs, open to all artists of distinguished merit.

*The Academy of Painting and Sculpture at Paris*. This took its rise from the disputes that happened between the master painters and sculptors in that capital; in consequence of which, M. Le Brun, Sarazin, Corneille, and others of the king's painters, formed a design of instituting a particular academy; and, having presented a petition to the king, obtained an arret dated Jan. 20, 1648. In the beginning of 1655, they obtained from cardinal Mazarin a brevet, and letters patent, which were registered in parliament; in gratitude for which favour, they chose the cardinal for their protector, and the chancellor for their vice-protector. In 1663, by means of M. Colbert, they obtained a pension of 4000 livres. The academy consists of a protector; a vice-protector; a director; a chanceller; four rectors; adjuncts to the rectors; a treasurer, four professors, one of which is professor of anatomy, and another of geometry; several adjuncts and counsellors, an historiographer, a secretary and two ushers.

The Academy of Painting holds a public assembly every day for two hours in the afternoon, to which the painters resort either to design or to paint, and where the sculptors model after a naked person. There are 12 professors, each of whom keeps the school for a month; and there are 12 adjuncts to supply them in case of need. The professor upon duty places the naked man as he thinks proper, and sets him in two different attitudes every week. This is what they call *setting the model*. In one week of the month he sets two models

together, which is called *setting the group*. The paintings and models made after this model, are called *academics*, or *academy-figures*. They have likewise a woman who stands for a model in the public school. Every three months, three prizes for design are distributed among the *eleves* or disciples; two others for painting, and two for sculpture, every year.

There is also an Academy of Painting, Sculpture, &c. at Rome, established by Lewis XIV. wherein those who have gained the annual prize at Paris are intitled to be three years entertained at the king's expence, for their further improvement.

*The Academy of Architecture*, established by M. Colbert in 1671, consisting of a company of skilful architects, under the direction of the superintendant of the buildings.

*The Academy of Dancing*, erected by Lewis XIV. with privileges above all the rest.

VII. *Academies of LAW*; as that famous one at Beryta, and that of the Sienties at Bologna.

VIII. *Academies of HISTORY*; as the *Royal Academy of Portuguese History at Lisbon*. This academy was instituted by king John V. in 1720. It consists of a director, four censors, a secretary, and 50 members; to each of whom is assigned some part of the ecclesiastical or civil history of the nation, which he is to treat either in Latin or Portuguese. In the church-history of each diocese, the prelates, synods, councils, churches, monasteries, academies, persons illustrious for sanctity or learning, places famous for miracles or relics, must be distinctly related in twelve chapters. The civil history comprises the transactions of the kingdom from the government of the Romans down to the present time. The members who reside in the country are obliged to make collections and extracts out of all the registers, &c. where they live. Their meetings to be once in 15 days.

A medal was struck by this academy in honour of their prince: the front of which was his effigy, with the inscription *Johannes V. Lusitanorum Rex*; and, on the reverse, the same prince is represented standing, and raising History almost prostrate before him, with the legend *Historia resurget*. Underneath are the following words in abbreviature: REGIA ACADemia HISTORIA LUSITANÆ, INSTITUTA VI. Idus Decembris MDCCXX.

*Academy of Suabian History at Tubingen*, was lately established by some learned men, for publishing the best historical writings, the lives of the chief historians, and compiling new memoirs, on the several points and periods thereof.

IX. *Academies of ANTIQUITIES*; as that at Cortona in Italy, and at Upsal in Sweden. The first is designed for the study of Hetrurian antiquities: the other for illustrating the northern languages, and the antiquities of Sweden, in which notable discoveries have been made by it. The head of the Hetrurian academy is called *Lucomon*, by which the ancient governors of the country were distinguished. One of their laws is to give audience to poets only one day in the year; another is to fix their sessions, and impose a tax of a dissertation on each member in his turn.

*The Academy of Medals and Inscriptions at Paris* was set on foot by M. Colbert, under the patronage of Lewis XIV. in 1663, for the study and explanation of



Academies of ancient monuments, and perpetuating great and memorable events, especially those of the French monarchy, by coins, relievos, inscriptions, &c. The number of members at first was confined to four or five, chosen out of those of the French academy; who met in the library of Mr Colbert, from whom they received his majesty's orders. The days of their meetings were not determined: but generally they met on Wednesdays, especially in the winter season: but, in 1691, the king having given the inspection of this academy to M. de Pontchartrain comptroller general, &c. he fixed their meetings on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

By a new regulation, dated the 16th of July 1701, the academy was composed of ten *honorary* members; ten *associates*, each of whom had two declarative voices; ten *pensionaries*; and ten *elevés*, or pupils. They then met every Tuesday and Wednesday, in one of the halls of the Louvre; and had two public meetings yearly, one the day after Martinmas and the other the 16th after Easter. The class of *elevés* has been suppressed, and united to the associates. The king nominates their president and vice-president yearly: but their secretary and treasurer are perpetual. The rest are chosen by the members themselves, agreeably to the constitutions on that behalf given them.

One of the first undertakings of this academy, was to compose, by means of medals, a connected history of the principal events of Lewis XIV's reign; but in this design they met with great difficulties, and of consequence it was interrupted for many years: but at length it was completed down to the advancement of the duke of Anjou to the crown of Spain.

In this celebrated work, the establishment of the academy itself was not forgot. The medal on this subject represents Mercury sitting, and writing with an antique stylus on a table of brass; he leans with his left hand upon an urn full of medals, and at his feet are several others placed upon a card: the legend, *Rerum gestarum fides*; and on the exergue, *Academia regia inscriptionum et numismatum, instituta M.DC.LXIII.* signifying that the Royal Academy of Medals and Inscriptions, founded in 1663, ought to give to future ages a faithful testimony of all great actions. Besides this work, we have several volumes of their memoirs; and their history, written and continued by their secretaries.

X. *Academies of BELLES LETTRES*, are those wherein eloquence and poetry are chiefly cultivated. These are very numerous in Italy, and not uncommon in France.

The *Academy of Umidi at Florence* has contributed greatly to the progress of the sciences by the excellent Italian translations given by some of its members, of the ancient Greek and Latin historians. Their chief attention is to the Italian poetry, at the same time that they have applied themselves to the polishing of their language, which produced the *Academy della Crusca*.

The *Academy of Humourists, Umoristi*, had its origin at Rome from the marriage of Lorenzo Marcini, a Roman gentleman: at which several persons of rank were guests; and it being carnival time, to give the ladies some diversion, they took themselves to the reciting of verses, sonnets, speeches, first *ex tempore*, and

afterwards premeditatedly; which gave them the denomination of *Belli Humori*. After some experience, coming more and more into the taste of these exercises, they resolved to form an Academy of Belles Lettres; and changed the title of *Belli Humori* for that of *Humoristi*: choosing for their device a cloud, which, after being formed of exhalations from the salt waters of the ocean, returns in a gentle sweet shower; with this motto from Lucretius, *Redit agmine dulci*.

In 1690, the *Academy of Arcadi* was established at Rome, for reviving the study of Poetry and of the Belles Lettres. Besides most of the politer wits of both sexes in Italy, this academy comprehends many princes, cardinals, and other ecclesiastics; and, to avoid disputes about pre-eminence, all appear masked after the manner of Arcadian shepherds. Within ten years from its first establishment, the number of *Academists* amounted to six hundred. They hold assemblies seven times a-year in a mead or grove, or in the gardens of some nobleman of distinction. Six of these meetings are employed in the recitation of poems and verses of the Arcadi residing at Rome; who read their own compositions; except ladies and cardinals, who are allowed to employ others. The seventh meeting is set apart for the compositions of foreign or absent members.

This academy is governed by a Custos, who represents the whole society, and is chosen every four years, with a power of electing 12 others yearly for his assistance. Under these are two sub-custodes, one vicar or pro-custos, and four deputies or superintendants, annually chosen. The laws of the society are immutable, and bear a near resemblance to the ancient model.

There are five manners of electing members. The first is by *acclamation*. This is used when sovereign princes, cardinals, and ambassadors of kings, desire to be admitted; and the votes are then given *viva voce*. The second is called *annumeration*. This was introduced in favour of ladies and academical colonies, where the votes are taken privately. The third, *representation*, was established in favour of colonies and universities, where the young gentry are bred; who have each a privilege of recommending one or two members privately to be balloted for. The fourth, *surrogation*; whereby new members are substituted in the room of those dead or expelled. The last, *destination*; whereby, when there is no vacancy of members, persons of poetical merit have the title of Arcadi conferred upon them till such time as a vacancy shall happen. All the members of this body, at their admission, assume new pastoral names, in imitation of the shepherds of Arcadia. The academy has several colonies of Arcadi in different cities of Italy, who are all regulated after the same manner.

XI. *Academies of LANGUAGES*; called, by some, *Grammatical Academies*; as,

The *Academy della Crusca at Florence*, famous for its vocabulary of the Italian tongue, was formed in 1582, but scarce heard of before the year 1584, when it became noted for a dispute between Tasso and several of its members. Many authors confound this with the Florentine academy. The discourses which Toricelli, the celebrated disciple of Galileo, delivered in the assemblies, concerning levity, the wind, the power of percussion, mathematics, and military architecture, are a

Academies proof that these academists applied themselves to things as well as words.

The *Academy of Fructiferi* had its rise in 1617, at an assembly of several princes and nobility of the country, who met with a design to refine and perfect the German tongue. It flourished long under the direction of princes of the empire, who were always chosen presidents. In 1668, the number of members arose to upwards of 900. It was prior in time to the French academy, which only appeared in 1629, and was not established into an academy before the year 1635. Its history is written in the German tongue by George Neumarck.

The *French Academy*, which had its rise from a meeting of men of letters in the house of M. Conrart, in 1629. In 1635, it was erected into an academy, by Cardinal Richlieu, for refining and ascertaining the French language and style. The number of its members are limited to 40; out of whom a director, chancellor, and secretary, are to be chosen: the two former hold their post for two months, the latter is perpetual. The members of this academy enjoy several privileges and immunities, among which is that of not being obliged to answer before any court but that of the king's household. They meet three times a-week in the Louvre; at breaking up, forty silver medals are distributed among them, having on one side the king of France's head, and on the reverse, *Protecteur de l'Academie*, with laurel, and this motto, *A l'Immortalité*. By this distribution, the attendance of the *Academists* is secured, those who are present receiving the surplus otherwise intended for the absent. To elect or expel a member, at least 18 are required; nor can any be chosen unless he petition for it: by this expedient, the affront of refusals from persons elected is avoided. Religious are not admitted; nor can any nobleman, or person of distinction, be admitted on another footing than as a man of letters. None are to be expelled, except for base and dishonest practices; and there are but two instances of such expulsions, the first of M. Granier for refusing to return a deposit, the other of the Abbé Furetiere for plagiarism.—The design of this academy was to give not only rules, but examples, of good writing. They began with making speeches on subjects taken at pleasure, about 20 of which were printed. They met with great opposition from the parliament at their first institution; it being two years before the patents granted by the king would be registered. They have been severely satyrized, and their style has been ridiculed as enervating instead of refining the French language. They are also charged with having surfeited the world by flattery, and having exhausted all the topics of panegyric in praise of their founder; it being a duty incumbent on every member, at his admission, to make a speech in praise of the king, the cardinal, the chancellor Seguier, and the person in whose place he is elected. The most remarkable work of this academy is a dictionary of the French tongue; which, after 50 years spent in settling the words and phrases to be used in writing, was at last published in 1694.

The foundation of an *Academy* similar to the above, has been proposed at Petersburg, by the learned princess Dashkof: it is to consist of 60 members. The plan has been approved by the empress, who has already given a fund for its support and establishment.

The *Royal Spanish Academy at Madrid* held its first meeting in July 1713, in the palace of its founder, the duke d'Escalona. It consisted at first of eight academists, including the duke; to which number 14 others were afterwards added, the founder being chosen president or director. In 1714, the king granted them his confirmation and protection. Their device is a crucible in the middle of the fire, with this motto, *Limpia, Fya, y da Esplendor*; "it purifies, fixes, and gives brightness." The number of members is limited to 24; the duke d'Escalona to be director for life, but his successors chosen yearly, and the secretary to be perpetual. Their object, as marked out by the royal declaration, was to cultivate and improve the national language: they were to begin with chusing carefully such words and phrases as have been used by the best Spanish writers; noting the low, barbarous, or obsolete ones; and composing a dictionary wherein these may be distinguished from the former.

XII. *Academies of POLITICS*; as that at Paris, consisting of six persons, who met at the Louvre, in the chamber where the papers relating to foreign affairs were lodged. But this academy proved of little service, as the kings of France were unwilling to trust any but their ministers with the inspection of foreign affairs.

For a further account of similar establishments, see the article SOCIETY.

ACADEMY is also a term for schools and other seminaries of learning among the Jews, where their rabbins and doctors instructed their youth in the Hebrew language, and explained to them the Talmud and the secrets of the Cabbala: Those of Tiberias and Babylon have been the most noted.

The Romans had a kind of military academies, established in all the cities of Italy, under the name of *Campi Martis*. Here the youth were admitted to be trained for war at the public expence. The Greeks, beside academies of this kind, had military professors called *Tactici*, who taught all the higher offices of war, &c. &c.

ACADEMY is often used to denote a kind of collegiate seminary, where youth are instructed in arts and sciences. There is one in Portsmouth in England for teaching navigation, drawing, &c.; another at Woolwich, for fortification, gunnery, &c.—Besides these, there are numerous academies, for teaching mathematics, languages, writing, accounts, drawing, and other branches of learning.

The nonconformist ministers, &c. in England, are bred up in private academies; as not approving the common university education. The principal of their academies are those in London, Daventry, and Warrington.

ACADEMY is likewise a name given to a riding-school, where young gentlemen are taught to ride the great horse, &c. and the ground allotted is usually called the *Manege*.

*ACADEMY Figure*, a drawing of a naked man or woman, taken from the life; which is usually done on paper with red or black chalk, and sometimes with pastils or CRAYONS. See ACADEMY, N<sup>o</sup> VI. par. 4. *supra*.

ACADIE, or ACADY, in geography, a name formerly given to Nova Scotia, or new Scotland. See *NOVA SCOTIA*.

ACÆNA, in antiquity, a Grecian measure of length, being a ten feet rod, used in measuring their lands.

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ACÆNA, in botany, a genus of the monogynia order belonging to the tetrandria class of plants; the characters of which are these: The *calyx* is a perianthium consisting of four leaves, which are ovate, concave, equal, and persistent; there is no *corolla*: The *stamina* consists of four equal middle-sized filaments opposite to the calyx; the antheræ are quadrangular, twin, erect: The *pisillum* has an inversely-ovate hisped germ; the stylus is small, and inflected on one side; and the stigma is a small thickish coloured membrane, divided into many segments: The *pericarpium* is an inversely-ovated dry one-celled berry covered with prickles bent backwards: The *seed* is single. There is only one species, a native of Mexico.

ACAJOU, or CASHEW-NUT-TREE. See ANACARDIUM.

ACALANDRUS, a river falling into the bay of Tarentum, not far from the Metapontum, (Pliny, Strabo); now *Fiume de Roseto*.

ACALEPTIC, in ancient prosody, a complete verse.

ACALYPHA, the THREE-SEEDED MERCURY, a genus of plants belonging to the monœcia monadelphia class. The characters of this genus are the following.—*Male flowers* crowded above the female ones: The *calyx* is a three or four-leaved perianthium, the leaflets roundish, concave, and equal: The *corolla* is wanting: The *stamina* have from 6 to 18 filaments, which are short, crowded, and connected at the base; the antheræ are roundish.—*Female flowers* fewer, placed beneath, and received into a large divided involucre: The *calyx* is a perianthium, consisting of three leaflets, which are concave, converging, small, and persistent: No *corolla*: The *pisillum* has a roundish germen; the styli are three, branchy, oftener tripartite, and long; the stigmata are simple: The *pericarpium* has a roundish trifoliate trilobular capsule, the valves gaping two ways: The *seeds* are solitary, roundish, and large.—This genus ranks in the 38th natural order, *Tricoccæ*. There are five species, all natives of Virginia.

ACAMANTIS (the ancient name of the island of Cyprus), taken from one of its promontories situated on the west, and called *Acamas*. Teos in Ionia was also called thus from Acamas the founder.

ACAMAS, ACAMANTIS (anc. geog.), the west promontory of the island of Cyprus, from whence it took its ancient name; now Cape *Pisano* or *Episano*, where formerly was a town of the same name, now a village called *Grusocco*.

ACAMAS, son of Theseus, followed the rest of the Grecian princes to the siege of Troy; and was deputed with Diomedes, to the Trojans, in order to get Helen restored. Laodice, Priam's daughter, fell in love with him, stole a night with him, and had a son by him called Munitus. He was one of the heroes who concealed themselves in the wooden horse. One of the tribes of Athens was called *Acamantides* from him, by the appointment of the oracle; and he founded a city in Phrygia Major, called *Acamantium*. Homer mentions two other heroes of this name; one a Thracian prince who came to succour Priam, another a son of Antenor.

ACANACEOUS PLANTS, such as are armed with prickles.

ACANGIS, that is, *Ravagers* or *Adventurers*; a name which the Turks give their hussars or light-

troops, who are generally sent out in detachments to procure intelligence, harass the enemy, or ravage the country.

ACANTHA, in botany, the prickly of any plant; in zoology, a term for the spine or prickly fins of fishes.

ACANTHABOLUS, in surgery, an instrument for pulling thorns, or the like, out of the skin.

ACANTHINE, any thing resembling or belonging to the herb acanthus. Acanthine garments, among the ancients, are said to be made of the down of thistles; others think they were garments embroidered in imitation of the acanthus.

ACANTHOPTERYGIOUS FISHES, a term used by Linnæus and others for those fishes whose back-fins are hard, osseous, and prickly.

ACANTHOS, a town of Egypt, near Memphis, (Pliny); now *Bisalta*. Also a maritime town of Macedonia, to the west of mount Athos, a colony of Andrians, (Thucydides, Ptolemy); now *Eriffo*; near which was shewn Xerxes's ditch, of seven stadia, in order to separate mount Athos from the continent, and convey his ships, without doubling Athos, into the Singitic Bay. *Acanthos*, is also a town of Epirus.

ACANTHUS, BEAR'S-BREECH, or *brank-ursine*, in botany: a genus of the angiospermia order, belonging to the didyanamia class of plants; and ranking in the 4th natural order, *Personatæ*. The generic characters are: The *calyx* is a perianthium with leaflets of three alternate pairs unequal and persistent: The *corolla* is one-petaled and unequal; the tubus very short, closed with a beard; no upper lip, the under one very large, flat, straight, very broad, three-lobed, and obtuse: The *stamina* have four subulated filaments shorter than the corolla; the two superior rather longer, recurvate, and incurved at the top; the antheræ are oblong, compressed, obtuse, lateral, parallel, and villous before: The *pisillum* has a conic germen; a filiform stylus, the length of the stamina; and two acute lateral stigmata: The *perianthium* is an acutely ovated bilobular capsule, with a lateral partition: The *seeds* one or two, fleshy and gibbous.

*Species*. 1. The mollis, or common bear's-breech, a native of Italy, is the sort that is used in medicine, and is supposed to be the *mollis acanthus* of Virgil; and the leaves are famous for having given rise to the capital of the Corinthian pillars. 2. The spinosus, or prickly bear's-breech; the leaves of which are deeply jagged in very regular order, and each segment is terminated with a sharp spine, as are also the footstalks of the leaves and the empalement of the flower, which renders it troublesome to handle them. 3. Illicifolius, or shrubby bear's-breech, grows naturally in both the Indies. It is an evergreen shrub, which rises about four feet high; and is divided into many branches, garnished with leaves like those of the common holly, and armed with spines in the same manner: the flowers are white, and shaped like those of the common acanthus, but smaller. 4. The nigra, or Portugal bear's-breech, with smooth sinuated leaves of a livid green colour, was discovered in Portugal by Dr Jusieu of the royal garden at Paris. 5. The middle bear's-breech, with entire leaves, having spines on their border, is supposed to be the acanthus of Dioscorides.

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*Culture, &c.* They are all perennial plants. The first and second species may be propagated either by seeds, or by offsets from the roots. The best way is to raise them from the seeds; which should be sown about the end of March, in a light soil. They are best dropped at distances into shallow drills, and covered three quarters of an inch with mould. When the plants are come up, the strongest should be marked, and the rest should be pulled up, that they may stand at a yard distance one from another. They require no other culture but to keep them clear from weeds. The third, fourth, and fifth sorts, are propagated only by seeds; which, as they do not ripen in Europe, must be obtained from the places in which they grow naturally: the plants are so tender, that they cannot be preserved out of the stove in northern countries.—The first species is the sort used in medicine. All the parts of it have a soft sweetish taste, and abound with a mucilaginous juice: its virtues do not seem to differ from those of althea and other mucilaginous plants.

ACANTHUS, in architecture, an ornament representing the leaves of the acanthus, used in the capitals of the Corinthian and Composite orders.

ACAPULCO, a considerable town and port in Mexico, on the South Sea. It has a fine harbour, from whence a ship annually sails to Manila in the Philippine islands, near the coast of China in Asia; and another returns annually from thence with all the treasures of the East Indies, such as diamonds, rubies, sapphires, and other precious stones; the rich carpets of Persia; the camphire of Borneo; the benjamin and ivory of Pegu and Cambodia; the silks, muslins, and calicoes, of the Mogul's country; the gold-dust, tea, china-ware, silk, and cabinets, of China and Japan; besides cinnamon, cloves, mace, nutmegs, and pepper; insomuch that this single ship contains more riches than many whole fleets. The goods brought to Acapulco are carried to the city of Mexico by mules and pack-horses; and from thence to Vera Cruz on the North Sea, in order to be shipped for Europe. Acapulco itself is a small place, consisting of about 2 or 300 thatched houses. Ships arrive at the port by two inlets, separated from each other by a small island; the entrance into them in the day time is by means of a sea-breeze, as the sailing out in the night-time is effected by a land-breeze. A wretched fort, 42 pieces of cannon, and a garrison of 60 men, defend it. It is equally extensive, safe, and commodious. The basin which constitutes this harbour is surrounded with lofty mountains, which are so dry, that they are even destitute of water. The air here is hot, heavy, and unwholesome; to which none can habituate themselves, except certain negroes that are born under a similar climate, or some mulattoes. This feeble and miserable colony is crowded with a vast accession to its numbers upon the arrival of the galleons; traders flocking here from all the provinces of Mexico, who come to exchange European toys, their own cochineal, and about ten millions\* of silver for spices, muslins, printed linens, silks, perfumes, and the gold works of Asia. W. Long. 102. 29. N. Lat. 17. 30.

ACARAI, a town of Paraguay in South-America, built by the Jesuits in 1624. Long. 116. 40. S. Lat. 26'.

ACARAUNA, a small American fish, called by sailors *the old-wife*. See LABRUS.

ACARNANIA, the first country of Free Greece, or Greece Proper, bounded on the west by the Sinus Ambracius, and separated from Ætolia by the river Achelous on the east, and by the Sinus Ambracius from Epirus. The people were called *Acaruanes*, denoting persons unshorn; other Etolians, to the east of the Achelous, being called *Curetes* (Homer) from being shorn. According to Lucian, they were noted for effeminacy and incontinence; hence the proverb, *Porcellus Acarnanius*. This country was famous for an excellent breed of horses; so that *Ακαρνιας ἵππος*; is a proverbial saying for a thing excellent in its kind. It is now called *la Carnia* and *il Despotato*.

ACARON, or ACCARON, a town of Palestine, called *Ekron* in scripture. It was the boundary of the Philistines to the north; stood at some distance from the sea, near Bethshemesh; and was famous for the idol of Baalzebub.

ACARUS, the TICK or MITE: a genus of insects belonging to the order of aptera, or such as have no wings. The acarus has eight legs; two eyes, one on each side of the head; and two jointed tentacula. The female is oviparous. Linnæus enumerates 35 species; of which some are inhabitants of the earth, some of waters; some live on trees, others among stones, and others on the bodies of other animals, and even under their skin. The description of a few of the most remarkable will here suffice.

1. The fire, or cheese-mite, is a very minute species. To the naked eye, these mites appear like moving particles of dust; but the microscope discovers them to be perfect animals, having as regular a figure, and performing all the functions of life as perfectly, as creatures that exceed them many times in bulk. The principal parts of them are the head, the neck, and the body. The head is small in proportion to the body; and has a sharp snout, and a mouth that opens and shuts like a mole's. They have two small eyes, and are extremely quicksighted; and when they have been once touched with a pin, you may easily perceive how cunningly they avoid a second touch. Their legs are each furnished at the extremity with two little claws, with which the animal very nicely takes hold of any thing. The hinder part of the body is plump and bulky; and ends in an oval form, from which there issue out a few exceeding long hairs. Other parts of the body are also beset with thin long hairs. The males and females are easily distinguished in these little animals. The females are oviparous, as the louse and spider; and from their eggs the young ones are hatched in their proper form, without having any change to undergo afterwards. They are, however, when first hatched, extremely minute; and, in their growing to their full size, they cast their skins several times. These little creatures may be kept alive many months between two concave glasses, and applied to the microscope at pleasure. They are thus often seen *in coitu*, conjoined tail to tail; and this is performed by an incredibly swift motion. Their eggs, in warm weather, hatch in 12 or 14 days; but in winter they are much longer. These eggs are so small, that a regular computation shows, that 90 millions of them are not so large as a common pigeon's egg\*. They are very voracious animals, and have often been seen to eat one another. Their manner of eating is by thrusting alternately one

Acarnania  
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Acarus.

\* 437,500.  
Sterling.

\* Baler's  
Microscope,  
p. 187.  
jaw

**Acarus.** jaw forward and the other backward, and in this manner grinding their food; and after they have done feeding, they seem to chew the cud.—There are several varieties of this species found in different substances besides cheese; as in malt-dust, flour, oatmeal, &c. Those in malt-dust and oatmeal are much nimbler than the cheese-mites, and have more and longer hairs. There are also a sort of wandering mites, which range wherever there is any thing they can feed on: They are often seen in the form of a white dust, and are not suspected to be living creatures.—The mite is called by authors, simply, *Acarus*. It is an animal very tenacious of life, and will live months without food. Mr Lewenhoeck† had one which lived 11 weeks on the point of a pin, on which he had fixed it for examining by his microscope.

† *Arcan.*  
*Nat. toni.*  
iv. p. 368.

2. The sanguifugus. The hinder part of the abdomen is crenated, the scutellum is oval and yellowish, and the beak is trifid. It is a native of America, and sticks so fast on the legs of travellers, sucking their blood, that they can hardly be extracted.

3. The telarius is of a greenish yellow colour. It has a small sting or weapon, with which it wounds the leaves of plants, and occasions them to fold backward. They are very frequently to be met with in the autumn, inclosed in the folded leaves of the lime-tree.

4. The exulcerans, or itch-acarus, is a very small species: its body is of a figure approaching to oval, and lobated; the head is small and pointed; its colour is whitish, but it has two dusky semicircular lines on the back. It has long setaceous legs, but the two first are short. It is found in the pustules of the itch: authors in general have supposed that it causes that disease; but others observe, that if this were so, it would be found more universally in those pustules. It is more probable that these only make a proper nidus for it. See, however, the article ИТСН.

5. The batatas is of a blood-colour, and a little rough; the fore pair of legs are as long as the body. It inhabits the potatoes of Surinam.

6. The ovinus, or sheep-tick, has a flat body, of a roundish figure, but somewhat approaching to oval, and of a yellowish white colour, and has a single large round spot on the back: the anus is visible in the lower part of the body; the thorax is scarce conspicuous; the head is very small and black; the mouth is bifid: the antennæ are of a clavated figure, and of the length of the snout; the legs are short and black. It is common on sheep, and its excrements stain the wool green; it will live in the wool many months after it is shorn from the animal.

7. The coleopratorum, or acarus of insects, is extremely minute: its body is round, reddish, and covered with a firm and hard skin; the head is very small, the neck scarce visible; the legs are moderately long, the anterior pair longer than the others; it has a whiteness about the anus. It is frequent on the bodies of many insects, which it infests, as the louse does others; it runs very swiftly: the humble-bee, and many other of the larger insects, are continually infested with it: but none so much as the common black beetle, which has thence been called the lousy beetle.

8. The baccarum, or scarlet tree-mite, is a small species: its body is roundish, and the back not at all flattened, as it is in many others; the skin is smooth,

shining, and glossy; and the whole animal seems distended, and ready to burst; the colour is a bright red, but a little dusker on the sides than elsewhere: the head is very small, and the legs short; there is on each side a small dusky spot near the thorax, and a few hairs grow from different parts of the body. It is very common on trees, particularly on the currant, on the fruit of which we frequently see it running.

9. The longicornis, or red stone-acarus, is very small and of a bright red colour; the body is round, and distended; the head is very small and pointed; the legs are moderately long, and of a paler red than the body: the antennæ are much longer than in any other species: It is frequent about old stone-walls and on rocks, and runs very nimbly. See Plate I.

10. The aquaticus is a small species: the body is of a figure approaching to an oval, and the back appears depressed; it is of a bright and strong scarlet colour. The head is small; the legs are moderately long and firm, and are of a paler red than the body. It is common in shallow waters, where it runs very swiftly along the bottom. Its diminutiveness hinders the beauty of its colours from being perceived, as they are not discernible without the microscope.

11. The holosericeus is a small species: its body is roundish, but a little approaching to oval; the back somewhat depressed: it is of a fine scarlet colour, and covered with a velvety down. The head is very small; the eyes are two, and very small; the legs are short and of a paler red, and there is a small black spot near the insertion of the anterior ones. It is very common under the surface of the earth, and sometimes on herbs and among hay. It is supposed to be poisonous if swallowed; but we do not seem to have any certain account of such an effect.

12. The longpipes is the largest of the acarus kind: its body is roundish, of a dusky brown on the back, with a dusker spot of a rhomboidal figure near the middle of it; the belly is whitish; the legs are extremely long and slender. On the back part of the head there stands a little eminence, which has on it a kind of double crest, formed as it were of a number of minute spines: the eyes are small and black, and are two in number. It is very common in our pastures towards the end of summer. Ray and Lister call it *araneus crustatus longpipes*; Mouffet, *araneus longpipes*; and, notwithstanding its having but two eyes, it has been almost universally ranked among the spiders.

ACASTUS, in classic history, the son of Pelias king of Thessaly, and one of the most famous hunters of his time, married Hippolyta, who falling desperately in love with Peleus her son-in-law, and he refusing to gratify her wishes, she accused him to her husband of a rape; on which he slew them both.

ACATALECTIC, a term, in the ancient poetry, for such verses as have all their feet or syllables, in contradistinction to those that have a syllable too few.

ACATALEPSY, signifies the impossibility of comprehending something.—The distinguishing tenet of the Pyrrhonists was their asserting an absolute acatalepsy in regard to every thing.

ACATERY, or ACCATRY, anciently an officer of the king's household, designed for a check betwixt the clerks of the kitchen and the purveyors.

Acarus  
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Acateri.

Acatharsia  
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Acceleration.

**ACATHARSIA**, in medicine, an impurity of the blood or humours.

**ACATHISTUS**, the name of a solemn hymn anciently sung in the Greek church on the Saturday of the fifth week of Lent, in honour of the Virgin, for having thrice delivered Constantinople from the invasions of the barbarous nations.

**ACATIUM**, in the ancient navigation, a kind of boat or pinnace used for military purposes. The *acatium* was a species of those vessels called *naves actuariæ*, *i. e.* such as were wrought with oars. It was sometimes made use of in battle. Strabo describes it as a privateer or private sloop.

**ACAULIS**, in botany, a term applied to certain plants, the flowers of which have no pedicule or stalk to support them, but rest immediately on the ground, such as the carline thistle, &c.

**ACCA** (St.) bishop of Hagustaldt, or Hexham, in Northumberland, succeeded Wilfrid in that see in 709. He ornamented his cathedral in a most magnificent manner: he furnished it also with plate and holy vestments; and erected a noble library, consisting chiefly of ecclesiastical learning, and a large collection of the lives of the saints, which he was at great pains to procure.—He was accounted a very able divine, and was famous for his skill in church-music. He wrote several pieces: particularly, *Passiones Sanctorum*, the Sufferings of the saints: *Pro illustrandis scripturis, ad Bedam*; For explaining the scriptures, addressed to Bede. He died in 740, having enjoyed the see of Hexham 31 years, under Egbert king of the Northumbrians.

**ACCALIA**, in Roman antiquity, solemn festivals held in honour of Acca Laurentia, Romulus's nurse: they were otherwise called **LAURENTALIA**.

**ACCAPITARE**, in law, the act of becoming vassal of a lord, or of yielding him homage and obedience. Hence,

**ACCAPITUM**, signifies the money paid by a vassal upon his admission to a feu.

**ACCAPITUM**, in our ancient law, was used also to express the relief due to the chief lord. See **RELIEF**.

**ACCEDAS AD CURIAM**, in the English law, a writ lying, where a man has received, or fears, false judgment in an inferior court. It lies also for justice delayed, and is a species of the writ **RECORDARE**.

**ACCELERATION**, in mechanics, the increase of velocity in a moving body. Accelerated motion is that which continually receives fresh accessions of velocity. Acceleration stands directly opposed to *retardation*, which denotes a diminution of velocity.

**ACCELERATION** is chiefly used in physics, in respect of falling bodies, *i. e.* of heavy bodies tending towards the centre of the earth by the force of gravity. That natural bodies are accelerated in their descent, is evident from various considerations, both *à priori* and *posteriori*.—Thus, we actually find, that the greater height a body falls from, the greater impression it makes, and the more vehemently does it strike the subject plane, or other obstacle.

Various were the systems and opinions which philosophers produced to account for this acceleration. But the immediate cause of acceleration is now sufficiently obvious; the principle of gravitation, which determines the body to descend, determining it to be accelerated by a necessary consequence.

Suppose a body let fall from on high: the primary cause of its beginning to descend is doubtless the power of gravity; but when once the descent is commenced, that state becomes in some measure natural to the body; so that if left to itself, it would persevere in it for ever, even though the first cause should cease: as we see in a stone cast with the hand, which continues to move after it is left by the cause that gave it motion. But, beside the propensity to descend impressed by the first cause, and which of itself were sufficient to continue the same degree of motion, once begun, *in infinitum*; there is a constant accession of subsequent efforts of the same principle, gravity, which continues to act on the body already in motion, in the same manner as if it were at rest. Here, then, being a double cause of motion; and both acting in the same direction, viz. directly towards the centre of the earth; the motion they jointly produce must necessarily be greater than that of any one of them.—And the velocity thus increased having the same cause of increase still persisting, the descent must necessarily be continually accelerated.

The motion of a body ascending, or impelled upwards, is diminished or retarded from the same principle of gravity, acting in a contrary direction, in the same manner as a falling body is accelerated: See **RETARDATION**. A body thus projected upwards, rises till it has lost all its motion: which it does in the same time that a body falling would have acquired a velocity equal to that wherewith the body was thrown up. Hence the same body thrown up, will rise to the same height from which falling it would have acquired the velocity wherewith it was thrown up: And hence the heights which bodies thrown up with different velocities do ascend to, are to one another as the squares of those velocities.

*ACCELERATION of Bodies on inclined Planes.* The same general law obtains here as in bodies falling perpendicularly: the effect of the plane is to make the motion slower; but the inclination being every where equal, the retardation arising therefrom will proceed equally in all parts, at the beginning and the ending of the motion. See **MECHANICS**.

*ACCELERATION of the Motion of Pendulums.*—The motion of pendulous bodies is accelerated in their descent; but in a less ratio than that of bodies falling perpendicularly. See **MECHANICS** and **PENDULUM**.

*ACCELERATION of the Motion of Projectiles.* See **PROJECTILE**.

**ACCELERATION** is also applied in the ancient astronomy, in respect of the fixed stars.—This acceleration was the difference between the revolution of the *primum mobile* and the solar revolution; which was computed at three minutes and 56 seconds.

*ACCELERATION of the Moon*, a term used to express the increase of the moon's mean motion from the sun, compared with the diurnal motion of the earth; so that it is now a little swifter than it was formerly. Dr Halley was the first who made this discovery; and he was led to it by comparing the ancient eclipses observed at Babylon with those observed by Albatennius in the ninth century, and some of his own time. He was not able to ascertain the quantity of this acceleration, because the longitudes of Bagdad, Alexandria, and Aleppo, where the observations were made, had not been

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been accurately determined. But since his time, the longitude of Alexandria has been ascertained by Chazelles; and Babylon, according to Ptolemy's account, lies 50' east from Alexandria. From these *data*, Mr Dunthorne compared several ancient and modern eclipses, with the calculations of them, by his own tables, and hereby verified Dr Halley's opinion; for he found that the same tables represent the moon's place more backward than her true place in ancient eclipses, and more forward than her true place in later eclipses; and thence justly inferred, that her motion in ancient times was slower, in later times quicker, than the tables give it. But he did not content himself with merely ascertaining the fact; he proceeded to determine the quantity of the acceleration; and by means of the most ancient eclipse of which any authentic account remains, observed at Babylon in the year before Christ 721, he concluded, that the observed beginning of this eclipse was not above an hour and three-quarters before the beginning by the tables; and therefore the moon's true place could precede her place by computation but little more than 50' of a degree at that time. Admitting the acceleration to be uniform, and the aggregate of it as the square of the time, it will be at the rate of about 10' in 100 years.

Dr Long attributes the acceleration above described to one or more of these causes: either, 1. The annual and diurnal motion of the earth continuing the same, the moon is really carried round the earth with a greater velocity than heretofore: or, 2. The diurnal motion of the earth, and the periodical revolutions of the moon continuing the same, the annual motion of the earth round the sun is a little retarded; which makes the sun's apparent motion in the ecliptic a little slower than formerly; and, consequently, the moon in passing from any conjunction with the sun, spends less time before she again overtakes the sun, and forms a subsequent conjunction: in both these cases, the motion of the moon from the sun is really accelerated, and the synodical month actually shortened. Or, 3. The annual motion of the earth, and the periodical revolution of the moon continuing the same, the rotation of the earth round its axis is a little retarded: in this case, days, hours, minutes, seconds, &c. by which all periods of time must be measured, are of a longer duration; and consequently the synodical month will appear to be shortened, though it really contains the same quantity of absolute time as it always did. If the quantity of matter in the body of the sun be lessened by the particles of light continually streaming from it, the motion of the earth round the sun may become slower: if the earth increases in bulk, the motion of the moon round the earth may be quickened thereby. See ASTRONOMY.

ACCELERATOR, in anatomy, the name of two muscles of the penis, which serve for ejecting the urine or semen. See ANATOMY, *Table of the Muscles*.

ACCIDENTES, a lower order of ministers in the Romish church, whose office is to light and trim the candles.

ACCENDONES, in Roman antiquity, a kind of gladiators, whose office was to excite and animate the combatants during the engagement. The orthography of the word is contested: the first edition of Tertullian, by Rhenanus, has it *accedones*; an ancient

manuscript, *accendones*. Aquinas adheres to the former, Pitiscus to the latter. The origin of the word, supposing it *accendones*, is from *accendo*, I kindle; supposing it *accedones*, from *accedo*, I accede, am added to. The former places their distinguishing character in enlivening the combat by their exhortations and suggestions; the latter supposes them to be much the same with what among us are called *seconds*, among the Italians *patroni*: excepting that these latter only stand by to see the laws of the sword duly observed, without intermeddling to give advice or instruction.

ACCENSI, in the Roman armies, certain supernumerary soldiers, designed to supply the place of those who should be killed or anywise disabled. They were thus denominated, *quia accensebantur*, or *ad census adjiciebantur*. Vegetius calls them *supernumerarii legionum*. Cato calls them *ferentarii*, in regard they furnished those engaged in battle with weapons, drink, &c. Though Nonnius suggests another reason of that appellation, viz. because they fought with stones, slings, and weapons *qua ferruntur*, such as are thrown, not carried in the hand. They were sometimes also called *velitis*, and *velati*, because they fought clothed, but not in armour; sometimes *adscripticii*, and *adscriptivi*; sometimes *rorarii*. The *accensi*, Livy observes, were placed at the rear of the army, because no great matter was expected from them: they were taken out of the fifth class of citizens.

ACCENSI, in antiquity, denotes an inferior order of officers, appointed to attend the Roman magistrates, somewhat in the manner of ushers, serjeants, or tipstaves among us. They were thus called from *accire*, to send for: one part of their office being to call assemblies of the people, summon parties to appear and answer before the judges, &c.

ACCENSI, was also an appellation given to a kind of adjutants, appointed by the tribune to assist each centurion and decurion. In which sense, *accensus* is synonymous with *optio*. In an ancient inscription given by á Torre, we meet ACCENSUS EQUITUM ROMANORUM: an office no where else heard of. That author suspects it for a corruption; and instead thereof reads, A CENSIBUS.

ACCENSION, the action of setting a body on fire: thus the accension of timber is effected by striking fire with flint and steel.

ACCENT, in reading or speaking, an inflection of the voice, which gives to each syllable of a word its due pitch in respect of height or lowness. See READING. The word is originally Latin, *accentus*: a compound of *ad*, to; and *canto*, to sing. *Accentus*, *quasi ad cantus*, or *juxta cantum*. In this sense, accent is synonymous with the Greek *τροπος*; the Latin *tenor*, or *tonor*; and the Hebrew *ענין*, *gustus*, taste.—For the doctrine of *Accents* in *Composition*, see POETRY, Part III. N<sup>o</sup> 103. 114.

ACCENT, among grammarians, is a certain mark or character placed over a syllable, to direct the stresses of its pronunciation. We generally reckon three grammatical accents in ordinary use, all borrowed from the Greek, viz. the *acute accent*, (´), which shows when the tone of the voice is to be raised. The *grave accent* (`), when the note or tone of the voice is to be depressed. The *circumflex accent* (˘ or ^), is composed of both the acute and the grave, and points out a kind

Accensi  
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Accent.

Accent. of undulation of the voice. The Latins have made the same use of these three accents.

The Hebrews have a grammatical, a rhetorical, and musical accent: though the first and last seem, in effect, to be the same; both being comprised under the general name of *tonic accents*, because they give the proper tone to syllables; as the rhetorical accents are said to be euphonic, because they tend to make the pronunciation more sweet and agreeable. There are four euphonic accents, and 25 tonic; of which some are placed above, and others below the syllables; the Hebrew accents serving not only to regulate the risings and fallings of the voice, but also to distinguish the sections, periods, and numbers of periods, in a discourse; and to answer the same purposes with the points in other languages. Their accents are divided into *emperors, kings, dukes, &c.* each bearing a title answerable to the importance of the distinction it makes. Their emperor rules over a whole phrase, and terminates the sense completely; answering to our point. Their king answers to our colon; and their duke to our comma. The king, however, occasionally becomes a duke, and the duke a king, as the phrases are more or less short. It must be noted, by the way, that the management and combination of these accents differ in Hebrew poetry from what they are in prose. The use of the tonic or grammatical accents has been much controverted: some holding that they distinguish the sense; while others maintain that they are only intended to regulate the music, or singing; alleging that the Jews sing, rather than read, the scriptures in their synagogues\*. Be this, however, as it will, it is certain the ancient Hebrews were not acquainted with these accents. The opinion which prevails amongst the learned, is, that they were invented about the sixth century, by the Jewish doctors of the school of Tiberias, called the *Massoretes*.

As to the Greek accents, now seen both in manuscripts and printed books, there has been no less dispute about their antiquity and use than about those of the Hebrews. Isaac Vossius endeavours to prove them of modern invention; asserting, that anciently they had nothing of this kind, but only a few notes in their poetry, which were invented by Aristophanes the grammarian, about the time of Ptolemy Philopater; and that these were of musical, rather than grammatical use, serving as aids in the singing of their poems, and very different from those introduced afterwards. He also shows from several ancient grammarians, that the manner of writing the Greek accents in these days was quite different from that which appears in our books. The author of *La Methode Greque*, p. 546, observes, that the right pronunciation of the Greek language being natural to the Greeks, it was needless for them to mark it by accents in their writings: so that, according to all appearance, they only began to make use of them so low as the time in which the Romans, being curious to learn the Greek tongue, sent their children to study at Athens, thinking thereby to fix the pronunciation, and to facilitate it to strangers; which happened, as the same author observes, a little before Cicero's time. Wetstein, Greek professor at Basil, in a learned dissertation endeavours to prove the Greek accents of an older standing. He owns that they were not always formed in the same manner by the ancients; but thinks that difference

owing to the different pronunciation which obtained in the different parts of Greece. He brings several reasons, *a priori*, for the use of accents, even in the earliest days: as that they then wrote all in capital letters equidistant from each other, without any distinction either of words or phrases, which without accents could scarce be intelligible; and that accents were necessary to distinguish ambiguous words, and to point out their proper meaning; which he confirms from a dispute on a passage in Homer, mentioned by Aristotle in his *Poetics*, chap. v. Accordingly, he observes, that the Syrians, who have tonic, but no distinctive accents, have yet invented certain points, placed either below or above the words, to shew their mood, tense, person, or sense.

The use of accents, to prevent ambiguities, is most remarkably perceived in some eastern languages, particularly the Siamese and Chinese. Among the people of China, every word, or (which is the same thing) syllable, admits of five accents, as spoken more acutely or remissly; and thus stands for many different things. The same sound *ya*, according to the accent fixed to it, signifies *God, a wall, excellent, stupidity, and a goose*. The Chinese have but 330 spoken words in their language; but these being multiplied by the different accents or tones, which affect the vowels, furnish a language tolerably copious. By means hereof, their 330 simple sounds come to denote 1650 things; but this being hardly sufficient, they are increased further by aspirates added to each word to double the number. The Chinese only reckon four accents: for which the missionaries use the following marks, *á, à, â, ã*; to which they have added a fifth, thus, *z̃*. They make a kind of modulation: wherein, prolonging the duration of the sound of the vowel, they vary the tone, raising and sinking it by a certain pitch of voice: so that their talking is a sort of music or singing. Attempts have been made to determine the quantity of the rise or fall in each accent by means of musical notes; but this is hard to effect, as being different in different persons. Hence the great difficulty of the language to foreigners; they are forced to sing most scrupulously: if they deviate ever so little from the accent, they say quite a different thing from what was intended. Thus, meaning to compliment the person you are talking to with the title *Sir*, you call him a beast with the same word, only a little varied in the tone. Magalhon makes the language the easier to learn on this account.—The Siamese are also observed to sing rather than talk. Their alphabet begins with six characters, all only equivalent to a K, but differently accented. For tho' in the pronunciation the accents are naturally on the vowels, yet they have some to diversify such of their consonants as are in other respects the same.

ACCENT, in music, is a certain enforcement of particular sounds, whether by the voice or instruments, generally used at the beginning of bars.

ACCEPTANCE, in law, a person's agreeing to offers made in bargaining, by which the bargain is concluded.

ACCEPTANCE, in the church of Rome, is put for receiving the pope's constitutions.

ACCEPTANCE, in commerce, is the subscribing, signing, and making one's self debtor for the sum contained in a bill of exchange or other obligation.

ACCEPTATION, in grammar, the sense or meaning wherein any word is taken.

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\* Cooper, Dom. Mo-  
saic Clav.  
p. 31.



Accepter  
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Accessory.

**ACCEPTER**, or **ACCEPTOR**, the person who accepts a **BILL** of exchange, &c.

**ACCEPTILATION**, among civilians, an acquittance or discharge given by the creditor to the debtor without the payment of any value.

**ACCESSIBLE**, some thing that may be approached, or that access may be had to. Thus we say, Such a place is accessible on one side, &c.

**ACCESSION**, in law, is a method of acquiring property, by which, in things that have a close connection or dependence upon one another, the property of the principal thing draws after it the property of the accessory: Thus, the owner of a cow becomes likewise the owner of the calf. It sometimes likewise signifies consent or acquiescence.

**ACCESSION**, among physicians, is used for a paroxysm of a disease; among politicians, it signifies a prince's succeeding to the government upon the death of his predecessor.

**ACCESSORY**, or **ACCESSARY**, something that accedes, or is added to another more considerable thing; in which sense the word stands opposed to **PRINCIPAL**.

**ACCESSORY**, or *Accessory*, in common law is chiefly used for a person guilty of a felonious offence, not principally, but by participation: as, by advice, command, or concealment.

There are two kinds of *accessories*: *before* the fact, and *after* it.—The *first* is he who commands, or procures another to commit a felony, and is not present himself; for if he be present he is a principal. The *second* is he who receives, assists, or comforts any man that has done murder, or felony, whereof he has knowledge. A man may also be accessory to an accessory, by aiding, receiving, &c. an accessory in felony.

An accessory in felony shall have judgment of life and member, as well as the principal who did the felony; but not till the principal be first attainted, and convicted, or outlawed thereon. Where the principal is pardoned without attainder, the accessory cannot be arraigned; it being a maxim in law, *Ubi non est principalis, non potest esse accessorius*: but if the principal be pardoned, or have his clergy after attainder, the accessory shall be arraigned; 4 and 5 W. et. M. cap. 4. And by stat. 1 Anne, cap. 9. it is enacted, that where the principal is convicted of felony, or stands mute, or challenges above 20 of the jury, it shall be lawful to proceed against the accessory in the same manner as if the principal had been attainted; and notwithstanding such principal shall be admitted to his clergy, pardoned, or delivered before attainder. In some cases only, if the principal cannot be taken, then the accessory may be prosecuted for a misdemeanour, and punished by fine, imprisonment, &c. In the lowest and highest offences there are no accessories, but all are principals: as in riots, routs, forcible entries, and other trespasses, which are the lowest offences. So also in the the highest offence, which is, according to the English law, high treason, there are no accessories.

Accessories, in petty treason, murder, and in felonies of several kinds, are not to have their clergy. There can be no accessory before the fact in manslaughter; because that is sudden and unpremeditated.

*Accessory Nerves*, in anatomy, a pair of nerves, which, arising from the medulla in the vertebræ of the neck, ascend and enter the skull, and pass out of it a-

gain with the *par vagum*, wrapped up in the same common integument, and after quitting them are distributed into the muscles of the neck and shoulders. See **ANATOMY**. Accessory  
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Accident.

**ACCESSORY**, among painters, an epithet given to such parts of an history-piece as serve chiefly for ornament, and might have been wholly left out: such as vases, armour, &c.

**ACCI**, (*anc. geog.*) a town of Tarraconensis, formerly called *Acti*; supposed to be *Guadix*, to the east of the city of Granada, at the foot of a mountain, near the source of the rivulet Guadalantin; now greatly decayed. It is the Colonia Accitania Gemella, and was of some repute among the Roman colonies. The people were called Gemellenses, because the colony consisted of colonists from the third and sixth legions.

**ACCIAIOLI** (Donata), a man famous for his learning and the honourable employments he possessed in Florence his native country, in the 15th century. He wrote, A Latin translation of some of Plutarch's Lives; Commentaries on Aristotle's Ethics and Politics; and the Life of Charlemagne. He was sent to France by the Florentines, to sue for succour from Lewis XI. against Pope Sixtus IV. but on his journey died at Milan; his body was carried to Florence, and buried in the church of the Carthusians. The small fortune he left his children is a proof of his probity and disinterestedness. His daughters, like those of Aristides, were married at the public expence, as an acknowledgement of his services. His funeral eulogium was spoken by Christopher Landini; and an elegant epitaph, by Politian, was inscribed on his tomb.

**ACCIDENT**, in a general sense, denotes any casual event.

**ACCIDENT**, among logicians, is used in a threefold sense. 1. Whatever does not essentially belong to a thing; as the clothes a man wears, or the money in his pocket. 2. Such properties in any subject as are not essential to it; thus whiteness in paper is an accidental quality. 3. In opposition to substance, all qualities whatever are called accidents; as sweetness, softness, &c.

**ACCIDENT**, in grammar, implies a property attached to a word, without entering into its essential definition; for every word, notwithstanding its signification, will be either primitive, derivative, simple, or compound, which are the accidents of words. A word is said to be primitive, when it is taken from no other word in the language in which it is used: thus *heaven, king, good*, are primitive words. It is said to be derivative, when it is taken from some other word: thus *heavenly, kingdom, goodness*, &c. are derivatives. A simple word is easily distinguished from a compound: thus *just, justice*, are simple words; *unjust, injustice*, are compound: *res* is a simple word, as well as *publica*; but *respublica* is a compound. Besides these accidents, which are common to all sorts of words, each particular species has its accidents: thus the accidents of the noun substantive are the gender, declension, and number: and the adjective has another accident, namely, the comparison. See the articles **GRAMMAR** and **LANGUAGE**.

**ACCIDENT**, in heraldry, an additional point or mark in a coat of arms, which may be either omitted or retained without altering the essence of the armour; such as, abatement, difference, and tincture.

Accidental, Accipenser ACCIDENTAL, in a general sense, implies something that happens by accident, or that is not essential to its subject.

ACCIDENTAL, in philosophy, is applied to that effect which flows from some cause intervening by accident, without being subject, or at least without any appearance of its being subject, to general laws or regular returns. In this sense, *accident* is opposed to *constant* and *principal*. Thus the sun's place is with respect to the earth, the constant and principal cause of the heat in summer, and the cold in winter; whereas winds, snows, and rains, are the accidental causes which often alter and modify the action of the principal cause.

ACCIDENTAL Point, in perspective, is that point in the horizontal line where the projections of two lines parallel to each other meet the perspective plane.

ACCIDENTAL Colours, are those which depend upon the affections of the eye, in contradistinction to those which belong to the light itself. The impressions made upon the eye by looking steadfastly at a particular colour are various, according to the single colour or combination of colours in the object; and they continue for some time after the eye is withdrawn, and give a false colouring to other objects. Mr Buffon has endeavoured to trace the connexions which these accidental colours have with such as are natural, in a variety of instances. The subject has also been considered by De la Hire, and M. Epences; and M. d'Arcy has contrived a machine for determining the duration of the effects of light, and after several trials, finds that it continues about eight thirds of a minute.

ACCIPENSER, in ichthyology, a genus of fishes belonging to the Amphibia Nantes of Linnæus. The accipenser has a single linear nostril: the mouth is in the under part of the head, and contains no teeth; the cirri are below the snout, and before the mouth. There are three species of this genus, *viz.*

1. The ruthenus has 4 cirri, and 15 squamous protuberances. It is a native of Russia.

2. The huso has 4 cirri; the body is naked, *i. e.* has no prickles or protuberances. The skin of the huso is so tough and strong, that it is employed for ropes in carts and other wheel-carriages; and the ichthyocolla, or ISINGLASS of the shops, famous as an agglutinant, and used also for the fining of wines, is made from its sound or scales. The ancients were acquainted with the fish that afforded this drug. The huso is the largest of the genus, and grows to 24 feet in length. It inhabits the Danube and the rivers of Russia.

3. The sturio, or sturgeon, with 4 cirri and 11 squamous protuberances on the back. This fish annually ascends the rivers in Great Britain, but in no great numbers, and is taken by accident in the salmon-nets. It seems a spiritless fish, making no manner of resistance when entangled, but is drawn out of the water like a lifeless lump. It is seldom taken far out at sea, but frequents such parts as are not remote from the æstuaries of great rivers. It is admired for the delicacy and firmness of its flesh, which is white as veal, and extremely good when roasted. It is generally pickled. A considerable quantity are annually sent to Britain from America and the Baltic rivers. Great numbers are taken during summer in the lakes Frischchaff, and Curisch-haff near Pillau, in large nets made of small cord. The adjacent shores are form-

ed into districts, and farmed out to companies of fishermen, some of which are rented for six thousand guilders, or near three hundred pounds, *per annum*. They are found in vast abundance in the American rivers in May, June, and July; at which time they leap some yards out of the water, and, falling on their sides, make a noise to be heard in still weather at a great distance. Caviare is made of the roes of this, and also of all the other sorts of sturgeons, dried, salted, and pickled up close. Ichthyocolla, or isinglass, is likewise made of the sound of this fish, as well as that of the others; but in very small quantity. The sturgeon grows to a great size, to the length of 18 feet, and to the weight of 500 pounds. In the manner of breeding, this fish is an exception among the cartilaginous kind; being, like the bony fish, oviparous, spawning in water.

ACCIPITER, the name of Linnæus's first order of Birds. See ZOOLOGY.

Among the Romans, the term *accipiter* signified a hawk, and which, from its being very carnivorous, they considered as a bird of bad omen;

*Odimus accipitrem, quia semper vivit in armis.* OVID.

Pliny, however, tells us, that in some cases, particularly in marriage, it was esteemed a bird of good omen, because it never eats the hearts of other birds; intimating thereby, that no differences in a married state ought to reach the heart. The accipiter was worshipped as a divinity by the inhabitants of Tentyra, an island in the Nile, being considered by them as the image of the sun; and hence we find that luminary represented, in hieroglyphics, under the figure of a hawk.

ACCISMUS, denotes a feigned refusal of something which a person earnestly desires. The word is Latin; or rather Greek, *Ακκισμος*; supposed to be formed from *Acco*, the name of a foolish old woman noted in antiquity for an affection of this kind.

*Accismus* is sometimes considered as a virtue; sometimes as a vice, which Augustus and Tiberius practised with great success. Cromwell's refusal of the crown of England may be brought as an instance of an *Accismus*.

ACCISMUS is more particularly used, in rhetoric, as a species of irony.

ACCITUM, (anc. geog.), a town of Hispania Batica, now *Finiana*, as appears from an ancient inscription; situate on an eminence of the mountains Alpujaras in Granada.

ACCIUS (Lucius), a Latin tragic poet, the son of a freedman, and, according to St Jerome, born in the consulship of Hostilius Mancinus and Attilius Serranus, in the year of Rome 583; but there appears somewhat of confusion and perplexity in this chronology. He made himself known before the death of Pacuvius, a dramatic piece of his being exhibited the same year that Pacuvius brought one upon the stage, the latter being then eighty years of age, and Accius only thirty. We do not know the name of this piece of Accius's, but the titles of several of his tragedies are mentioned by various authors. He wrote on the most celebrated stories which had been represented on the Athenian stage; as *Andromache*, *Andromeda*, *Atreus*, *Clytemnestra*, *Medea*, *Meleager*, *Philoctetes*, the

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the civil wars of Thebes, Tereus, the Troades, &c. He did not always, however, take his subjects from the Grecian story; for he composed one dramatic piece wholly Roman: it was intitled *Brutus*, and related to the expulsion of the Tarquins. It is affirmed by some, that he wrote also comedies; which is not unlikely, if he was the author of two pieces, the *Wedding* and the *Merchant*, which have been ascribed to him. He did not confine himself to dramatic writing; for he left other productions, particularly his annals, mentioned by Macrobius, Priscian, Festus, and Nonnius Marcellus. He has been censured for writing in too harsh a style, but in all other respects has been esteemed a very great poet. He was so much esteemed by the public, that a comedian was punished for only mentioning his name on the stage. Cicero speaks with great derision of one Accius who had written a history; and, as our author had wrote annals, some insist that he is the person censured; but as Cicero himself, Horace, Quintilian, Ovid, and Patroclus, have spoken of our author with so much applause, we cannot think it is him whom the Roman orator censures with so much severity.

There was also in this age a pretty good orator of the same name, against whom Cicero defended Cluentius. He was born in Pisaurum, and perhaps was a relation of our poet.

ACCIUS, a poet of the 16th century, to whom is attributed *A Paraphrase of Æsop's Fables*, on which Julius Scaliger bestows great encomiums.

ACCLAMATION, a confused noise or shout of joy, by which the public express their applause, esteem, or approbation.

ACCLAMATION, in a more proper sense, denotes a certain form of words, uttered with extraordinary vehemence, and in a peculiar tone somewhat resembling a song, frequent in the ancient assemblies. Acclamations were usually accompanied with applauses, with which they are sometimes confounded: though they ought to be distinguished; as acclamation was given by the voice, applause by the hands; add, that acclamation was also bestowed on persons absent, applause only on those present. Acclamation was also given by women, whereas applause seems to have been confined to men.

Acclamations are of various kinds; ecclesiastical, military, nuptial, senatorial, synodical, scholastic, theatrical, &c. We meet with loud acclamations, musical, and rythmical acclamations; acclamations of joy and respect, and even of reproach and contumely. The former, wherein words of happy omen were used, were also called, *Laudationes, et bona vota*, or good wishes; the latter, *Execrationes et convicia*. Suetonius furnishes an instance of this last kind in the Roman senate, on occasion of the decree for demolishing the statues of Domitian, when the fathers, as the historian represents it, could not refrain from contumelious acclamations of the deceased. The like were shown after the death of Commodus, where the acclamations run in the following strain: *Hosti patriæ honores detrahantur, parricide honores detrahantur; hostis statuas undique, parricide statuas undique, gladiatoris statuas undique, &c.*—The formula, in acclamations, was repeated sometimes a greater, sometimes a lesser, number of times. Hence we find in Roman writers, *acclamatum est quinquies, et vicies*; five times, and twenty times: sometimes also *sexages*, and even *octuages*; sixty and eighty times.

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tion.

Acclamations were not unknown on the theatres in the earliest ages of the Roman commonwealth; but they were artless then, and little other than confused shouts. Afterwards they became a sort of regular concerts. That mentioned by Phædrus, *letare incolamibus Roma salvo principe*, which was made for Augustus, and proved the occasion of a pleasant mistake of a flute-player called *Princeps*, shows that musical acclamations were in use in that emperor's reign. *Revertentem ex Provincia modulatis carminibus prosequabantur*, says Suetonius, who gives another instance in the time of Tiberius: a false report of Germanicus's recovery being spread through Rome, the people ran in crowds to the capitol with torches and victims, singing, *Salva Roma, Salva Patria, Salvus est Germanicus*.—Nero, passionately fond of music, took special care to improve and perfect the music of acclamations. Charmed with the harmony wherewith the Alexandrians, who came to the games celebrated at Naples, had sung his praises, he brought several over to instruct a number of youth, chosen from among the knights and people, in the different kinds of acclamations practised at Alexandria. These continued in use as long as the reign of Theodoric. But the people did not always make a single chorus; sometimes there were two, who answered each other alternately: thus, when Nero played on the theatre, Burrhus and Seneca, who were on either hand, giving the signal by clapping, 5000 soldiers called Augustals, began to chant his praise, which the spectators were obliged to repeat. The whole was conducted by a music-master called *Mesochorus* or *Pausarius*.—The honour of acclamations was chiefly rendered to emperors, their children, and favourites; and to the magistrates who presided at the games. Persons of distinguished merit also sometimes received them, of which Quintilian gives us instances in Cato and Virgil. The most usual forms were, *Feliciter, Longiorem vitam, Annos felices*. The actors themselves, and they who gained the prizes in the games of the circus, were not excluded the honour of exclamations.

To theatrical exclamations may be added those of the soldiery and people in time of triumph. The victorious army accompanied their general to the capitol; and, among the verses they sung in his praises, frequently repeated *IO TRIUMPHÉ*, which the people answered in the same strain. It was also in the way of acclamation, that the soldiers gave their general the title of *Imperator*, after some notable victory: a title which he only kept till the time of his triumph.

The acclamations of the senate were somewhat more serious than the popular ones; but arose from the same principle, *viz.* a desire of pleasing the prince or his favourites; and aimed likewise at the same end, either to express the general approbation and zeal of the company, or to congratulate him on his victories, or to make him new protestations of fidelity. These acclamations were usually given after a report made by some senator, to which the rest all expressed their consent by crying, *OMNES, OMNES*; or else, *ÆQUUM EST, JUSTUM EST*. Sometimes they began with acclamations, and sometimes ended with them without other debates. It was after this manner that all the elections and proclamations of emperors, made by the senate, were conducted; something of which practice is still retained at modern elections of kings and emperors, where *Vivat Rex,*

**Acclamation.** *Rex, Vive le Roy, and Long live the King,* are customary forms.

The Greeks borrowed the custom of receiving their emperors in the public places from the Romans. Luitprand relates, that at a procession where he was present, they sung to the emperor Nicephorus, *πολλὰ ἐτη*; that is, Many years; which Codin expresses thus, by *το ψαλλειν το πολυχρονιον*, or by *το πολυχρονηζειν*; and the wish or salutation by *πολυχρονησιμα*. And at dinner, the Greeks then present wished with a loud voice to the emperor and Bradas, *Ut Deus annos multiplicet*; as he translates the Greek. Plutarch mentions an acclamation so loud, upon occasion of Flaminius's restoring liberty to Greece, that the very birds fell from heaven with the shout. The Turks practise something like this on the sight of their emperors and grand viziers to this day.

For the acclamations wherewith authors, poets, &c. were received, who recited their works in public; it is to be observed, the assemblies for this purpose were held with great parade in the most solemn places, as the capitol, temples, the Athenæum, and the houses of great men. Invitations were sent every where, in order to get the greater appearance. The chief care was, that the acclamations might be given with all the order and pomp possible. Men of fortune who pretended to wit, kept able applauders in their service, and lent them to their friends. Others endeavoured to gain them by presents and treats. Philostratus mentions a young man named Vavus, who lent money to the men of letters, and forgave the interest to such as applauded his exercises. These acclamations were conducted much after the same manner as those on the theatre, both as to the music and the accompaniments: they were to be suited both to the subject and to the person. There were particular ones for the philosophers, for orators, for historians, and for poets. It would be difficult to rehearse all the forms of them; one of the most usual was *Sophos*, which was to be repeated three times. Martial comprehends several other usual forms in this verse:

*Graviter, Cito, Nequiter, Euge, Beate.*

Neither the Greeks nor Romans were barren on this head. The names of gods and heroes were given those whom they would extol. It was not enough to do it after each head of discourse, chiefly after the exordium; but the acclamations were renewed at every fine passage, frequently at every period.

The acclamations wherewith the spectators honoured the victories of the athletes, were a natural consequence of the impetuous motions which attended the gymnastic games. The cries and acclamations of the people, sometimes expressing their compassion and joy, sometimes their horror and disgust, are strongly painted by different poets and orators.

Acclamations made also a part of the ceremony of marriage. They were used for the omen's sake; being the *Lata Omnia*, sometimes spoken of before marriage in Roman writers.

Acclamations, at first practised in the theatre, and passing thence to the senate, &c. was in process of time received into the acts of councils, and the ordinary assemblies of the church. The people expressed their approbation of the preacher variously; the more usual forms were, *Orthodox! Third Apostle!* &c. These acclamations being sometimes carried to excess, and often

misplaced, were frequently prohibited by the ancient doctors, and at length abrogated; though they appear to have been in some use as low as the time of St Bernard.

*ACCLAMATION Medals*, among antiquaries, such as represent the people expressing their joy in the posture of acclamation.

**ACCLIVITY**, the rise or ascent of a hill, in opposition to the declivity or descent of it. Some writers in fortification use it for the talus of a rampart.

**ACCOLA**, among the Romans, signified a person who lived near some place; in which sense, it differed from *incola*, the *inhabitant* of such a place.

**ACCOLADE**, a ceremony anciently used in the conferring of knighthood.

Antiquaries are not agreed wherein the accolade properly consisted. The generality suppose it to be the embrace, or kiss, which princes anciently gave the new knight, as a token of their affection: whence the word *acolade*; *q. d.* a clasping, or taking round the neck. Others will rather have it to be a blow on the chine of the neck, given on the same occasion. The Accolade is of some antiquity, in which soever of the two senses it be taken. Greg. de Tours writes, that the kings of France, even of the first race, in conferring the gilt shoulder-belt, kissed the knights on the left cheek. For the *accolade*, or blow, John of Salisbury assures us, it was in use among the ancient Normans: by this it was that William the Conqueror conferred the honour of knighthood on his son Henry. At first, it was given with the naked fist; but was afterwards changed into a blow with the flat of the sword on the shoulder of the knight.

**ACCOLEE**, sometimes synonymous with **ACCOLADE**, which see.—It is also used in various senses in heraldry: sometimes it is applied to two things joined; at other times, to animals with crowns, or collars about their necks, as the lion in the Ogilvy's arms; and, lastly, to kews, battons, maces, swords, &c. placed saltierwise behind the shield.

**ACCOLTI** (Bernardo), secretary to the republic of Florence, was surnamed L'Unico, or the Nonsuch, probably from the great extent of his understanding, the variety of sciences he had acquired, and the excellency of his poetic vein; which not only gained him a seat among the academicians of the court of Urbino, but made that great Mæcenas, pope Leo X. in 1520, create him prince of the state of Nepi. He wrote many pieces; among others, a collection of beautiful poems, printed at Venice in 1519 and 1553.

**ACCOMMODATION**, the application of one thing, by analogy, to another; or the making two or more things agree with one another.

To know a thing by *accommodation*, is to know it by the idea of a similar thing referred thereto.

A prophecy of scripture is said to be fulfilled various ways; properly, as when a thing foretold comes to pass; and improperly, or by way of *accommodation*, when an event happens to any place or people, like to what fell out some time before to another.—Thus, the words of Isaiah, spoken to those of his own time, are said to be fulfilled in those who lived in our Saviour's; and are *accommodated* to them: "Ye hypocrites, well did Isaiah prophecy of you," &c. which same words St Paul afterwards *accommodates* to the Jews of his time.

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The primitive church *accommodated* multitudes of Jewish, and even heathen ceremonies and practices, to Christian purposes; but the Jews had before done the same by the Gentiles: some will even have circumcision, the tabernacle, brazen serpent, &c. to have been originally of Egyptian use, and only *accommodated* by Moses to the purposes of Judaism.\* Spencer maintains, that most of the rites of the old law were an imitation of those of the Gentiles, and particularly of the Egyptians; that God, in order to divert the children of Israel from the worship they paid to the false deities, consecrated the greatest part of the ceremonies performed by those idolaters, and had formed out of them a body of the ceremonial law; that he had indeed made some alterations therein, as barriers against idolatry; and that he thus *accommodated* his worship to the genius and occasions of his ancient people. To this concession of God, according to Spencer,† is owing the origin of the tabernacle, and particularly that of the ark. These opinions, however, have been controverted by later writers.

† De legib. Hebr. diss. i. l. 3. p. 32.

ACCOMPANIMENT, something attending or added as a circumstance to another, either by way of ornament, or for the sake of symmetry.

ACCOMPANIMENT, in music, denotes the instruments which accompany a voice, in order to sustain it, as well as to make the music more full. The accompaniment is used in recitative, as well as in song; on the stage, as well as in the choir, &c. The ancients had likewise their accompaniments on the theatre; they had even different kinds of instruments to accompany the chorus, from those which accompanied the actors in the recitation.—The accompaniment, among the moderns, is frequently a different part or melody from the song it accompanies. It is disputed whether it was so among the ancients. It is generally alledged, that their accompaniments went no farther than the playing in octave, or in antiphony to the voice. The Abbé Fraquier, from a passage in Plato, pretends to prove, that they had actual symphony, or music in parts: but his arguments seem far from being conclusive.

ACCOMPANIMENT, in painting, denotes such objects as are added, either by way of ornament, or probability; as dogs, guns, game, &c. in a hunting-piece.

ACCOMPANIMENT, in heraldry, any thing added to a shield by way of ornament; as the belt, mantling, supporters, &c. It is also applied to several bearings about a principal one; as a saltier, bend, fess, chevron, &c.

ACCOMPLICE, one that has a hand in a business; or is privy in the same design or crime with another. See ACCESSORY.

By the law of Scotland, the *accomplice* can only be prosecuted after the conviction of the *principal* offender, unless the accession of the *accomplice* is immediate, in *ipso actu*, so as in effect to render them *co-principal*. By the general rule, the *accomplice* suffers the same punishment with the *principal* offender; yet if he be remarkably less guilty, justice will not permit equal punishment.

The counsel of Sens, and several other synodical statutes, expressly prohibit the revealing of *accomplices*.

ACCOMPLISHMENT, the entire execution or fulfilment of any thing.

ACCOMPLISHMENT, is principally used in speaking of events foretold by the Jewish prophets in the Old

Testament, and fulfilled under the New. We say a literal accomplishment, a mystical or spiritual accomplishment, a single accomplishment, a double accomplishment, a Jewish accomplishment, a Christian, a heathen accomplishment. The same prophecy is sometimes accomplished in all, or in several of those different ways. Thus, of some of the prophecies of the Old Testament, the Jews find a literal accomplishment in their own history, about the time when the prophecy was given: the Christians find another in Christ, or the earliest days of the church; the heathens another, in some of their emperors; the Mahometans, another in their legislator, &c. There are two principal ways of accomplishing a prophecy; *directly*, and by *accommodation*. See ACCOMMODATION, and PROPHECY.

ACCOMPLISHMENT, is also used for any mental or personal endowment.

ACCORD, in painting, is the harmony that reigns among the lights and shades of a picture.

ACCORDS (Stephen Tabourot, seigneur des), advocate in the parliament of Dijon in France, and king's advocate in the bailiwick and chancery of that city, born in the year 1549. He was a man of genius and learning; but too much addicted to trifles, as appears from his piece, intitled, "Les Bigarrures," printed at Paris in 1582. This was not his first production, for he had before printed some sonnets. His work, intitled, "Les Touches," was published at Paris in 1585; which is indeed a collection of witty poems, but worked up rather in too loose a manner, according to the licentious taste of that age. His Bigarrures are written in the same strain. He was censured for this way of writing, which obliged him to publish an apology. The lordship of Accords is an imaginary fief or title from the device of his ancestors, which was a drum, with the motto, *à tous accords*, " chiming with all." He had sent a sonnet to a daughter of Mr Begat, the great and learned president of Burgundy, "who (says he) did me the honour to love me:—And inasmuch (continues he), I had subscribed my sonnet with only my device, *à tous accords*, this lady first nicknamed me, in her answer, *Seigneur des Accords*; by which title her father also called me several times. For this reason I chose this surname, not only in all my writings composed at that time, but even in these books." He died July 24th 1561, in the 46th year of his age.

ACCOUNT, or ACCOMPT, in a general sense, a computation or reckoning of any thing by numbers.—Collectively, it is used to express the books which merchants, traders, bankers, &c. use for recording their transactions in business. See BOOK-KEEPING.

*Chamber of Accounts*, in the French polity, is a sovereign court of great antiquity, which takes cognisance of and registers the accounts of the king's revenue. It is nearly the same with the English *Court of Exchequer*.

ACCOUNT is taken sometimes, in a particular sense; for the computation of time: thus we say, The Julian Account, the Gregorian Account, &c. in which sense it is equivalent to *style*.

ACCOUNTANT, or ACCOMPTANT, in the most general sense, is a person skilled in accounts. In a more restricted sense, it is applied to a person, or officer, appointed to keep the accounts of a public company or office.

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**ACCOUNTANTSHIP**, the art of keeping and balancing accounts. See **BOOK-KEEPING**.

**ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL**, a new officer in the court of Chancery in Great Britain appointed by act of parliament to receive all moneys lodged in court instead of the masters, and convey the same to the bank of England for security.

**ACCOUTREMENT**, an old term, applied to the furniture of a soldier, knight, or gentleman.

**ACCRETION**, in physics, the increase, or growth of an organical body, by the accession of new parts. See **NUTRITION**, **PLANTS**, and **VEGETABLES**.

**ACCRETION**, among civilians, the property acquired in a vague or unoccupied thing, by its adhering to or following another already occupied: thus, if a legacy be left to two persons, one of whom dies before the testator, the legacy devolves to the survivor by right of accretion.

**ACCROCHE**, in heraldry, denotes a thing's being hooked with another.

**ACCUBATION**, a posture of the body, between sitting and lying. The word comes from the Latin *accubare*, compounded of *ad*, to, and *cubo*, I lie down. *Accubation*, or *Accubitus*, was the table-posture of the Greeks and Romans; whence we find the words particularly used for the lying, or rather (as we call it) sitting, down to meat. The Greeks introduced this posture. The Romans, during the frugal ages of the republic, were strangers to it: but as luxury got footing, this posture came to be adopted, at least by the men; for as to women, it was reputed an indecency in them to lie down among the men: though, afterwards, this too was got over. But children did not lie down, nor servants, nor soldiers, nor persons of meaner condition; but took their meals sitting, as a posture less indulgent. The Roman manner of disposing themselves at table was this: A low round table was placed in the *cœnaculum*, or dining-room; and, about this, usually three, sometimes only two, beds or couches; according to the number of which, it was called *biclinium* or *triclinium*. These were covered with a sort of bed-clothes, richer or plainer according to the quality of the person, and furnished with quilts and pillows, that the guests might lie the more commodiously. There were usually three persons on each bed; to crowd more, was esteemed forbid. In eating, they lay down on their left sides, with their heads resting on the pillows, or rather on their elbows. The first lay at the head of the bed, with his feet extended behind the back of the second; the second lay with the back of his head towards the navel of the first, only separated by a pillow, his feet behind the back of the third; and so of the third, or fourth. The middle place was esteemed the most honourable. Before they came to table, they changed their clothes, putting on what they called *cœnatoria vestis*, the dining-garment; and pulled off their shoes, to prevent fouling the couch.

**ACCUBITOR**, an ancient officer of the emperors of Constantinople, whose business was to lie near the emperor. He was the head of the youth of the bed-chamber, and had the *cubicularius* and *procubitor* under him.

**ACCUMULATION**, in a general sense, the act of heaping or amassing things together. Among lawyers it is used in speaking of the concurrence of several titles

to the same thing, or of several circumstances to the same proof.

**ACCUMULATION of Degrees**, in an university, is the taking several of them together, or at smaller intervals than usual, or than is allowed by the rules of the university.

**ACCURSED**, something that lies under a curse, or sentence of excommunication.

In the Jewish idiom *accursed* and *crucified* were synonymous. Among them, every one was accounted *accursed* who died on a tree. This serves to explain the difficult passage in Rom. ix. 3. where the apostle Paul wishes himself *accursed after the manner of Christ, i. e.* crucified, if happily he might by such a death save his countrymen. The preposition *ἀπό* here made use of, is used in the same sense, 2 Tim. i. 3. where it obviously signifies *after the manner of*.

**ACCURSIUS**, a law-professor in the 13th century, born in Florence. His authority was for some time so great, that he was called the Idol of the Lawyers. —Other three lawyers of note had the same name.

**ACCURSIUS** (Mariangelus), a famous critic of the 16th century, born at Aquilo in the kingdom of Naples. His *Diatrebes*, printed at Rome in folio, in 1524, on Ovid and Solinus, are a proof of his abilities in that kind of erudition. In his edition of Ammianus Marcellinus there are five books more than in any of the preceding ones; and he affirms he had corrected 5000 errors in that historian. His predominant passion was the searching for and collecting of old manuscripts: yet he made Latin and Italian verses; was complete master of the French, German, and Spanish tongues; and understood optics and music. He purged himself by oath, being charged for being a plagiarist with regard to his Ausonius; it being reported, that he had appropriated to himself the labours of Fabricio Varana, bishop of Camerino.

**ACCUSATION**, the charging any person with a criminal action, either in one's own name, or in that of the public. The word is compounded of *ad*, to; and *causari*, to plead.

Writers on politics treat of the benefit and the inconveniences of public accusations. Various arguments are alleged, both for the encouragement and discouragement of accusations against great men. Nothing, according to Machiavel, tends more to the preservation of a state, than frequent accusations of persons trusted with the administration of public affairs. This, accordingly, was strictly observed by the Romans, in the instances of Camillus, accused of corruption by Manlius Capitolinus, &c. Accusations, however, in the judgment of the same author, are not more beneficial than calumnies are pernicious; which is also confirmed by the practice of the Romans. Manlius not being able to make good his charge against Camillus, was cast into prison.

By the *Roman* law, there was no public accuser for public crimes; every private person, whether interested in the crime or not, might accuse, and prosecute the accused to punishment, or absolution. Cato, the most innocent person of his age, had been accused 42 times, and as often absolved. But the accusation of *private* crimes was never received but from the mouths of those who were immediately interested in them: None (*e. g.*) but the husband could accuse his wife of adultery.

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The ancient Roman lawyers distinguished between *postulatio*, *delatio*, and *accusatio*. For, first, leave was desired to bring a charge against one, which was called *postulare*: then he against whom the charge was laid, was brought before the judge; which was called *deferre*, or *nominis delatio*: lastly, the charge was drawn up and presented, which was properly the *accusatio*. The accusation properly commenced, according to Pædianus, when the *reus* or party charged, being interrogated, denied he was guilty of the crime; and subscribed his name to the *delatio* made by his opponent.

In the *French* law, none but the Procurcur general, or his deputies, can form an accusation, except for high-treason and coining, where accusation is open to every body. In other crimes, private persons can only act the part of denouncers, and demand reparation for the offence, with damages.

In *Britain*, by *Magna Charta*, no man shall be imprisoned or condemned on any accusation, without trial by his peers, or the law; none shall be vexed with any accusation, but according to the law of the land; and no man may be molested by petition to the king, &c. unless it be by indictment or presentment of lawful men, or by process at common law. Promoters of suggestions, are to find surety to pursue them; and if they do not make them good, shall pay damages to the party accused, and also a fine to the king. No person is obliged to answer upon oath to a question whereby he may accuse himself of any crime.

ACCUSATIVE, in the Latin grammar, is the fourth case of nouns, and signifies the relation of the noun on which the action implied in the verb terminates; and hence, in such languages as have cases, these nouns have a particular termination, called *accusative*: as, *Augustus vicit Antonium*, Augustus vanquished Antony. Here *Antonium* is the noun, on which the action implied in the verb *vicit* terminates; and, therefore, must have the accusative termination. Ovid, speaking of the palace of the sun, says, *Materiem superabat opus*, The work surpassed the materials. Here *materiem* has the accusative termination; because it determines the action of the verb *superabat*.—In the English language there are no cases, except the genitive; the relation of the noun being shown by the assistance of prepositions, as *of*, *to*, *from*, &c.

ACCUSIORUM COLONIA (anc. geog.), an inland town in the Cavares, in Gallia Narbonensis: now *Grenoble*, in Dauphiné. See *GRENOBLE*.

ACE, among gamesters, a card or die marked only with one point.

ACELUM, or ACELIUM (anc. geog.), a town of the Venetian territory, now called *Azolo*, situated to the west of *Trevigi*, at the source of the rivulet *Mufonc*. E. Long. 13°. N. Lat. 45°.

ACENTETUM, or ACANTETA, in natural history, a name given by the ancients to the purest and finest kind of rock-crystal: They used the crystal in many ways; sometimes engraving on it, and sometimes forming it into vases and cups, which were held next in value to the *vasa murrhina* of these times. The crystal they obtained from the island of *Cyprus* was much esteemed; but often faulty in particular parts, having hairs, cracks, and foulnesses, which they called *salts*, in the middle of the large pieces. *Pliny* tells us, that when it was used for engraving on, the

artist could conceal all these blemishes among the strokes of his work; but when it was to be formed into cups or precious vases, they always chose the acentetum which had no flaws or blemishes.

ACEPHALI, or ACEPHALITÆ, a term applied to several sects who refused to follow some noted leader. Thus the persons who refused to follow either *John of Antioch*, or *St Cyril*, in a dispute that happened in the council of *Ephesus*, were termed *Acephali*, without a head or leader. Such bishops, also, as were exempt from the jurisdiction and discipline of their patriarch, were stiled *Acephali*.

ACEPHALI, the levellers in the reign of king *Henry I.* who acknowledged no head or superior. They were reckoned so poor, that they had not a tenement by which they might acknowledge a superior lord.

ACEPHALOUS, or ACEPHALUS, in a general sense; without a head.

The term is more particularly used in speaking of certain nations, or people, represented by ancient naturalists and cosmographers, as well as by some modern travellers, as formed without heads; their eyes, mouths, &c. being placed in other parts.

Such are the *Blemmyes*, a nation of *Africa* near the head of the *Niger*, represented to be by *Pliny* and *Solinus*; *Blemmyes tradunter capita abesse, ore et oculis pectore affixis*. *Ctesias* and *Solinus* mention others in *India* near the *Ganges*, *sine cervice, oculos in humeris habentes*. *Mela* also speaks of people, *quibus capita et vultus in pectore sunt*. And *Suidas*, *Stephanus Byzantinus*, *Vopiscus*, and others after them, relate the like. Some modern travellers still pretend to find acephalous people in *America*.

Several opinions have been framed as to the origin of the fable of the *Accphali*. The first is that of *Thomas Bartholin*, who turns the whole into a metaphor; being convinced, that the name *Acephali* was anciently given to such as had less brain, or conducted themselves less by the rules of prudence, than others. *Olcarius* rather apprehends, that the ancient voyagers, viewing certain barbarous people from the coasts, had been imposed on by their uncouth dress; for that the *Samogitians*, being short of stature, and going in the severity of winter with their heads covered in hoods, seem at a distance as if they were headless. *F. Lafitau* says, that by *Acephali* are only meant, people whose heads are sunk below their shoulders. In effect, *Hulsius*, in his epitome of *Sir Walter Ralceigh's* voyage to *Guaiana*, also speaks of a people which that traveller found in the province of *Irvipinama*, between the lakes of *Panama* and *Cassipa*, who had no head or neck; and *Hondius*, in his map, marks the place with the figures of these monsters. Yet *De Laet*\* rejects the story; being informed by others, that the inhabitants of the banks of the *Caora*, a river that flows out of the lake of *Cassipa*, have their heads so far sunk between their shoulders, that many believed they had their eyes in their shoulders and their mouths in their breasts.

But though the existence of a nation of *Acephali* be ill warranted, naturalists furnish several instances of individuals born without heads, by some lusus or aberration of nature. *Wepfer* gives † a catalogue of such acephalous births, from *Schenckius*, *Licetus*, *Paræus*, *Wolfius*, *Mauricau*, &c.

ACEPHALUS, an obsolete term for the *tænia* or

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\* Descript.  
Amer. l. 17.  
c. 22.

† In Eph.  
Ger. dec. 1.  
an. 3. obs.  
129. p. 184.  
Dec. 2. an. 9.  
obs. 148.  
tape- p. 258.

**Acephalus** tape-worm, which was long supposed to be acephalous.  
**Acer,** See TÆNIA. The first who gave it a head was Tulpius; and after him, Fehr: The former even makes it *biceps*, or two-headed.

**Maple-tree**

ACEPHALUS, is also used to express a verse defective in the beginning.

ACER, the MAPLE or SYCAMORE TREE: a genus of the monœcia order, belonging to the polygamia class of plants; and ranked under the 23d Natural Order, *Tribilata*.—The generic characters, both natural and essential, are: The HERMAPHRODITE *calyx* is an acute, coloured, one-leav'd perianthium, divided into five segments, flat and entire at the base, and persistent: The *corolla* is five-petal'd, ovate, and expanding: The *stamina* consists of eight subulated short filaments; the antheræ simple, the dust cruciform: The *pistillum* has a compressed germen, immersed in the receptacle, which is convex, perforated, and large; the stylus is filiform; the stigmata are two, pointed, slender, and reflex: The *pericarpium* consists of two or three capsulæ uniting at the base, roundish, compressed, each terminated with a large membranous wing: The *seeds* are solitary and roundish. The MALE *calyx*, *corolla*, and *stamina*, are the same as in the hermaphrodite: The *pistillum* has no germen, nor stylus; the stigma is bifid. [Nota, On the first opening of the flower, the stigma alone appears; a few days after, the stylus.—The hermaphrodite flowers on the same umbel are frequently of two sorts: the inferior ones *feminine*, the antheræ of which do not burst, but the pistillum quickly grows into a fruit: the superior ones *masculine*, of which the antheræ scatter their pollen, but the pistilla without increasing fall off.]

*Species, with their uses and properties.*] 1. The pseudo-platanus, or sycamore, is a very large and beautiful tree, with broad leaves, divided into five lobes serrated in their edges; of a dark-green colour on the upper side, but paler and somewhat hoary underneath; the flowers are very small, and of a greenish white colour. The corolla of this species is scarcely distinguishable from the calyx, and the stamina are long. The fruit is large, and beautifully variegated with green and purple. This species is a native of Germany, but thrives very well in Great Britain, where it is frequent in plantations. It is very proper for making plantations near the sea, or sheltering such as are already too near it; because the sycamore-tree resists the spray of the ocean much better than most other trees. But it has this inconvenience, that its leaves are devoured by insects, so as to become full of holes, and very unsightly; which has caused the planting of it to be much neglected of late. It has, however, long been considered as a timber tree, having been much used by the turners for wooden bowls, dishes, trenchers, &c.; but, since the custom of using earthen ware has become so prevalent, its value for those purposes has greatly decreased. There are two varieties, one with broad leaves and large keys, the other with variegated leaves. By tapping it yields a liquor not unlike that of the birch-tree; from which the Highlanders of Scotland sometimes make an agreeable and wholesome wine.

2. The campestris, or common maple, is too well known to need any particular description, as it grows very frequently in hedge-rows in most parts of Britain.

The timber of the common maple is far superior to the beech for all the uses of the turner. When it abounds with knots, as it frequently does, it is highly esteemed by joiners for inlayings. It is also frequently employed for making musical instruments, on account of its lightness; and for the whiteness of its wood was formerly esteemed for making tables, &c. But the principal value of the maple is for underwood; it being of a quick growth, and affording good fuel.

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3. The negundo, or Virginia ash-leaved maple, is a very strong shooting tree; and in Virginia, where it is a native, is one of the largest trees of this kind. Its leaves are of a pale green, and well adapted to give a variety of tint; but Hanbury says, that this tree ought not to be planted in exposed situations, the branches being subject to be split off by the wind. Its uses are similar to those of the sycamore.

4. The platanoides, or Norway-maple, grows naturally in Norway, Sweden, and other northern countries of Europe. It rises to a good height, and is well furnished with branches, with smooth leaves of a shining green colour, and beautifully indented. These have an acrid milky juice, which prevents them from being preyed upon by insects as the sycamore is; and as this species resists the spray of the sea equally with the first, it is preferable in plantations situated near the sea. In autumn the leaves dye to a golden yellow colour, which causes a delightful effect at that season when the different tints of decaying vegetables are displayed. The flowers are also beautiful; they come out early in the spring, are of a fine yellow colour, and show themselves to advantage before the leaves come out. They are frequently succeeded by keys, which sometimes arrive at maturity in Britain. There is a variety with striped leaves.

5. The rebrum, or Virginia scarlet flowering maple, is a native of that country, and never grows to a large size in Britain. It is, however, cultivated in gardens for the beauty of its flowers, which appear in the beginning of April, in roundish bunches, at the bottom of the footstalks of the leaves. The seeds are ripe in five or six weeks after; and ought to be immediately sown, being otherwise very apt to perish. The tree ought to be sheltered, especially whilst young, from the north-east winds; it delights in a moist light soil, where it will thrive much better, as well as produce many more flowers and much better seeds, than in a dry ground. A variety of this tree is known in England by the name of *Sir Charles Wager's Flowering Maple*, from its being first sent from America to Sir Charles Wager. The flowers of this kind come out in larger clusters than the other, and surround the small branches, so that the tree appears entirely covered with them, and makes a much more beautiful appearance than the former, which is now not so much esteemed.

6. The saccharinum, or sugar-maple, is a large growing tree; will arrive at the height of 40 feet; and has broad thin leaves, divided into five principal parts; which are again indented or cut at the edges into several acute segments. Their surface is smooth, of a light green colour, whitish underneath; and they grow on pretty long footstalks. The flowers come out in the spring, about the time of the Norway maple; and they are succeeded by long keys, which sometimes ripen in England. In America, the inhabitants tap this tree in the spring, boil the liquor, and the feces af-

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Maple-tree ford useful sugar. The sycamore, the ash-leaved, and the Norway maples, also abound with a saccharine juice, from which there is no doubt but a useful sugar might be prepared.

7. The *Penfylvanicum*, or American mountain-maple, very much resembles the sugar-maple, only its leaves are more pointed.

8. The *Opalus*, or Italian maple, is very common in most parts of Italy, particularly about Rome; but in Britain is very rarely to be met with, though hardy enough to bear the open air. It is one of the largest species of trees in Italy, and affords a great shade by its numerous and large leaves. On this account it is planted on the road-sides, and near habitations.

9. The *monspesulanum*, or Montpellier maple, is common in the south of France, and in Italy; but is hardly met with in Britain. The leaves resemble those of the common maple; but are of a much thicker substance, a shining green colour, and not so large. They continue in verdure very late in the autumn, which renders the trees more valuable.

10. The *creticum*, or Cretan maple, grows naturally in the Levant; it somewhat resembles the last species; but its leaves are of a much thinner texture, and their footstalks covered with a soft hairy down; whereas those of the other are smooth and soft.

*Propagation and culture.*—I. By *seeds*. The first four species are easily propagated in this way. The keys, when ripe in autumn, may be gathered, and in a few days after sown, about an inch and an half deep, in beds of common mould. In spring the plants will appear, and make a shoot of about a foot and an half by the autumn following, if the ground of the seminary be tolerably good, and they are kept free from weeds. The spring after they come up they should be planted in the nursery in rows of two feet and an half asunder, and their distance in the rows must be one foot and an half. Here they may remain till they are big enough to plant out finally, with no further trouble than taking off unsightly side-branches, and such as have a tendency to make the tree forked, except digging between the rows, which must always be done every winter.—For the other species, their seeds, as they do not ripen in this country, ought to be procured from the places where they naturally grow, and managed in the following manner: A cool shady part of the seminary should be appropriated for the purpose; the mould should be made fine; beds should be marked out four feet wide, and in length proportionable to the quantity; and in these the seeds should be regularly sown, sifting over them about half an inch of the finest mould. When the plants come up, they must be kept clean from weeds, and frequently watered; and this work must be duly attended to all summer. The next spring, the strongest may be drawn out, and planted in the nursery, in rows two feet asunder, and at the distance of a foot from each other in the rows; leaving the others in the seminary to gain strength. The spring following they also must receive the same culture; and in the nursery they may remain, with no other trouble than keeping the ground clean from weeds in the summer, digging between the rows in the winter, and taking off all strong and irregular side-shoots till they are planted out. Trees raised from seeds will grow faster, and arrive at greater height, than those raised from layers: but they will not pro-

duce such quantities of flowers; which makes the latter method more eligible for those who want these plants for a low shrubbery.—Seeds of the variegated kinds also, when sown, will produce variegated plants in return; which renders the propagation of these sorts very expeditious where plenty of seeds may be had. Where these are not to be obtained, the plants are propagated by budding, as afterwards directed.

2. By *layers*. All the species may be propagated by this method; though it is never practised for the common maple and the sycamore. The young shoots may be at any time laid down in the autumn, winter, or early in the spring. By the autumn following, they will have struck root, and become good plants; when the strongest may be set out in the places where they are to remain; whilst the weakest may be planted in the nursery, like the seedlings, for a year or two, to acquire strength.

3. By *cuttings*: which method, however, is chiefly practised on the ash-leaved and Norway maples, which more readily take root this way. The cuttings should be the bottom parts of the last year's shoots: They should be taken off early in October, and planted in rows in a moist shady place. The spring and summer following, they must be duly watered as often as dry weather makes it necessary, and be kept clean from weeds. By the autumn they will be fit to remove into the nursery; though if the cuttings are not planted too close, they may remain in their situation for a year or two longer, and then be set out finally, without the trouble of being previously planted in the nursery.

4. By *budding, grafting, and inarching*. These methods are only practised for the variegated sorts and the large broad-leaved kind. The latter is to be continued no otherwise than by budding it on stocks of the common sycamore; for from the seeds, though so large themselves, only the common sycamore is produced.

In order to propagate these varieties by budding, let some plants of the common sycamore, one year old, be taken out of the seminary, and set in the nursery in rows a yard asunder, and the plants about a foot and a half distance from each other in the rows: Let the ground be kept clean from weeds all summer, and turned in in the winter; and the summer following the stocks will be of a proper size to receive the buds, which should be taken from the most beautifully-striped branches. The best time for this work is the middle or latter end of August. Having then budded your stocks with the eyes or buds fronting the north, early in October take off the bass-matting, which before this time will have confined the bark and pinched the bud, but not so as to hurt it much. Then cut off the stock just above the bud, and dig the ground between the rows. The summer following, keep the ground clean from weeds; cut off all natural side-buds from the stock as they come out; and by autumn, if the land is good, the buds will have shot forth, and formed themselves into trees five or six feet high. They may be then removed into the places where they are designed to remain; or a few of them only may be drawn out, leaving the others to be trained up for larger standards. The striped Norway maple should be budded on stocks of its own kind; for on these they take best, and both kinds are not very liable to run away from their colours. Variegated plants in general must be planted in

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poor, hungry, gravelly, or sandy soils, to feed the disease which occasions these beautiful stripes, and cause it to be more powerful. But these trees show their stripes in greater perfection in a good soil: The plant, though in sickness, has the appearance of health; the shoots are vigorous and strong; the leaves are large, less liable to be hurt by insects; and the stripes appear more perfect, natural, and beautiful, than those on stunted trees growing on a poor soil.

ACERB, a sour rough astringency of taste, such as that of unripe fruit.

ACERNO, a town of Italy, in the interior principality of Naples, with a bishop's see. E. long. 15. 46. N. lat. 40. 50.

ACERINA, in Ichthyology, a name given by Pliny and other of the old naturalists, to the fish we at this time call the *ruffe*. See PERCA.

ACERRA, in antiquity, an altar erected, among the Romans, near the bed of a person deceased, on which his friends daily offered incense till his burial.—The real intention probably was to overcome any offensive smell that might arise about the corpse. The Chinese have still a custom like this: They erect an altar to the deceased in a room hung with mourning; and place an image of the dead person on the altar, to which every one that approaches it bows four times, and offers oblations and perfumes.

The *Acerra* also signified a little pot wherein were put the incense and perfumes to be burnt on the altars of the gods and before the dead. It appears to have been the same with what was otherwise called *thuribulum*, and *pyxis*.

We find mention of *Acerræ* in the ancient church. The Jews had also their *Acerræ* in our version rendered *cessers*; and the Romanists still retain them under the name of *incense-pots*. In Roman writers, we frequently meet with *plena acerra*, a full acerra: to understand which, it is to be observed, that people were obliged to offer incense in proportion to their estate and condition; the rich in larger quantities, the poor only a few grains; the former poured out *acerras* full on the altar, the latter took out two or three bits with their fingers.

ACERRA, a town of Italy, in the kingdom of Naples, and in the Terra di Lavoro; seated on the river Agno. E. Long. 15. 10. N. lat. 40. 55.

ACERRÆ (anc. geog.), the ancient name of a town on the Clanus, in Campania, not far from Naples, now ACERRA.—The name also of another town, now called *la Girola*, in the territory and to the south-east of Lodi, where the rivulet Serio falls into the Adda, to the west of Cremona and north of Placentia.

ACESCENT, a word used to denote any thing which is turning sour, or which is slightly acid. It is only applied properly to the former of these two meanings. The second may be expressed by either of the two words, *acidulous* or *sub-acid*.

ACETABULUM, in antiquity, a measure used by the ancients, equal to one-eighth of our pint. It seems to have acquired its name from a vessel in which acetum or vinegar was brought to their tables, and which probably contained about this quantity.

ACETABULUM, in anatomy, a cavity in any bone for receiving the protuberant head of another, and there-

by forming that species of articulation called ENARTHROSIS.

ACETABULUM, in botany, the trivial name of a species of the peziza, or cup-peziza, a genus belonging to the cryptogamia fungi of Linnæus. It has got the name of *acetabulum*, from the resemblance its leaves bear to a cup. See PEZIZA.

ACETARY. Nehemiah Grew, in his anatomy of plants, applies the term to a pulpy substance in certain fruits, e. g. the pear, which is inclosed in a congeries of small calculous bodies towards the base of the fruit, and is always of an acid taste.

ACETOSA, Sorrel; by Linnæus joined to the genus of Dock, under the title of *Rumex*. See RUMEX.

ACETOSELLA, in botany, a species of OXALIS.

ACETOUS, an epithet applied to such substances as are sour or partake of the nature of vinegar.

ACETUM, VINEGAR, the vegetable ACID of the chemists. See VINEGAR.

ACHABYTUS (anc. geog.), a high mountain in Rhodes, on the top of which stood a Temple of Jupiter.

ACHÆA (anc. geog.), a town of the island of Rhodes, in the district of Jalyfus, and the first and most ancient of all, said to be built by the Heliads, or Grandsons of the Sun.

ACHÆA, a hamlet of Asiatic Sarmatia on the Euxine. The inhabitants were called *Achæi*, a colony of the Orchomenians.

ACHÆANS, the inhabitants of ACHAIA Propria, a Peloponnesian state. This republic was not considerable in early times, for the number of its troops, nor for its wealth, nor for the extent of its territories; but it was famed for its probity, its justice, and its love of liberty. Its high reputation for these virtues was very ancient. The Crotonians and Sybarites, to re-establish order in their towns, adopted the laws and customs of the Achæans. After the famous battle of Leuctra, a difference arose betwixt the Lacedæmonians and Thebans, who held the virtue of this people in such veneration that they terminated the dispute by their decision. The government of the Achæans was democratical. They preserved their liberty till the time of Philip and Alexander: But in the reign of those princes, and afterwards, they were either subject to the Macedonians, who had made themselves masters of Greece, or oppressed by cruel tyrants. The Achæan commonwealth consisted of twelve inconsiderable towns in Peloponnesus. Its first annals are not marked by any great action, for they are not graced with one eminent character. After the death of Alexander, this little republic was a prey to all the evils which flow from political discord. A zeal for the good of the community was now extinguished. Each town was only attentive to its private interest. There was no longer any stability in the state; for it changed its masters with every revolution in Macedonia. Towards the 124th Olympiad, about the time when Ptolmey Soter died, and when Pyrrhus invaded Italy, the republic of the Achæans recovered its old institutions and unanimity. The inhabitants of Patæ and of Dymæ were the first asserters of ancient liberty. The tyrants were banished, and the towns again made one commonwealth. A public council was then held, in which affairs of importance were discussed and determined. A register was

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**Achæia.** was appointed to record the transactions of the council. This assembly had two presidents, who were nominated alternately by the different towns. But instead of two presidents, they soon elected but one. Many neighbouring towns which admired the constitution of this republic, founded on equality, liberty, the love of justice, and of the public good, were incorporated with the Achæans, and admitted to the full enjoyment of their laws and privileges.—The arms which the Achæans chiefly used were slings. They were trained to the art from their infancy, by slinging from a great distance, at a circular mark of a moderate circumference. By long practice they took so nice an aim, that they were sure, not only to hit their enemies on the head, but on any part of the face they chose.—Their slings were of a different kind from those of the Balearians, whom they far surpassed in dexterity.

**ACHÆI**, (Achæans); the inhabitants of Achæia Propria. In Livy, the people of Greece; for the most part called *Achivi*, by the Roman poets. In Homer, the general name for Grecians. See **ACHÆANS**.

**ACHÆORUM PORTUS**, (Pliny); now *Porto Buon*, a harbour of the Chersonesus Taurica, on the Euxine. Another, near Sigæum, into which the Xanthus, after being joined by the Simois, falls.

**ACHÆMENES**, according to Herodotus, was father of Cambyses, and grandfather of Cyrus the first, king of Persia. Most of the commentators of Horace are of opinion, that the Achæmenes whom that poet mentions, ode xii. of his 2d book, was one of the Persian monarchs: but, if that were true, he must have reigned before the Medes subdued the Persians; for we do not hear of any king of that name from the time that the Persians founded that great monarchy, which is looked upon as the second universal one. However this be, the epithet *Achæmenians* is frequently given to the Persians, in the old Latin poets.

**ACHÆMENES**, son of Darius I. king of Persia, and brother of Xerxes, had the government of Egypt bestowed on him, after Xerxes had forced the Egyptians to return to their allegiance. He some time after commanded the Egyptian fleet in the celebrated expedition which proved so fatal to all Greece. The Egyptians having again taken up arms after the death of Xerxes, Achæmenes was sent into Egypt to suppress the rebellion; but was vanquished by Inarus, chief of the rebels, succoured by the Athenians.

**ACHÆUS**, cousin-german to Seleucus Ceraunus and Antiochus the Great, kings of Syria, became a very powerful monarch, and enjoyed the dominions he had usurped for many years; but at last he was punished for his usurpations in a dreadful manner, in the 140th year of Rome, as related by Polybius.\*

\* Lib. viii.  
cap. 5. 6.

**ACHAIA**, a name taken for that part of Greece which Ptolemy calls *Hellas*; the younger Pliny, *Græcia*; now called *Livadia*: bounded on the north by Thessaly, the river Sperchius, the Sinus Maliacus, and mount Oeta; on the west by the river Achelous; on the east, turning a little to the north, it is washed by the Archipelago, down to the promontory of Sanium: on the south, joined to the Peloponnesus, or Morea, by the isthmus of Corinth, five miles broad.

*ACHAIA Propria*, anciently a small district in the north of Peloponnesus, running westward along the bay of Corinth, and bounded on the west by the Ionian

Sea, on the south by Elis and Arcadia, and on the east by Sicyonia: inhabitants, the *Achæans*, properly so called; its metropolis, *Patræ*. It is now called *Romania Alta*, in the Morea.

*Achæia* was also taken for all those countries that joined in the Achæan league, reduced by the Romans to a province. Likewise for Peloponnesus.

**ACHAÏÆ Presbyteri**, or the Presbyters of Achæia, were those who were present at the martyrdom of St. Andrew the Apostle, A. D. 59; and are said to have written an epistle in relation to it. Bellarmine, and several other eminent writers in the church of Rome, allow it to be genuine; while Du Pin, and some others, expressly reject it.

**ACHAÏUS**, son of Ethwin, was raised to the crown of Scotland, A. D. 788. The emperor Charlemagne sent an embassy to desire an alliance with him against the English, whose pirates so infested the seas, that the merchants could not carry on their trade. This alliance was concluded in France upon conditions so advantageous to the Scots, that Achæius, to perpetuate the memory of it, added to the arms of Scotland a double field sowed with lilies. He died in 819.

**ACHALALACTLI**, in ornithology, a species of king's-fisher. See **ALCEDO**.

**ACHAN**, the son of Carmi, of the tribe of Judah, at the taking of Jericho concealed two hundred shekels of silver, a Babylonish garment, and a wedge of gold, contrary to the express command of God. This sin proved fatal to the Israelites, who were repulsed at the siege of Ai. In this dreadful exigence, Joshua prostrated himself before the Lord, and begged that he would have mercy upon his people. Achan was discovered by casting lots, and he and his children were stoned to death. This expiation being made, Ai was taken by stratagem. Josh. vii. 8, 9.

**ACHANE**, an ancient Persian corn measure, containing 45 Attic medimni.

**ACHARACA**, anciently a town of Lydia, situated between Trulles and Nyfa; in which were the temple of Pluto, and the cave Charonium, where patients slept in order to obtain a cure.

**ACHAT**, in law, implies a purchase or bargain. And hence probably purveyors were called *Achators*, from their making bargains.

**ACHATES**, the companion of Eneas, and his most faithful friend, celebrated in Virgil.

**ACHATES**, in natural history. See **AGATE**.

**ACHATES** (anc. geog.), a river of Sicily, now the *Drillo*; which runs from north to south, almost parallel with, and at no great distance from, the Gela; and rises in the north of the territory of Noto. It gave name to the Achates, or Agate, said to be first found there.

**ACHAZIB**, or **ACHZIB** (anc. geog.), a town of Galilee, in the tribe of Asher, nine miles from Ptolemais.—Also a town in the more southern parts of the tribe of Judah.

**ACHEEN**, **ACHE'**, or **ACHEN**, a kingdom of Sumatra in the East Indies, situated on the north-western part of the island.

The capital is situated on a river which empties itself near the north-west point, or Acheen-head, about two miles from the mouth. It lies in a wide valley, formed

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Acheen. formed like an amphitheatre by two lofty ranges of hills. The river is not large, and by emptying itself in several channels is rendered very shallow at the bar. In the dry monsoon it will not admit boats of any burthen, much less large vessels, which lie without, in the road formed by the islands off the point. Though no longer the great mart of eastern commodities, it still carries on a considerable trade with the natives of that part of the coast of Indostan called *Telinga*, who supply it with the cotton goods of their country, and receive in return, gold-dust, sapan-wood, betel-nut, patch-leaf (*colpus Indicus*), a little pepper, sulphur, camphire, and benzoin. The country is supplied with Bengal opium, and also with iron, and many other articles of merchandize, by the European traders.

Acheen is esteemed, comparatively, healthy, being more free from woods and swamps than most other portions of the island; and the fevers and dysenteries to which these are supposed to give occasion, are there said to be uncommon. The soil is light and fertile; and the products, beside those already enumerated as articles of export trade, and a variety of fine fruits, are chiefly rice and cotton. There is likewise some raw silk procured in the country, of very inferior quality. Gold dust is collected in the mountains near Acheen, but the greatest part is brought from the southern ports of Nalaboo and Soosoo. The sulphur is gathered from a volcano mountain in the neighbourhood, which supplies their own consumption for the manufacture of gun-powder, and admits of a large exportation.

In their persons, the Acheneese differ from the rest of the Sumatrans, being taller, stouter, and darker complexioned. They appear not to be a genuine people; but are thought, with great appearance of reason, to be a mixture of Battas, Malays, and Moors from the west of India. In their dispositions they are more active and industrious than their neighbours; they possess more penetration and sagacity; have more general knowledge; and as merchants, they deal upon a more extensive and liberal footing. Their religion is Mahometanism; and, having a great number of mosques and priests, its forms and ceremonies are strictly observed.

The appearance of the town, and the nature of the buildings, are much the same as are found in the generality of Malay bazars, excepting that the superior wealth of this place has occasioned a great number of public edifices, but without the smallest pretensions to magnificence. The king's palace, if it deserves the appellation, is a very rude and uncouth piece of architecture, designed to resist the force of an enemy, and surrounded for that purpose by strong walls, but without any regular plan, or view to the modern system of military attack. The houses in common are built of bamboos and rough timber, and raised some feet from the ground, on account of the place being overflowed in the rainy season.

A considerable fabrick of a thick species of cotton cloth, and of stuff for the short drawers worn both by Malays and Acheneese, is established here, and supplies an extensive demand. They weave also very handsome silk pieces, of a particular form, for that part of the dress which is called by the Malays *cayen sarrong*.

The Acheneese are expert and bold navigators, and employ a variety of vessels, according to the

voyages they undertake, and the purposes for which they design them. The river is covered with a multitude of fishing sampans or canoes, which go to sea with the morning breeze, and return in the afternoon, with the sea wind, full laden.

Having no convenient coins, though most species of money will be taken there at a valuation, they commonly make their payments in gold dust, and for that purpose are all provided with scales or small steelyards. They carry their gold about them, wrapped up in pieces of bladder, and often purchase to so small an amount, as to make use of grain or seeds for weights.

The monarchy is hereditary; and the king usually maintains a guard of 100 Seapoys about his palace.

According to Mr. Marsden, "the grand council of the nation consists of, the King or *Sultan*, four *Oolooballangs*, and eight of a lower degree, who sit on his right hand, and sixteen *Cajoorangs*, who sit on his left. At the king's feet sits a woman, to whom he makes known his pleasure: by her it is communicated to an eunuch, who sits next to her, and by him to an officer named *Cajoorang Gondong*, who then proclaims it aloud to the assembly. There are also present two other officers, one of whom has the government of the *bazar* or market, and the other the superintending and carrying into execution the punishment of criminals. All matters relative to commerce and the customs of the port, come under the jurisdiction of the *Shabandar*, who performs the ceremony of giving the *chap* or licence for trade; which is done by lifting a golden-handed creese over the head of the merchant who arrives, and without which he dares not to land his goods. Presents, the value of which are become pretty regularly ascertained, are then sent to the king and his officers. If the stranger be in the style of an ambassador, the royal elephants are sent down to carry him and his letters to the monarch's presence; these being first delivered into the hands of an eunuch, who places them in a silver dish, covered with rich silk, on the back of the largest elephant, which is provided with a machine (*houder*) for that purpose. Within about an hundred yards of an open ball where the king sits, the cavalcade stops, and the ambassador dismounts, and makes his obeisance by bending his body, and lifting his joined hands to his head. When he enters the palace, if an European, he is obliged to take off his shoes; and having made a second obeisance, is seated upon a carpet on the floor, where *betel* is brought to him. The throne was some years ago of ivory and tortoiseshell, and when the place was governed by queens, a curtain of gauze was hung before it, which did not obstruct the audience, but prevented any perfect view. The stranger, after some general discourse, is then conducted to a separate building, where he is entertained with the delicacies of the country, by the officers of state, and in the evening returns in the manner he came, surrounded by a prodigious number of lights. On high days (*aree ryah*) the king goes in great state mounted on an elephant richly caparisoned, to the great mosque, preceded by his *oolooballangs*; who are armed nearly in the European manner."

The country under the immediate jurisdiction of Acheen, is divided into three districts, named *Duo pooloo*.

**Achen** *pooloo duo, Duo pooloo leemo, and Duo pooloo anam.*  
**Achelous.** Each district is governed by a Pangleemo, and under him an Imaum and four Pangeeches to each mosque.

“Achen has ever been remarkable for the severity with which crimes are punished by their laws; the same rigour still subsists, and there is no commutation admitted, as is regularly established in the southern countries. There is great reason, however, to conclude, that the poor alone experience the rod of justice; the nobles being secure from retribution in the number of their dependents. Petty theft is punished by suspending the criminal from a tree, with a gun or heavy weight tied to his feet; or by cutting off a finger, a hand, or leg, according to the nature of the theft. Many of these mutilated and wretched objects are daily to be seen in the streets. Robbery on the highway and house-breaking are punished by drowning, and afterwards exposing the body on a stake for a few days. If the robbery is committed upon an imaum or priest, the sacrilege is expiated by burning the criminal alive. A man who is convicted of adultery is seldom attempted to be screened by his friends, but is delivered up to the friends and relations of the injured husband. These take him to some large plain, and forming themselves in a circle, place him in the middle. A large weapon called a *Gadoobong*, is then delivered to him by one of his family; and if he can force his way through those who surround him, and make his escape, he is not liable to further prosecution; but it commonly happens that he is instantly cut to pieces. In this case his relations bury him as they would a dead buffalo, refusing to admit the corpse into their house, or to perform any funeral rites.” These discouragements to vice might seem to bespeak a moral and virtuous people: yet all travellers agree in representing the Acheneſe as one of the most dishonest and flagitious nations of the East.

Achen was visited by the Portuguese in 1509, only 12 years after they had discovered the passage to the East-Indies by the Cape of Good Hope. They made various attempts to establish themselves in the country, but were expelled with disgrace. See *SUMMATRA*.

**ACHELOUS**, in fabulous history, wrestled with Hercules, for no less a prize than Deianira, daughter to king Oenus: but as Achelous had the power of assuming all shapes, the contest was long dubious: at last, as he took that of a bull, Hercules tore off one of his horns: so that he was forced to submit, and to redeem it by giving the conqueror the horn of Amalthea, the same with the Cornucopia or horn of plenty; which Hercules having filled with a variety of fruits, consecrated to Jupiter. Some explain this fable, by saying, That Achelous is a winding river of Greece, whose stream was so rapid that it roared like a bull, and overflowed its banks; but Hercules, by bringing it into two channels, broke off one of the horns, and so restored plenty to the country. See the next article.

**ACHELOUS**, a river of Acarnania; which rises in mount Pindus, and, dividing Ætolia from Acarnania, falls from north to south into the Sinus Corinthiacus. It was formerly called *Thoas*, from its impetuosity, and *king of rivers*, (Homer.) The epithet *Achelous* is used for *Aqueus*, (Virgil); the ancients calling all water *Achelous*, especially in oaths, vows, and sacrifices, according to Ephorus: Now called *Aspro Potamo*. Rivers are by the ancient poets called *Tauriformes*, either from

the bellowing of their waters, or from their ploughing the earth in their course: Hercules, restraining by dykes and mounds the inundations of the *Achelous*, is said to have broken off one of his horns, and to have brought back plenty to the country. See the preceding article.

**ACHERI** (LUKE D'), a learned Benedictine of the congregation of St Maur, was born at St Quintin, in Picardy, in 1609; and made himself famous by printing several works, which till then were only in manuscript: particularly, The epistle attributed to St Barnabas; The works of Langfrank, archbishop of Canterbury; A collection of scarce and curious pieces, under the title of *Spicilegium, i. e. Gleanings*, in thirteen volumes, quarto. The prefaces and notes, which he annexed to many of these pieces, show him to have been a man of genius and abilities. He had also some share in the pieces inserted in the first volumes of The acts of the saints of the order of St Bennet; the title whereof acquaints us that they were collected and published by him and father Mabillon. After a very retired life, till the age of 73, he died at Paris the 29th of April 1685, in the abbey of St. Germain in the fields, where he had been librarian.

**ACHERNER**, or **ACHARNER**, a star of the first magnitude in the southern extremity of the constellation *ERIDANUS*.

**ACHERON**, a river of Epirus. The poets feigned it to have been the son of Ceres, whom she hid in hell for fear of the Titans, and turned into a river, over which souls departed were ferried on their way to Elysium.

**ACHERON**, a river of Thesprotia, in Epirus; which, after forming the lake Achcrusia, at no great distance from it, falls into the sea near the promontory of Chimerium, to the west of the Sinus Ambracius, in a course from north to south.

**ACHERON** or **ACHEROS**, a river of the Bruttii in Italy, running from east to west; where Alexander king of Epirus was slain by the Lucani, being deceived by the oracle of Dodona, which bid him beware of Acheron.

**ACHERSET**, an ancient measure of corn, conjectured to be the same as our quarter, or eight bushels.

**ACHERUSIA PELUS**, a lake between Cumæ and the promontory Misenum, now *il Lago Della Collucia*, (Cluverius.) Some confound it with the *Lacus Lucrinus*, and others with the *Lacus Averni*. But Strabo and Pliny distinguish them. The former takes it to be an effusion, exundation, or washes of the sea, and therefore called by Lycophron, *Αχηρυσια χυσις*.—Also a lake of Epirus, through which the Acheron runs.—There it also an *Acherusia*, a peninsula of Bithynia on the Euxine, near Heraclea; and a cave there of the same name, through which Hercules is fabled to have descended to hell to drag forth Cerberus.

**ACHIAR**, is a Malayan word, which signifies all sorts of fruits and roots pickled with vinegar and spice. The Dutch import from Batavia all sorts of achiar, but particularly that of **BAMBOO** (see **ARUNDO**), a kind of cane, extremely thick, which grows in the East Indies. It is preserved there, whilst it is still green, with very strong vinegar and spice; and is called *bamboo-achiar*. The name changes according to the fruit with which the achiar is made.

**ACHICOLUM**, is used to express the *foenix tholus*

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*Achillæa lus*, or *sudatorium* of the ancient baths; which was a hot room where they used to sweat. It is also called *architholus*.

ACHILLÆA, YARROW, MILFOIL, NOSEBLEED, or SNEEZEWORD; a genus of the order of the polygamia superflua, belonging to the syngenesia class of plants. The natural order to which it belongs is the 49th, *Compositæ discoides*.

The characters are: The common *calyx* is ovate and imbricated, with ovate, acute, converging scales. The *compound corolla* is rayed; the hermaphrodite corollets are tubular in the disc, the feminine linguiform and from 5 to 10 in the rays: The *proper corolla* of the hermaphrodites is funnel-shaped, expanded, and divided into 5 segments; that of the females, tongue-shaped, inversely cordated, expanding, and of 3 segments. The *stamina* in the hermaphrodites consist of 5 very short capillary filaments; the anthera is cylindric and tubular. The *pistillum* in the hermaphrodites has a small germen; the stylus is filiform the length of the stamina; the stigma is obtuse and end-notched: in the females, the germen is small; the stylus is filiform; the stigmata are 2, obtuse and reflected. The *pericarpium* is wanting; the calyx scarcely changed; the receptacle filiform, elongated at the disc of the seeds, ovate, and twice as long as the calyx. The *seeds* are solitary, ovate, and furnished with a lock of wool; no pappus. The *receptaculum* is chaffy and elevated.

*Species and properties.* There are 20 species, of which the following are the principal: 1. The milfolium, or common yarrow, is found naturally on banks, and by the sides of foot paths, in most parts of England. It most commonly bears white flowers, though a variety of it is found which bears purple ones. These, however, do not long continue to bear flowers of this colour if transplanted into gardens. It was formerly used in medicine; but though it may still have a place in some dispensaries, no physician of any note expects any virtue from it, or ever prescribes it. It creeps greatly by its roots, and also multiplies by the seeds, so that it becomes a troublesome weed where it is once allowed to get a footing. The cultivation of it is recommended by Mr Anderson, in his *Essays on Agriculture*, as a proper food for cattle. This species was the proper achillæa of the ancients, so named from Achilles; who, having been the disciple of Chiron, first brought it into use for the cure of wounds and ulcers. 2. The fantolina, or eastern sneezewort, is sometimes cultivated in gardens; it has large yellow flowers, which stand upon pretty long footstalks placed singly, not in bunches as in the common kind. It has leaves like lavender-cotton, which, when rubbed, emit a strong oily odour. The flowers appear in June and July. 3. The tomentosa, or woolly yarrow, is a native of the south of France and Spain, but lives in the open air in England. The flowers are of a bright yellow, and continue long in beauty, growing in clusters at the top of the stalks, which seldom rise above a foot high. The leaves are finely cut, and very hoary. 4. The abrotanifolia, or tall eastern yarrow, is a native of the islands in the Archipelago; it grows to the height of two feet and a half, with large umbels of yellow flowers on the top; the leaves resemble those of the common wormwood, and are cut into long narrow segments. 5. The cla-

venna, or Alpine umbelliferous wormwood, takes its name from the mountains of which it is a native. It seldom grows above six or seven inches in height; it supports umbels of white flowers, like those of the common sneezewort, which appear in April and May. The leaves are silvery, and shaped like those of wormwood, which often decay in the autumn and winter. 6. The tanacetifolia, or eastern sneezewort, with tansey leaves, is a very humble plant, seldom rising above six inches in height. The flowers are nearly as large as those of the common sneezewort, white, and growing in flat umbels. They appear in June and July. The leaves of the plant have some likeness to those of the common wormwood, are very hoary, grow close to the ground, and decay in autumn so as to make little appearance in winter. Like the last species, this is a native of the Alps. 7. The ageratum, or sweet maudlin, was formerly much used in medicine and for culinary purposes, but has now fallen so much into neglect as to be totally unknown in the markets; so that when it is demanded, the white maudlin is substituted in its stead. The reason of this substitution was, that the latter is more hardy and easily propagated than the sweet maudlin, which is apt to rot in wet winters. The common maudlin flowers in June and July, and the seeds are ripe in September. 8. The Egyptiaca, or hoary sneezewort, is a native of the Archipelago. It hath very hoary leaves, which remain all the year; and the plants growing close and low, make a pretty appearance at all seasons. The flowers are yellow, and are produced in umbels on the top of the stalks; they appear in June, and continue till the end of September. 9. The parmica, or common sneezewort, grows wild in the woods, and other shady places, in many parts of England: so is not admitted into gardens. There is a variety, however, with double flowers, which is preserved in gardens, and is commonly known by the name of *double maudlin*. This species creeps greatly by the roots, so as soon to overspread a large spot of ground. If planted in pots, so as to confine its roots from creeping, the stalks grow close together, and make a tolerable appearance when in flower; but when at a distance, so that the roots have full liberty to run, the flowers appear but indifferently. 10. The macrophylla, or Alpine sneezewort, with fewer leaves, is a native of the Alps. It produces many stalks rising near three feet high; having loose branching umbels of white flowers on their top, resembling those of the common sneezewort, but larger. 11. The nana, or hoary Alpine milfoil, is likewise a native of the Alps; the leaves are hoary, and the umbels of its flowers are more compact than the former; the stalks do not rise more than a foot high. 12. The nobilis, or sweet milfoil, approaches to the nature of the common milfoil; but its leaves are of a paler green, and are neither so long nor so much cut off as those of the common milfoil are: they have a strong sweet scent when bruised. 13. The alpina, or white maudlin, bears some resemblance to the common sneezewort; but the leaves are longer, of a deeper green colour, and deeply indented in their edges; the flowers are white, and the roots creep far under ground. The plant will rise, in good land, to the height of four feet.

*Culture.* All the sorts of yarrow are easily propagated by seeds, which may be sown either in the spring

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Achilleid, or autumn, upon a bed of common earth. When the Achillis. plants come up, and are strong enough for transplanting, they should be planted in beds in the nursery, where they may continue till autumn, when they should be transplanted to the places where they are to remain. The Archipelago kinds, however, are often destroyed by severe frost; so they ought to be sheltered during the winter. These kinds also rarely bring their seeds to perfection in England; they are therefore to be propagated by slips, which may be taken off and planted in a shady border any time in summer, when they will take root in about six weeks, and then may be transplanted where they are to remain.

ACHILLEID, ACHILLEIS, a celebrated poem of Statius, in which that author proposed to deliver the whole life and exploits of Achilles; but being prevented by death, he has only treated of the infancy and education of this hero. See STATIUS.

ACHILLES, one of the greatest heroes of ancient Greece, was the son of Peleus and Thetis. He was a native of Pythia, in Thessaly. His mother, it is said, in order to consume every mortal part of his body, used to lay him every night under live coals, anointing him with ambrosia, which preserved every part from burning but one of his lips, owing to his having licked it. She dipped him also in the waters of the river Styx; by which his whole body became invulnerable, except that part of his heel by which she held him. But this opinion is not universal, nor is it a part of his character as drawn by Homer; for in the Iliad (B. xxi. 161.) he is actually wounded in the right arm, by the lance of Asteropaus, in the battle near the river Scamander. Thetis afterwards intrusted him to the care of the centaur Chiron, who, to give him the strength necessary for martial toil, fed him with honey and the marrow of lions and wild boars. To prevent his going to the siege of Troy, she disguised him in female apparel, and hid him among the maidens at the court of king Lycomedes: but Ulysses discovering him, persuaded him to follow the Greeks. Achilles distinguished himself by a number of heroick actions at the siege. Being disgusted, however, with Agamemnon for the loss of Briseis, he retired from the camp. But returning to avenge the death of his friend Patroclus, he slew Hector, fastened his corps to his chariot, and dragged it round the walls of Troy. At last Paris, the brother of Hector, wounded him in the heel with an arrow, while he was in the temple treating about his marriage with Philoxena, daughter to king Priam. Of this wound he died, and was interred on the promontory of Sigæum; and after Troy was taken, the Greeks sacrificed Philoxena on his tomb, in obedience to his desire, that he might enjoy her company in the Elysian fields. It is said, that Alexander, seeing this tomb, honoured it by placing a crown upon it; at the same time crying out, that "Achilles was happy in having, during his life, such a friend as Patroclus; and, after his death, a poet like Homer." Achilles is supposed to have died 1183 years before the Christian æra.

ACHILLES TATIUS. See TATIUS.

*Tendo* ACHILLIS, in anatomy, is a strong tendinous cord formed by the tendons of several muscles, and inserted into the os calcis. It has its name from the fatal wound Achilles is said to have received in that part from Paris the son of Priam.

ACHILLINI (Alexander), born at Bologna, and doctor of philosophy in that university. He flourished in the 15th and 16th centuries, and by way of eminence was styled the Great Philosopher. He was a steadfast follower and accurate interpreter of Averroes upon Aristotle, but most admired for his acuteness and strength of arguing in public and private disputations. He made a surprising quick progress in his studies, and was very early promoted to a professorship in the university; in which he acquitted himself with so much applause that his name became famous throughout all Italy. He continued at Bologna till the year 1506; when the university of Padua made choice of him to succeed Antonio Francatiano in the first chair of philosophy, and his fame brought vast numbers of students to his lectures at Padua; but the war, wherein the republic of Venice was engaged against the league of Cambray, putting a stop to the lectures of that university, he withdrew to his native country; where he was received with the same marks of honour and distinction as before, and again appointed professor of philosophy in Bologna. He spent the remainder of his life in this city, where he died, and was interred with great pomp in the church of St Martin the Great, which belongs to the Carmelite friars. Jovius, who knew Achillini, and heard his lectures, says, that he was a man of such exceeding simplicity, and so unacquainted with address and flattery, that he was a laughing stock to the pert and saucy young scholars, although esteemed on account of his learning. He wrote several pieces on philosophical subjects, which he published, and dedicated to John Bentivogli.

ACHILLINI (Claudius), grandson of the former, read lectures at Bologna, Ferrara, and Parma; where he was reputed a great philosopher, a learned divine, an excellent lawyer, an eloquent orator, a good mathematician, and an elegant poet. He accompanied Cardinal Ludovino, who went as legate into Piedmont; but being afterward neglected by this cardinal, when he became pope under the name of Gregory XV. he left Rome in disgust, and retired to Parma; where the duke appointed him professor of law, with a good salary. He published a volume of Latin Letters, and another of Italian poems, which gained him great reputation: he died in 1640, aged 66.

ACHIOTTE, or ACHIOTL, a foreign drug, used in dying, and in the preparation of chocolate. It is the same with the substance more usually known by the name of ARNOTTO; which see.

ACHIROPOETOS, a name given by ancient writers to certain miraculous pictures of Christ and the Virgin, supposed to have been made without hands.—The most celebrated of these is the picture of Christ, preserved in the church of St John Lateran at Rome; said to have been begun by St Luke, but finished by the ministry of angels.

ACHMET, son of Scerim, has left a book concerning the interpretation of dreams according to the doctrine of the Indians, Persians, and Egyptians, which was translated out of Greek into Latin by Leo Tuscus in 1160. He lived in the 9th century.

ACHMET GEDUC, a famous general under Mahomet II. and Bajazet II. in the 15th century. When Mahomet II. died, Bajazet and Zezan both claimed the throne: Achmet sided with the former, and by his

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Achmim.

bravery and conduct fixed the crown on his head. But Bajazet took away his life; shining virtue being always an unpardonable crime in the eyes of a tyrant.

ACHMETSCHET, a town of the peninsula of the Crimea, the residence of the sultan Galga, who is eldest son of the Khan of Tartary. Long. 51. 20. Lat. 45. 0.

ACHMIM, a large town of Upper Egypt, situated on the eastern bank of the Nile. "One admires there (says Abulfeda, as quoted by Mr Savary) a temple, which is comparable to the most celebrated monuments of antiquity. It is constructed with stones of a surprising size, on which are sculptured innumerable figures." Though this town be fallen from its ancient splendor, it is still one of the most beautiful of Upper Egypt. According to Mr Savary, an Arab prince commands there, and the police is well attended to. The streets are wide and clean, and commerce and agriculture flourish. It has a manufactory of cotton, stuffs, and pottery, which are conveyed over all Egypt. It is the same that Herodotus calls *Chemmis*, and Strabo *Panopolis*, or the city of Pan, who was worshipped there. Herodotus says, that Perseus was a native of this city, and that his descendants had established festivals there in his honour. It has lost its ancient edifices, and much of its extent; the ruins of the temple, described by Abulfeda, being without its limits, to the north. Nothing remains of it but some stones, of such magnitude that the Turks have not been able to move them. They are covered with hieroglyphics. On one of them are traced four concentric circles, in a square. The innermost of these contains a sun. The two succeeding ones, divided into 12 parts, contain, one, 12 birds, the other, 12 animals almost effaced, which appear to be the signs of the zodiac. The fourth has no divisions, and presents 12 human figures; which Mr Savary imagines to represent the 12 gods, the 12 months of the year, and the 12 signs of the zodiac. The Egyptians, says Herodotus, are the first who divided the year into 12 months, and employed the names of the 12 gods. The four seasons occupy the angles of the square, on the side of which may be distinguished a globe with wings. Mr Savary thinks it probable that this stone belonged to a temple dedicated to the sun, that the whole of these hieroglyphics mark his passage into the signs of the zodiac, and his course, whose revolution forms the year. The columns of this temple have been partly broken to make lime and millstones. Some of them have been transported into one of the mosques of Achmim, where they are placed without taste; others are heaped up in the squares of the town.

Mr Savary tells us of a serpent which is worshipped here, and is the wonder of the country. "Upwards of a century ago, (says he), a religious Turk called *Scheilk Haridi* died here. He passed for a saint among the Mahometans; who raised a monument to him, covered with a cupola, at the foot of the mountain. The people flocked from all parts to offer up their prayers to him. One of their priests, profiting by their credulity, persuaded them that God had made the soul of *Scheilk Haridi* pass into the body of a serpent. Many of these are found in the Thebais, which are harmless; and he had taught one to obey his voice. He appeared with his serpent, dazzled the vulgar by his surprising tricks,

and pretended to cure all disorders. Some lucky instances of success, due to nature alone, and sometimes to the imagination of the patients, gave him great celebrity. He soon confined his serpent *Haridi* to the tomb, producing him only to oblige princes and persons capable of giving him a handsome recompence. The successors of this priest, brought up in the same principles, found no difficulty in giving sanction to so advantageous an error. They added to the general persuasion of his virtue that of his immortality. They had the boldness even to make a public proof of it. The serpent was cut in pieces in presence of the Emir, and placed for two hours under a vase. At the instant of lifting up the vase, the priests, no doubt, had the address to substitute one exactly resembling it. A miracle was proclaimed, and the immortal *Haridi* acquired a fresh degree of consideration. This knavery procures them great advantages. The people flock from all quarters to pray at this tomb; and if the serpent crawls out from under the stone, and approaches the suppliant, it is a sign that his malady will be cured. It may be imagined, that he does not appear till an offering has been made proportioned to the quality and riches of the different persons. In extraordinary cases, where the sick person cannot be cured without the presence of the serpent, a *pure virgin* must come to solicit him. To avoid inconveniences on this head, they take care to choose a *very young girl indeed*. She is decked out in her best clothes and crowned with flowers. She puts herself in a praying attitude; and as the priests are inclined, the serpent comes out, makes circles round the young suppliant, and goes and reposes on her. The virgin, accompanied by a vast multitude, carries him in triumph amidst the general acclamation. No human reasoning would persuade these ignorant and credulous Egyptians that they are the dupes of a few impostors: they believe in the serpent *Haridi* as firmly as in the prophet."

ACHONRY, a small town of Ireland, in the province of Connaught and county of Sligo, seated on the river Shannon.

ACHOR, a valley of Jericho, lying along the river Jordan, not far from Gilgal; so called from Achan, the troubler of Israel, being there stoned to death.

ACHOR, in medicine, a species of HERPES.

ACHOR, in mythology, the god of flies; to whom, according to Pliny, the inhabitants of Cyrene sacrificed, in order to obtain deliverance from the insects and the disorders occasioned by them.

ACHRADINA, (anc. geog.), one of the four cities or divisions of Syracuse, and the strongest, largest, and most beautiful part of it; separated by a very strong wall from the outer town, *Tycha* and *Neapolis*. It was adorned with a very large forum, with beautiful porticos, a most elegant prytaneum, a spacious senate-house, and a superb temple of Jupiter Olympius.

ACHRAS, or SAPOTA PLUM: a genus of the monogynia order, belonging to the hexandria class of plants; and ranking in the 43d Natural Order, *Dumosa*.

The characters are: The *calyx* is a perianthium, consisting of six ovate concave erect leaflets, the exterior ones broader and shorter, the interior ones coloured. The *corolla* is composed of one ovate petal, the height of the calyx; the border divided into six segments.

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Achras.



**Achras** segments. The *stamina* have six short tubulated filaments at the throat of the corolla; and the antheræ are acute. The *pistillum* has a roundish depressed germen; the stylus is tubulated, and longer than the corolla; the stigma is obtuse. The *pericarpium* is a globular twelve-celled pomum, with very soft flesh. The seeds are solitary, ovate, and glossy.

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Achyranthes.

There are four species, all natives of the West Indies. The principal are, 1. The sapota, with oblong oval leaves, and smooth turbinated fruit. 2. The mammosa, with spear-shaped leaves, and large oval fruit. The first is common about Panama, and some places in the Spanish West Indies; but is not to be found in any of the British settlements in America. The second sort is very common in Jamaica, Barbadoes, and most of the West India islands, where the trees are planted in the gardens for their fruit, which is by many persons greatly esteemed. They grow to the height of 35 or 40 feet, having a straight trunk covered with an ash-coloured bark. The branches are produced on every side, forming a regular head; and are beset with leaves near a foot long, and almost three inches broad in the middle. The flowers are of a cream colour: and are succeeded by large oval fruit covered by a brownish skin, inclosing a thick pulp of a russet colour, very luscious, and called *natural marmalade*, from its resemblance to that of quinces. The stones taken in emulsion are reckoned good against the gravel.—These trees being natives of very hot climates, cannot be preserved in Britain, except in the warmest stoves.

**ACHROMATIC**, an epithet expressing want of colour. The word is Greek, being compounded of  $\alpha$ , privative, and  $\chiρωμα$ , colour.

**ACHROMATIC Telescopes**, are telescopes contrived to remedy the aberrations in colours; see **ABERRATION**.—A particular account of the invention and construction of these instruments will be found under **OPTICS**.

**ACHTELING**, a measure for liquids used in Germany. Thirty-two *achtelings* make a *heemer*; four *sciltims* or *sciltins*, make an *achteling*.

**ACHYR**, a strong town and castle of the Ukrain, subject to the Russians since 1667. It stands on the river Uorsklo near the frontiers of Russia, 127 miles W. of Kiow, Long. 36. 0. Lat. 49. 32.

**ACHYRANTHES**, in botany, a genus of the pentandria order, belonging to the monogynia class of plants, and associating with the *Miscellaneæ*, in the 54th Natural Order.

The characters are: The *calyx* is a double perianthium; the exterior one consisting of three lanceolate leaves, which are persistent; the interior of five leaves, also persistent. No *corolla*: The nectarium is five-valved, surrounding the germen, bearded at the top, concave, and falling off. The *stamina* consist of five filaments the length of the corolla, the antheræ are ovate and incumbent. The *pistillum* has a top-shaped germen; the stylus is filiform, and the length of the stamina; the stigma is villous, and divided into two segments. The *perianthium* is a roundish one-celled capsule, not gaping. The *seed* is single and oblong.

Of this genus eight species are enumerated; but the character of the genus does not agree in them all.

The species are all natives of the Indies. Only one of them, the *amaranthus*, is commonly cultivated in

botanical gardens, and that more for the sake of variety than beauty. It grows to the height of three feet, with oblong pointed leaves. The flowers come out in long spikes from the extremities of the branches, and appear in July, the seeds ripening in September. Plants of this kind must be reared in a hot-bed, and may be transplanted when they have acquired sufficient strength. If kept in pots, and sheltered during the winter in a warm green-house, they will live two or three years.

**ACICANTHERA**, in botany, the trivial name of a species of **RHEXIA**.

**ACICULÆ**, the small pikes or prickles of the hedge-hog, *echinus-marinus*, &c.

**ACIDALIUS** (Valens) would, in all probability, have been one of the greatest critics in these latter ages, had he lived longer to perfect those talents which nature had given him. He was born at Wittstock, in Brandenburg; and having visited several academies in Germany, Italy, and other countries, where he was greatly esteemed, he afterwards took up his residence at Breslaw, the metropolis of Silesia. Here he remained a considerable time, in expectation of some employment; but nothing offering, he turned Roman-catholic, and was chosen rector of a school at Niessa. It is related, that about four months after, as he was following a procession of the host, he was seized with a sudden phrenzy; and being carried home, expired in a very short time. But Thuanus tells us, that his excessive application to study was the occasion of his untimely death; and that his sitting up a-nights in composing his Conjectures on Plautus, brought upon him a distemper which carried him off in three days, on the 25th of May 1595, being just turned of 28. He wrote a Commentary on Quintus Curtius; also, Notes on Tacitus, on the Twelve Panegyrics; besides speeches, letters, and poems. His poetical pieces are inserted in the *Deliciæ* of the German poets, and consist of epic verses, odes, and epigrams. A little piece, printed in 1595, under the title of *Mulierus non esse hominus*, "That women were not of the human species," was falsely ascribed to him. But the fact was, that Acidalius happening to meet with the manuscript, and thinking it very whimsical, transcribed it, and gave it to the bookseller, who printed it. The performance was highly exclaimed against, inasmuch that the bookseller being seized, he discovered the person who gave him the manuscript, and a terrible outcry was made against Acidalius. A story goes, that being one day to dine at a friend's house, there happened to be several ladies at table: who supposing him to be the author, were moved with so much indignation, that they threatened to throw their plates at his head. Acidalius, however, ingeniously diverted their wrath. In his opinion, he said, the author was a judicious person, the ladies being certainly more of the species of *angels* than of *men*.—Mr Baillet has given him a place among his *Enfans Celebres*: and says, that he wrote a comment upon Plautus when he was but 17 or 18 years old, and that he composed several Latin poems at the same age.

**ACIDALUS**, a fountain in Orchomenus, a city of Bœotia, in which the Graces, who are sacred to Venus, bathed. Hence the epithet *Acidalia*, given to Venus, (Virgil.)

**ACIDITY**, that quality which renders bodies acid.

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Acidity.

Acidoton,  
Acids.

ACIDOTON, in botany, the trivial name of a species of *ADELIA*.

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General  
properties  
of acids.

ACIDS, in chemistry, the name by which one of the general classes of salts are distinguished. The characteristic marks of them are, 1. The peculiar taste which we call sour; though this does not hold universally: for the acid of arsenic, which in other respects manifests a strong acid power, has not this sour taste; nor are the volatile sulphureous acid, or those of *tungsten* and *molybdæna*, lately discovered by Mr Scheele, very distinguishable in this way. On the other hand, the strong acids of vitriol, nitre, and even sea-salt, are altogether caustic, and cannot be tasted until they have been largely diluted with water. 2. With water they combine into a fluid, the specific gravity of which is not a medium betwixt the water and acid separately taken. This holds good with the strong acids, which grow hot with water, and shrink into less bulk by reason of their emitting a quantity of the fire they contain: but whether it also takes place in the weaker acids, has not yet been ascertained; though the probability is, that it will take place in them also. 3. With spirit of wine, they unite into a very volatile and inflammable substance called *ether*. This also must be understood only of the strong mineral acids, or of the acetous when very much concentrated; for the acids of tartar, borax, arsenic, lapis ponderosus (*tungsten*), and *molybdæna*, do not produce any. 4. They change the blue colour of vegetables to red, and heighten the colour of those which are already red.—This property is more universal than those we have yet mentioned; but the volatile sulphureous acid, those of *tungsten* and *molybdæna*, are exceptions. 5. They unite with all kinds of earths excepting the siliceous (though the fluor acid dissolves this also), with fixed and volatile alkalies, and with metals, in such a manner as to form compounds considerably permanent, and whose ingredients cannot be separated without some difficulty. This is the most universal and distinguishing mark; and there is not any acid but what shows its attraction for one or other of these substances, especially the alkaline salts. Oils and fats, indeed, will unite with alkalies; but they may be separated by the weakest known acids, so that there is no danger of confounding the two together. 6. When mixed with any fermentable liquor, they prevent that process from taking place; or, if it has already begun, they will put a stop to it. This must also be understood only of the stronger acids, or at least will require a considerable quantity of the weaker to effect it. 7. They cannot be frozen but in a degree of cold below the freezing point of water. This property is likewise not universal, but is remarkable only in the stronger acid.

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Of the nature of acids.

The nature of acids has long been a matter of speculation, and of late has engaged the attention of philosophers very considerably. Some have supposed them to be simple chemical elements, while others imagined them to be composed of water and earth. Both these opinions, however, are inadmissible; the former, because we are certain that most acids may be entirely decomposed, and resolved into aerial vapours of different kinds, which could not happen if they were simple and unchangeable elements; the latter, because there is not the smallest probability that two ingredients, seemingly so insipid and inactive as water and earth, could by their union produce a compound endowed

with such powerful and even destructive properties as many of the acids possess.—The late discoveries concerning air of different kinds have suggested a new theory, first published by M. Lavoisier, and strenuously maintained by the French chemists, *viz.* That the acid principle is contained in the air; and, according as it combines itself with different substances, forms acids of different denominations.

This theory he considers as established by numerous indisputable experiments. These cannot here be detailed; but his conclusions from the whole are, That "*dephlogisticated air* enters as a constituent part into the composition of several acids, particularly the phosphoric, vitriolic, and nitrous; that this pure and highly respirable air is the constitutive principle of acidity common to all acids; and that the difference by which they are distinguished from each other is produced by the union of one or more principles besides this air, so as to constitute the particular form under which each acid appears." To dephlogisticated air in its state of fixity, therefore, he gives the title of the *acidifying* or *oxygenous* principle; and concludes farther from his experiments, 1. "That, when combined with the matter of fire, heat, and light, this principle produces dephlogisticated air; though he considers this position as not capable of absolute demonstration. It must not, therefore, be confounded with the following; which, he says, are supported by experiment and positive proofs. 2. That the same acidifying principle, combined with phlogistic substances or charcoal, forms fixed air. 3. That with sulphur it forms vitriolic acid. 4. That with nitrous air it forms nitrous acid. 5. That with Kunckel's phosphorus, it forms the phosphoric acid. 6. With sugar it forms the acid of sugar," &c.

The opinion of Mr Lavoisier concerning the composition of acids has in part been adopted by Mr Kirwan; who, in his treatise on Phlogiston, published in 1787, informs us, that he is now of opinion "that dephlogisticated air becomes an essential constituent part of acids. All acids (he adds) consist of two principles: one peculiar to each, which, in the opinion of the antiphlogistians, has not as yet been decomposed, and consequently must be looked upon, relatively to the present state of our knowledge, as a simple substance: the other, *pure air*, in a concrete state; that is, deprived of the greater part of its specific heat, and condensed into a small volume. The first they call the *acid basis*; the last, the *oxygenous* principle: thus the vitriolic acid, according to them, consists of sulphur as its basis, and pure air in a concrete state as its acidifying or oxygenous principle. This doctrine of the composition of acids has been admitted by some of the ablest defenders of phlogiston, and particularly by that distinguished philosophic chemist M. de Morveau, with this single modification, that the bases of acids contain phlogiston, which they lose on uniting to pure air: yet it seems very difficult to conceive how pure air can unite to phlogiston, a substance to which it has the greatest affinity, without forming a new compound endowed with very different properties from those which it possessed before such union. It seems therefore more reasonable to conclude, either that it forms water, as Mr Cavendish thinks; or fixed air, as I shall afterwards endeavour to prove."

In his explanation of the formation of acids, Mr Kirwan

Acids.

3  
Mr Lavoisier's hypothesis, that air is the acid principle.

4  
Basis of dephlogisticated air supposed to be the acid principle.

5  
Mr Kirwan's opinions.

**Acids.** Kirwan first states the opinion of the antiphlogistians, viz. That the vitriolic acid, when considered abstractedly from the water it contains, always consists of sulphur (which they consider as a simple substance) united to a large portion of the oxygenous principle. "In my opinion (says he), it consists of a basis or radical principle, which, when saturated with phlogiston, constitutes sulphur; when saturated with fixed air, becomes common fixed vitriolic acid; and, when combined partly with the one and partly with the other, becomes volatile vitriolic acid. That sulphur, during its conversion into vitriolic acid, unites to air of some sort or other, is evident from the quantity of air which it absorbs, in whatever way that conversion is brought about. Thus, first, during combustion in respirable air, 100 grains of sulphur absorb 420 cubic inches of pure air, or about 143 grains: but the proportion of this pure air united with a given quantity of sulphur is not easily determined, because it is vitriolic air that is constantly formed; and this air essentially contains some portion of sulphur in solution, which portion is variable. Secondly, Pyrites, during their decomposition, absorb a considerable proportion of pure air, as Mr Lavoisier has observed; so also does liver of sulphur exposed to the atmosphere, for after some time it is converted into tartar vitriolate."

6 Whether pure air absorbed in the burning of sulphur continues to be so. \* Essay, p. 29.

Mr Kirwan next proceeds to inquire, whether the air absorbed during the combustion of sulphur continues to be pure air; or whether it be converted into water or fixed air? He inclines to the latter opinions, for various reasons\* which he specifies.

7 Formation of the nitrous acid.

With regard to the nitrous acid, the experiments of Mr Cavendish, as well as of the French chemists, leave no room to doubt that it is produced during the deflagration of dephlogisticated and inflammable air. Mr Cavendish has shown that the nitrous acid may be formed by taking the electric spark in a mixture of three measures of phlogisticated air and seven of dephlogisticated air, or, in weight, one part of the former and about 2.6 of the latter. Mr Lavoisier, as has been already mentioned, supposes the nitrous acid to be composed of nitrous air united to the oxygenous principle, or basis of pure air; and 100 grains of dry nitrous acid consist of 64 grains of nitrous air united to 36 of pure air deprived of its specific fire; or, according to Mr Kirwan's calculation, 173 cubic inches of nitrous air and 105 of pure air. But nitrous air, as Mr Lavoisier himself has observed, is a compound; 100 grains of it, according to him, containing 32 of phlogisticated and 68 of pure air; consequently 64 grains of it contain 20.5 of phlogisticated air, and 43.5 of pure air. Hence, according to him, 100 grains of dry nitrous acid contain 79½ of pure air and 20½ of phlogisticated air. Mr Kirwan is of opinion that 100 grains of pure, dry, and colourless nitrous acid contain 38.17 grains of fixed air as its acidifying principle, 57.06 of nitrous basis, and 4.77 of phlogiston united to the nitrous basis. With regard to the nitrous basis itself, he says that one third of its weight is phlogisticated and two thirds dephlogisticated air, both in a concrete state.

8 Proportion of its constituent parts.

"Nitrous basis (says Mr Kirwan), saturated with phlogiston, constitutes nitrous air; 100 grains of this basis take up nearly 22 of phlogiston. Hence the constituent principles of nitrous acid are fixed air, dephlo-

gisticated air, phlogisticated air, and inflammable air, all in their concrete state.

"Red, yellow, green, and blue nitrous acids, when those colours are intense, owe their origin to the absorption of nitrous air, and consequently the proportion of their principles is variable, though all have the dephlogisticated acid for the ground. Thus Dr Priestley, having exposed strong pale-yellow nitrous acid, whose specific gravity could not be less than 1.400 to nitrous air, found that 100 grains of this acid absorbed, in two days, 247 cubic inches of nitrous air: now, 100 grains of this spirit must have contained, by my calculation, about 21 grains of dry acid, and these 21 grains took up 91.39 grains of nitrous air. When about 20 cubic inches of nitrous air were absorbed (that is, about seven grains), the acid became of an orange colour; when 50 cubic inches were absorbed (about 18 grains), it became green; and when nearly the whole was absorbed, it evaporated in the form of nitrous vapour, carrying off part of the water with it. Hence we see, that nitrous vapour consists of nitrous acid united to three or four times its weight of nitrous air and a little water."

9 Mr Lavoisier's theory, contested.

Mr Kirwan next proceeds to contest Mr Lavoisier's opinion, that nitrous air is a constituent principle of the nitrous acid. "The following experiments (says he) show that nitrous air is not a constituent principle of the nitrous acid, but that fixed air is. 1. There is not a doubt but that pure nitrous acid enters entire, and without decomposition, into fixed alkalis, and forms nitre. Now if nitre be distilled in a good earthen retort, it will be wholly decomposed; and so also will the acid itself, except a few drops which pass in the beginning of the distillation, and nothing but dephlogisticated air, more or less pure, and consequently intermixed with phlogisticated air and a slight proportion of fixed air, will be found: these, therefore, are its true constituent parts when disengaged from substances that cannot communicate phlogiston to it in any remarkable quantity, such as alkalis and earths; but if it be separated from substances that contain phlogiston, such as metals, it will then indeed be resolved into nitrous air, and dephlogisticated air, more or less pure, the phlogiston of the fixed air being detained by the metal. Mr Berthollet, who seems to have made the experiment with the greatest exactness, produced 714 cubic inches of dephlogisticated air from a Troy ounce of nitre. This, however, was far from being of the purest kind; and Dr Priestley, Mr Berthollet, and Mr Saccow, observed, that the air which first passes contains fixed air, and renders lime-water turbid. Here then we have three of the constituent parts of the nitrous acid, with scarce any nitrous air; which the antiphlogistians suppose to be one of the constituent parts of the acid, and to make two thirds of its bulk when exhibited in an aerial form."

To obviate an objection that the quantity of fixed air thus obtained is too small to deserve to be ranked among the constituent parts of the nitrous acid, Mr Kirwan first inquires in what proportion it ought to exist there; and though this is variable, according to the different states of the nitrous acid with respect to phlogistication, he reckons it at one-third of the acid as existing in the nitre; and, from the decomposition of this

**Acids.** this fixed air, and the phlogiston emitted by it of consequence, he attributes the phlogistication and redness of the nitrous acid when exposed to more heat. As a proof that fixed air may be decomposed in this manner, he adduces two experiments of Dr Priestley. In one of these, dephlogisticated air was obtained by means of acetous acid in that concentrated state in which it is called *radical vinegar*. Having mixed half an ounce of the acid with two ounces of calcined whiting, he obtained from it 350 ounce-measures of air; of which about one-third was fixed more in the first portion, and less in the last. The standard of the residuum in the first portion was, 1.66, in the second, 1.42, and in the third, 1.38; which is very near the goodness of common air. The whiting then weighed 760 grains. On adding a quarter of an ounce more of radical vinegar, and repeating the operation, 120 ounce-measures of air were obtained, and the whiting was reduced to 730 grains. A third operation, in which another quarter of an ounce of vinegar was added, reduced the matter to 489 grains; but the last portion of air extracted had no fixed air, and was considerably better than that of the atmosphere.—The other experiment was made with lime-stone alone; from four ounces of the *white crystals* of which, 830 ounce-measures of air were obtained, the first portion of which had only one-fourth of fixed air, and the standard of the residuum was never better than 1.56, nor worse than 1.66; so that it was nearly of the goodness of common air.

Our author then proceeds to relate several other experiments in which the nitrous acid was decomposed; but a particular relation of them would swell this article beyond its due bounds. At last, however, he concludes in the following manner. “If spirit of nitre be made to boil, and its vapour received through a red-hot earthen tube, it will be converted into dephlogisticated air, in which a portion both of phlogisticated and fixed air is found, as Dr Priestley has discovered: the water through which this air passes will also contain fixed air. Here then are several ways of decomposing the nitrous acid; and in one only it is resolved into nitrous and dephlogisticated air; and in this way it may, at least, be strongly suspected to receive an addition of another principle. Why then should these be regarded as its constituent principles? And as in the two simplest methods of decomposition, in which the reaction of no foreign substance can be suspected, it appears in the form of dephlogisticated, phlogisticated, and fixed air (the former always containing a portion of the two last), why then should not these be accounted its true constituent parts?—This theory is further confirmed by reflecting on the manner in which nitrous acid is generated by nature. Mr. Thouvenel found that this acid is constantly produced when chalk is exposed to a mixture of putrid air and common air, or putrid and dephlogisticated air; but if the putrid air be passed through lime-water, it is never generated; and that it is rarely produced by the exposure of quick-lime or fixed alkalis to these airs. The reason that alkalis, though aerated, are not so proper, is, that they do not combine with phlogisticated air as calcareous earths do. Mr. Cavendish, indeed, produced nitrous acid without any apparent mixture of fixed air; but the atom of it necessary for the formation of the small quantity of nitrous acid he produ-

ced (about one-third of a grain), might well be contained in the phlogisticated air he employed, or perhaps formed in the operation.”

Having thus far stated the different opinions of the most celebrated French and English philosophers concerning the composition of acids, it is necessary to take notice of some experiments made by Mr Watt, in order to determine whether the dephlogisticated air produced from nitre really proceeds from a decomposition of the acid, or what quantity of the latter is required to constitute a determinate quantity of the former. To ascertain this,\* 240 grains of mercury were put into a glass retort with 480 grains of diluted dephlogisticated nitrous acid, which was the quantity necessary to dissolve the whole of the mercury; and as soon as the common air was expelled, a proper vessel was applied to receive the air produced in the operation. Sixteen ounce-measures of nitrous air came over during the solution, and on changing the receiver, a quantity of dilute, but highly phlogisticated nitrous acid, was obtained. The air receiver being again applied, four ounce-measures of strong and pure nitrous air were obtained, which, by the dephlogisticated air that arose immediately after, were reduced to half an ounce measure. The production of dephlogisticated air continued very rapid, the mercury being all the while received, until the operation was ended by the distillation or sublimation of the whole of the mercury. Two hundred and eighteen grains of the metal were obtained in its running form, and 22 remained in the form of an orange-coloured sublimate in the upper part of the retort.—The 16 ounce-measures of nitrous air, first obtained, were then converted into nitrous acid by the gradual admission of common air, and then added to the water in the basin in which the receiver had been inverted; the whole quantity being about two quarts, and very acid to the taste, sparkling at the same time with nitrous air. To determine the quantity of acid thus recovered, as well as that which remained in the sublimate, a solution of alkali of tartar was made; and by experiment it was found, that 120 grains of the acid, originally employed in dissolving the mercury, saturated 352 grains of this solution; the orange coloured sublimate and all the acid liquor recovered being saturated by 1395 grains of the same. Hence it appears, by the rule of proportion, that out of 480 grains of nitrous acid originally employed, only five were lost; “a smaller quantity (as Mr Watt justly observes) than what might reasonably be supposed to be lost in the process by the extreme volatility of the nitrous acid.” His conclusion therefore is, that “the nitrous acid does not enter into the composition of dephlogisticated air; it seems only to serve to absorb phlogiston from the watery part of the mercurial nitre.”

This experiment was repeated with cubic nitre, and only 30 ounce-measures of air distilled from an ounce of the mineral alkali exactly saturated with nitrous acid. The water through which the air passed was acid, and the residuum in the retort alkaline; but on mixing the two together, the solution was found to be exactly neutral by every possible test.

Not satisfied with these experiments, Mr Watt distilled an ounce (480 grains) of common nitre, stopping the process when 50 ounce-measures of air had been produced. This air had a strong smell of the nitrous

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Experiments by Mr Watt, which seem contrary to Mr Kirwan's doctrine.

\* Philos. Transact. v. lxxiv. p. 339.

10  
Fixed air  
one of the  
elements of  
nitrous acid

11  
How nitrous acid is naturally generated.

**Acids.** nitrous acid, from which it could not be freed by washing with the water in the basin. The residuum in the retort was alkaline as before, and the water slightly acid; nor was the saturation completed by mixing the two together. Ten grains of weak nitrous acid, 105 grains of which contained the acid of 60 of nitre, completed the saturation. These ten grains contained the acid of 57 grains of nitre; which, by Mr. Kirwan's experiments, is equal to two grains of real nitrous acid. "We have therefore (says Mr. Watt) 34 grains weight of dephlogisticated air produced, and only two grains of real acid missing; and it is not certain that even this quantity was destroyed, because some portion of the glass of the retort was dissolved by the nitre, and some part of the materials employed in making the glass being alkali, we may conclude, that the alkali of the nitre would be augmented by the alkali of that part of the glass it had dissolved; but as the glass cracked into small pieces on cooling, and some part of the coating adhered firmly to it, the quantity of the glass that was dissolved could not be ascertained."

**13**  
**Answered**  
**by Mr Kir-**  
**watt.**

To avoid the force of objections drawn from these experiments, and which seem ready to overthrow his hypothesis, as well as that of Mr Lavoisier entirely, Mr Kirwan makes the following reply.—"My ingenious friend Mr Watt, as well as Mr Cavendish, are of opinion, that the whole quantity of dephlogisticated air, produced from the distillation of nitre, arises from the dephlogistication of the water it contains, it being decomposed by the nitrous acid, which then becomes phlogisticated. This opinion is exposed to insurmountable difficulties. For, in the first place, nitre affords dephlogisticated air at the rate of 146.125 cubic inches for every 100 grains of nitre, which, by the proper allowances for phlogisticated air, should weigh 46.77 grains: but then dephlogisticated air is only one of the constituent parts of water, for it contains 13 per cent. of inflammable air, that is to say, 87 grains of dephlogisticated air: to form 100 grains of water requires an addition of 13 grains of inflammable air; consequently 46.77 grains of dephlogisticated air require nearly 7 of inflammable air, and would then form 53.77 grains of water, which exceeds half the weight of the nitre; a quantity of water, as Mr Watt owns, certainly inadmissible.—Mr Watt found, that the water over which the air proceeding from the decomposition of 960 grains of nitre had been received, contained only the acid belonging to 120 grains of nitre; and even this small quantity he inferred only from my experiments. But my experiments are totally inapplicable in this case; for I used only the dephlogisticated nitrous acid: and alkalis are saturable by a much smaller quantity of phlogisticated than of dephlogisticated acids, as is evident in the case of the *dephlogisticated marine acid*, as Stahl long ago observed; for he says that the volatile acid of sulphur saturates 10 times as much alkali as the fixed. Mr Bergman and Mr Scheele observed, that melted nitre is still neutral, though it be phlogisticated; therefore it is air, and not water, which it wants. Accordingly Dr Priestley found it to injure common air by attracting its dephlogisticated part: but if it be kept in fusion for some time, it loses its acid, and becomes alkaline; and the air it receives must surely be deemed rather to recompose the acid than to form water; of whose for-

mation, in the temperature of the atmosphere, we have no sort of proof. On the contrary, the impossibility of accounting for the loss of acid in this case is an evident proof of the fallacy of that hypothesis.—By Mr Lavoisier's analysis, 100 grains of nitre contain 57 of caustic alkali; by Mr Bergman's, 49; by Mr Wenzel's, 52; by Mr Weigleb's,  $46\frac{1}{2}$ ; by mine, 63: the mean of all which is,  $53\frac{1}{2}$ ; which leaves 46.5 for acid and water, which is very nearly the weight of the air expelled. The different quantity of acid assigned by different persons to nitre, is in part owing to its degree of phlogistication in nitre. I believe at present, that 100 grains of nitre contain 34 of acid and about 12 of water, including the water in the acid and that of crystallization."

Mr Kirwan next proceeds to consider, in a manner similar to that above related, the composition of the other acids.—The marine acid, according to him, consists of a peculiar basis united to phlogiston, and a certain quantity of fixed air; to both of which the basis seems to have a strong affinity. On depriving it of this phlogiston, the affinity of the acid to fixed air becomes much stronger, and it saturates itself so largely with it, that its attractions for other substances, containing little or no phlogiston, become nearly as weak as those of fixed air itself when equally condensed; but with respect to bodies that contain a considerable quantity of phlogiston, its affinities are much stronger, as its basis attracts the phlogiston, while those bodies attract its excess of fixed air. In this state it does not expel fixed air from aerated fixed alkalis or earths until it is heated; and then dephlogisticated air separates from it, and it becomes, in all respects, common marine acid. For as it contains an excess of fixed air, it acts nearly as an acid of the same nature; but when heat is applied, its basis dephlogisticates its own fixed air, which then becomes dephlogisticated air, at the same time that the acid becomes common marine acid, and acts as such.

Mr Lavoisier, and other philosophers, who deny the existence of phlogiston, are of opinion, that the common marine acid consists of a peculiar basis united to a small proportion of pure air, or oxygenous principle, and the dephlogisticated marine acid differs from it only by containing an excess of this principle.—This opinion they are chiefly induced to maintain, because the acid in its dephlogisticated state is procured by distilling common marine acid from manganese; and the manganese, if distilled by itself, before the acid is distilled from it, affords dephlogisticated air; but after the acid is distilled from it, it yields none.—"This experiment, however, (says Mr Kirwan), proves no more but that the manganese contains some air which is dephlogisticated during the calcination. And that this air is fixed air, appears from the following considerations: The black calx of manganese almost always gives out fixed air at first, before any dephlogisticated air appears; whence it is natural to think, that the dephlogisticated air proceeds from the dephlogistication of the fixed. And hence, if it be distilled with filings of iron, or in a gun-barrel, it scarce gives out any other than fixed air; if at any time it gives out dephlogisticated air, with little or no mixture of fixed air, this is owing to a very perfect dephlogistication of the calx, and to its containing very little moisture. Thus Dr Priestley,

**Acids.**  
**14**  
Quantity  
of acid con-  
tained in  
nitre.

**15**  
Principles  
of the ma-  
rine acid.

**16**  
Mr Lavoisier's  
opinion.

**17**  
Contested  
by Mr Kir-  
wan.

**Acids.** having passed the steam of boiling water through manganese heated in an earthen tube, obtained a very large quantity of fixed air, and scarce any other; though on repeating this experiment with manganese well freed from calcareous earth, I obtained a large portion of dephlogisticated air; but I believe much depends on the degree of heat to which the tube is subjected. But having distilled manganese, which yielded of itself some fixed air with common spirit of salt, I obtained dephlogisticated marine acid, and not a particle of fixed air; which shows that this last combined with the dephlogisticated basis, and formed the dephlogisticated acid. Mr HerinStadt having dissolved the black calx in common marine acid, and precipitated it with an aerated fixed alkali, obtained, as usual, a white precipitate; which, when heated, afforded a great part of the fixed air it had absorbed from the alkali; but when heated to such a degree as to be of a brown red colour, and consequently dephlogisticated, it converted common spirit of salt into a dephlogisticated acid, which could proceed only from some fixed air yet unexpelled: Yet if sal-ammoniac be distilled with the black calx of manganese, it will be expelled in a caustic state; for the fixed air unites to the dephlogisticated marine basis in preference to the volatil alkali."

**18**  
Decisive  
experiment  
in his fa-  
vour.

Several other experiments are related by Mr Kirwan, which the limits of this article will not allow us to infer; but the following, he is of opinion, fully confirms his hypothesis, and subverts that of the antiphlogistians. "Six cubic inches of inflammable air were mixed with as much dephlogisticated marine air over lime-water. In about 10 minutes after the greater part of the diminution had taken place, a white cloud appeared on the surface (a) of the lime-water, and by agitation it became still more turbid. As it was possible that the manganese might be mixed with calcareous earth, some dephlogisticated marine air was extracted from another portion of it, and received on lime-water; but it was wholly absorbed, without forming the least cloud, tho' there was lime enough; for on adding aerated water, a cloud appeared."

**19**  
Phosphoric  
acid.

The other acids particularly treated of by Mr Kirwan are the phosphoric and saccharine. In his treatise on the former, he adopts the analysis of Mr Lavoisier, changing only his acid principle of dephlogisticated for fixed air. From this it appears, that the phosphoric acid consists of a peculiar basis united to 2.265 of its weight of the acid principle; or, in other words, 100 grains of dry phosphoric acid contains about 69 of fixed air and 31 of its peculiar basis: 100 grains of the phosphoric basis take up 226.5 of fixed air, or 32.9 of phlogiston when it becomes phosphorous; and 100 grains of phosphorus contain 75.24 of basis and 24.76 of phlogiston.—The basis of this acid is the only one that can be procured free, both from the phlogiston and the acidifying principle; it is called, though improperly, as it is not soluble in water, the *glacial phosphoric acid*. Mr Lavoisier and others are of opinion, that phosphorus is a simple substance containing no phlogiston, and that the acid consists of the oxygenous principle united to it.

With regard to the acid of sugar, Mr Kirwan observes, that sugar itself is a compound of fixed air with a much larger proportion of inflammable air, and some water, all condensed to a degree of which we are ignorant, but retaining, upon the whole, much more specific heat than either oil or charcoal; though he seems inclined to the hypothesis of Mr Morveau, that this substance has for its basis a fine ethereal oil, to which a large proportion of condensed inflammable air is superadded. The acid of sugar, then, according to him, consists of this peculiar basis deprived of its superfluous phlogiston, and united to a great quantity of fixed air in a concrete state. He is also of opinion, that it does not exist ready formed in the sugar, but is produced in the operations that substance undergoes: that it derives most of its acid principle from the nitrous acid employed; the nitrous basis taking up the phlogiston, and the fixed air of the nitrous acid combining with the saccharine basis. He contests strongly an opinion of Mr Lavoisier, that sugar is a sort of *charcoal*, which, uniting with the oxygenous principle of the nitrous acid, decomposes it, sets loose the nitrous air, and forms the saccharine acid; and that towards the end of the operation, the saccharine acid itself is decomposed; the consequence of which is, the production of fixed air, which, according to him, is only the oxygenous principle combined with charcoal. On this Mr Kirwan remarks, 1. "That, according to this theory, the acid of sugar should be the same with fixed air, since both are composed of the oxygenous principle united with charcoal: or, if Mr Lavoisier should reply, that sugar is different from common charcoal, he reminds him, that, according to his own table of affinities, the oxygenous principle has a much stronger attraction for charcoal than for sugar, and consequently that the latter ought to be decomposed by the former: nay, that it should be regenerated by various metallic substances, which, according to him, have a greater attraction for this principle. 2. According to this hypothesis, the saccharine acid ought to weigh more than the sugar employed in the operation; which is so far from being the case, that it is universally agreed to be much less; Bergman making it only  $\frac{1}{3}$ d, Mr Chaptal from  $\frac{1}{3}$ d to  $\frac{2}{7}$ ths, and Mr Sage  $\frac{1}{10}$ ths. 3. If the saccharine acid consisted of sugar, or consisted of that substance undecomposed, and barely united to the oxygenous principle, it ought to be formed by treating sugar with the black calx of manganese, or with dephlogisticated marine acid; both of which, according to him, have less attraction for the oxygenous principle than sugar. Lastly (says Mr Kirwan), if the acid of sugar be distilled, it is wholly converted into water, fixed inflammable air, and not a particle of coal or dephlogisticated air is found in it. It is not therefore reasonable to look on either of them as its constituent principles; but as fixed air alone can be extracted from all vegetable acids, it seems to be the true acidifiable principle."

Having given a view of the present opinions relative to the original formation of acids, it remains to treat a little more particularly of each of the different kinds.

**Acids.**  
20  
Saccharine  
acid.

21  
Fixed air  
the acid  
principle,  
according  
to Mr Kir-  
wan.

(a) On mixing these, a dense white cloud appears; one half of the bulk of both disappears, and the residuum explodes like a mixture of inflammable and dephlogisticated air.

**Acids.** kinds. They are divided into three different classes, expressive of their origin, *viz.* the Mineral, Vegetable, and Animal. The mineral acids are those of vitriol, nitre, sea-salt, borax, amber, fluor, arsenic, tungsten, molybdæna, &c. The vegetable are, those of vinegar, tartar, sugar, benzoin, apples, citrons, lemons, tamarinds, sorrel, cork, &c. The animal acids are, the microfinic or acid of urine, and that of bones, both of which are also called the *phosphoric*, though this might be accounted a vegetable acid, as it is procured by distilling mustard and some other vegetables by a violent fire. Besides these, there are the acids of ants, wasps, bees, silk-worms, milk, &c. It has also been discovered, that the human calculus is formed for the most part of a peculiar acid, which has received the name of *lithiasic acid*. Lastly, As an acid distinct from all these, we may now add *fixed air*, by some called the *aerial*, and by others the *cretaceous acid*; the latter appellation it derives from *creta*, chalk, because it is found in that substance in great quantity. See AEROLOGY.

**22** Acids, how divided.  
**23** Enumeration.

**24** General account of their attractions for alkalis, &c.

The general properties of acids have already been enumerated; the most remarkable of which is their attraction for alkaline salts, earth, and metals. Though this is common to all, yet very considerable differences are observed among them in this respect, and on those differences depend almost all the phenomena of that part of CHEMISTRY which treats of salts. As these phenomena are particularly considered under that article, we shall here only in general take notice, that the three acids named the *vitriolic*, *nitrous*, and *marine*, are the strongest of them all; that is, if any other acid be united to an alkali, earth, or metal, the union will be broken by adding to that compound any of the three acids just mentioned. Neither are these equal in power among themselves; for the *vitriolic* is stronger than the *nitrous*, and the *nitrous* stronger than the *marine*. The rule, however, is liable to certain exceptions and variations, depending chiefly on the circumstances of heat or cold, moisture or dryness, and particularly on the state of the *marine acid* with regard to its being in the form of an aqueous fluid or reduced to a dry vapour. In this last case it seems stronger than either the *vitriolic* or *nitrous*; and even when in an aqueous state, both the *nitrous* and *marine acids*, when added in great quantity, seem to oppress and overwhelm the stronger *vitriolic acid*, so that they will partly expel it from an alkaline salt. This does not depend on the mere quantity of acidity they possess: for the *acetous acid* may be concentrated to such a degree as to become stronger in this respect than spirit of salt; yet it will always be inferior in point of real strength, when tried with an alkali in competition with the latter. The *aerial acid* is the weakest of all; and may be expelled not only by vinegar, but by the acid juices of fruits, tartar, and the acids of tungsten and molybdæna.

Some acids have the property of resisting the fire, and melting into a kind of glass, such as that of borax and phosphorus. This circumstance gives them an advantage over the stronger acids which are volatile; and thus the two just mentioned, as well as those of arsenic and tungsten, will, in a very strong heat, expel the acid of vitriol itself, though the latter will, in the cold, expel any one of them with great ease.

Both the *vitriolic* and *nitrous acids* have a very strong

attraction for phlogiston; and unite with certain oily and inflammable matter so vehemently as to occasion great heat, and sometimes even violent and unextinguishable flame. This is particularly the case with the *nitrous acid*, or with a mixture of the two; and indeed the *nitrous acid*, though weaker than the *vitriolic*, shows itself in every instance to be far more active, and to perform all its operations with vastly greater rapidity, than the other. All these particulars, however, as they properly fall under the article CHEMISTRY, are there explained at length: together with the origin and peculiar methods of preparing each of the acids, and the various uses to which they may be applied in arts and manufactures. See also their different titles as they occur in the order of the alphabet; as, NITRE, VINEGAR, VITRIOL, &c.

ACIDULOUS denotes a thing that is slightly *acid*; it is synonymous with the word *sub-acid*.

ACIDULÆ. Mineral waters that contain a brisk spirit, when unaccompanied with heat, are thus named; but if they are hot also they are called THERMÆ. See MINERAL WATERS.

ACIDULATED, a name given to medicines that have an acid in their composition.

ACIDUM AEREUM, the same with *Fixed AIR*.

ACIDUM pingue, an imaginary acid, which some German chemists suppose to be contained in fire, and by combining with alkalis, lime, &c. to give them their caustic properties; an effect which is found certainly to depend on the loss of their fixed air.

ACILA, OCILA, or OCELIS (anc. geog.), a staple or mart town in Arabia Felix, on the Arabic gulf, from which, according to Pliny, they set sail for India. Now *Ziden*.

ACILIUS GLABRIO (Marcus) consul in the year of Rome 562, and 211 years before the Christian æra, distinguished himself by his bravery and conduct in gaining a complete victory over Antiochus the Great, king of Syria, at the streights of Thermopylæ in Thessaly, and on several other occasions. He built the Temple of Piety at Rome, in consequence of a vow he made before the above mentioned battle: and the reason of his giving it that name is very remarkable. The story is mentioned by Pliny, Valerius Maximus, and others. See the article PIETY.

ACINIPPO (anc. geog.), a town of Bætica; its ruins, called *Ronda la Viega*, are to be seen near Arunda, in the kingdom of Granada.

ACINODENDRUM, in botany, the trivial name of a species of MELASTOMA.

ACINOS, in botany, the trivial name of a species of THYMUS.

ACINUS, or ACINI, the small protuberances of mulberries, strawberries, &c. and by some applied to grapes. Generally it is used for those small grains growing in bunches, after the manner of grapes, as *Ligustrum*, &c.

ACIS, in fabulous history, the son of Faunus and Simetheis, was a beautiful shepherd of Sicily, who being beloved by Galatea, Polyphemus the giant was so enraged, that he dashed out his brains against a rock; after which Galatea turned him into a river, which was called by his name.

ACIS, (Ovid, Theocritus); a river of Sicily, running from a very cold spring, in the woody and shady

**Acknowledgment** || **Acoemetæ.** foot of mount Ætna, eastward into, and not much above a mile from, the sea, along green and pleasant banks, with the speed of an arrow, from which it takes its name. It is now called *Acì Iaci*, or *Ghinci*, according to the different Sicilian dialects: Antonine calls it *Acius*. Also the name of a hamlet at the mouth of the *Acis*.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**, in a general sense, is a person's owning or confessing a thing; but more particularly, is the expression of gratitude for a favour.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT-Money**, a certain sum paid by tenants, in several parts of England, on the death of their landlords, as an acknowledgment of their new lords.

**ACLIDES**, in Roman antiquity, a kind of missive weapon, with a thong affixed to it, whereby to draw it back. Most authors describe it as a kind of dart or javelin; but Scaliger makes it roundish or globular, and full of spikes, with a slender wooden stem to poise it by.

**ACLOWA**, in botany, a barbarous name of a species of **COLUTEA**. It is used by the natives of Guinea to cure the itch: They rub it on the body as we do unguents.

**ACME**, the top or height of any thing. It is usually applied to the maturity of an animal just before it begins to decline; and physicians have used it to express the utmost violence or crisis of a disease.

**ACMELLA**, in botany, the trivial name of a species of **SPILANTHUS**.

**ACMONIA**, and **AGMONIA**, in Peutinger's map, a town of Phrygia Major, now in ruins. The inhabitants are called *Acmonenses* by Cicero, and the city *Givitas Acmonensis*. Also a city of Dacia (Ptolemy), on the Danube, near the ruins of Trajan's bridge, built by Severus, and called *Severicum*; distant 12 German miles from Temeswar, to the south-east.

**ACNIDA**, **VIRGINIAN HEMP**, in botany, a genus of the dicæcia order, belonging to the pentandria class of plants; and, in the Natural Order, associating with the *Scabridæ* (53). The characters are: In the *male*, the *calyx* is a perianthium consisting of five leaves, ovate, concave, acute, and membranous on the margin. No *corolla*. The *stamina* consist of five very short capillary filaments; the antheræ are versatile, two-celled, and forked at both ends.—*Female* on a separate plant; of which the *calyx* consists of an involucre many-leav'd, linear, and deciduous; and a perianthium two-leav'd, very small, and persistent. No *corolla*. The *pisillum* has an ovate germen; the styli are five, long, reflected, and downy; the stigmata are simple. The *pericarpium* is an egg-shaped fruit, compressed, many-angled, fulcated, and covered with a succulent calyx. The *seed* is solitary, round, and compressed. There is only one species of it, *viz.* the *acnida cannabida*. It is a native of Virginia; but rarely cultivated in Europe, except for the sake of variety. It has little beauty, and at present is applied to no useful purpose.

**ACNUA**, in Roman antiquity, signified a certain measure of land, near about the English rood, or fourth part of an acre.

**ACOEMETÆ**, or **ACOEMETI**, in church-history; or, Men who lived without sleep: A set of monks who chanted the divine service night and day in their pla-

ces of worship. They divided themselves into three bodies, who alternately succeeded each other, so that their churches were never silent. This practice they founded upon the precept, *Pray without ceasing*. They flourished in the east about the middle of the 5th century. There are a kind of *acoemeti* still subsisting in the Roman church, *viz.* the religious of the holy sacrament, who keep up a perpetual adoration, some one or other of them praying before the holy sacrament day and night.

**ACOLUTHI**, or **ACOLUTHISTS**, in antiquity, was an appellation given to those persons who were steady and immovable in their resolutions: and hence the stoics, because they would not forsake their principles, nor alter their resolutions, acquired the title of *Acoluthi*. The word is Greek, and compounded of  $\alpha$ , priv. and  $\kappa\omicron\gamma\epsilon\upsilon\theta\omega$ , way; as never turning from the original course.

**ACOLUTHI**, among the ancient Christians, implied a peculiar order of the inferior clergy in the Latin church; for they were unknown to the Greeks for above 400 years. They were next to the sub-deacon; and we learn from the fourth council of Carthage, that the archdeacon, at their ordination, put into their hands a candlestick with a taper, giving them thereby to understand that they were appointed to light the candles of the church; as also an empty pitcher, to imply that they were to furnish wine for the eucharist. Some think they had another office, that of attending the bishop wherever he went. The word is Greek, and compounded of  $\alpha$ , priv. and  $\kappa\omega\lambda\upsilon\omega$ , to hinder or disturb.

**ACOLYTHIA**, in the Greek church, denotes the office or order of divine service; or the prayers, ceremonies, hymns, &c. whereof the Greek service is composed.

**ACOMA**, a town of North-America, in New-Mexico, seated on a hill, with a good castle. To go into the town, you must walk up 50 steps cut out of the rock. It is the capital of that province, and was taken by the Spaniards in 1599. W. Long. 104. 15. Lat. 35. 0.

**ACOMAC**, or **ACCOMACK**, the name of a county in Virginia. It is on the eastern side of the Chesapeake bay, on a slip of land called the *eastern shore*.

**ACOMINATUS** (Nicetas), was secretary to Alexius Comnenus and to Isaacus Angelus successively: he wrote an history from the death of Alexius Comnenus 1118, where Zonaras ended his, to the year 1203, which has undergone many impressions, and is much applauded by the best critics.

**ACONITE**. See **ACONITUM**.

*Winter ACONITE*. See **HELLEBORUS**.

**ACONCROBA**, in botany, the indigenous name of a plant which grows wild in Guinea, and is in great esteem among the natives for its virtues in the small-pox. They give an infusion of it in wine. The leaves of this plant are opaque, and as stiff as those of the phillyrea; they grow in pairs, and stand on short foot-stalks; they are small at each end, and broad in the middle; and the largest of them are about three inches in length, and an inch and quarter in breadth in the middle. They are of a dusky colour on the upper side, and of a pale green underneath.

**ACONITI**,

**Acoluthi**  
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**Aconcroba.**



Aconiti,  
Aconitum.

ACONITI, in antiquity, an appellation given to some of the ΑΤΗΛΕΤÆ, but differently interpreted. Mercurialis understands it of those who only anointed their bodies with oil, but did not smear themselves over with dust, as was the usual practice.

ACONITUM, ACONITE, WOLFSBANE, or MONKSHOOD; a genus of the trigynia order, belonging to the polyandria class of plants. In the natural order, it associates with the *Multisiliquæ*, 26. The characters are: There is no *calyx*. The *corolla* consists of five unequal petals opposite in pairs; the highest helmet-tubed, inverted, and obtuse; the two lateral ones, broad, roundish, opposite, and converging; the two lowest, oblong, and looking downwards: The nectaria are two, piped, nodding, and sitting on long subulated peduncles, and concealed under the highest petal: The scales are six, very short, coloured, and in an orb with the nectaria. The *stamina* consist of numerous small subulated filaments; the antheræ are erect and small. The *pistillum* has three [five] oblong germens, ending in styli the length of the stamina; the stigmata are simple and reflected. The *pericarpium* has three or five univalve capsules gaping inward. The *seeds* are numerous, angular; and wrinkled.

*Species.* 1. The lycoctonum, or yellow wolfsbane, grows upwards of three feet high, flowers about the middle of June, and if the season is not warm will continue in flower till August. 2. The altissimum, or greatest yellow wolfsbane, grows upwards of four feet high, and the spikes of its flower are much longer in this sort than the former. 3. The variegatum, or lesser wolfsbane, seldom grows more than two feet high; it carries blue flowers, and the spikes of them are much shorter than either of the two last. 4. The anthora, or wholesome wolfsbane, flowers in the middle of August, and often continues in beauty till the middle of September; its flowers are not large, but are of a beautiful sulphur-yellow colour. 5. The napellus, bears large blue flowers, which appear in August, and make a pretty appearance. There are two or three varieties of this kind; one with white, another with rose-coloured, and a third with variegated flowers; but these are only varieties which often change. 6. The pyramidale, or common blue monkshood, bears a long spike of blue flowers, which appear sooner than any of the other sorts, being so early as June, or sometimes even May. The spikes of flowers are upwards of two feet long, so that it makes a pretty appearance; the seeds are ripe in September. 7. The alpinum, or large-flowered monkshood, flowers in August, and will grow to the height of five feet in good ground; the flowers are very large, of a deep blue colour, but not many upon each spike. 8. The pyreniacum, or Pyrenean monkshood, flowers in July. It grows about four feet high, and carries a long spike of yellow flowers. 9. The cammarum, grows about four feet high, and flowers in the beginning of July. 10. The orientale, or eastern monkshood, grows sometimes more than six feet high, and bears a white flower.

*Culture.* All these species, except the last, are natives of the Alps, the mountains of Germany, Austria, and Tartary; so require a cool shady situation, except the wholesome wolfsbane, which must have an open exposure. They thrive better in a moist than dry soil: but the ground must not be so wet as to have the

water standing near their roots in the winter-time. Aconitum. They may all be propagated by sowing their seeds in autumn, upon a north border, where they are screened from the sun. The plants will come up in the spring, when they must be kept clean from the weeds during the summer-months; and, in very dry seasons, if they are frequently refreshed with water, their growth will be greatly promoted. The following autumn they should be transplanted into shady borders, in rows a foot asunder, and the plants six inches distant from one another. In this situation they may remain two years, when they will carry flowers, and so may be transplanted to those places where they are to remain. The eastern monkshood is a native of the Levant, from whence the seeds of it were first sent by Dr Tournefort to the royal garden at Paris, from whence some other gardens have been furnished with seeds. It is very rare in Europe at present.

*Qualities.* Since the time of Theophrastus, most of the species of monkshood have been reckoned a deadly poison both to men and brutes. Dioscorides, however, recommends the external application of common monkshood for pains of the eyes. The flowers of a great many species communicate their noxious quality by being smelled to; and those of the species called *napellus* being placed on the head, occasion a violent migraine. Of the bad qualities of these plants we sometimes avail ourselves to get rid of vermin. A decoction of the roots destroys bugs; the same part being powdered, and administered in bread or some other palatable vehicle to rats and mice, corrodes and inflames their intestines, and soon proves mortal. The juice of the plant is used to poison flesh with, for the destruction of wolves, foxes, and other ravenous beasts. The best antidote to the poison of the different monkshoods is said to be the root of the anthora, a species of the same genus, hence termed *healthful* or *wholesome monkshood*. The same plant is regarded as efficacious against bites of serpents and other venomous creatures. The roots have a bitter acrid taste; the leaves are only bitter: the former are chiefly used in medicine; and, besides the excellent quality just mentioned, are stomachic, and promote perspiration. The peasants, who gather the plants on the Alps and Pyrenees, are said to use it with success against the biting of mad dogs, and to cure the colic. It is remarkable, that the monkshoods with blue flowers are much more virulent than the yellow or white-flowered kinds. Miller asserts that the huntsmen of the wolves and other wild beasts on the Alps, dip their arrows into the juice of those plants, which renders the wounds made by them deadly.

That the anthora is an antidote to the poison of the rest of the species, is not considered as a fact sufficiently established. Of the effects of the above, indeed, and other vegetable poisons, medical writers give but a confused account. In general, those which are not of the narcotic kind, nor excite violent vomitings and purgings, produce their pernicious effects by irritating the nervous coats of the stomach and intestines, so as to occasion violent convulsions, not only in them, but through the whole body. The proper cure is evacuation by vomit: but this is not to be obtained without some difficulty; because there is usually such a contraction about the upper orifice of the stomach, that nothing

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thing can either be swallowed or thrown up. In this case, an infusion of tobacco has been recommended, and may probably be of service: for being itself of a very stimulating nature, it may for a moment take off the violent spasms occasioned by the poison; in which case, a violent vomiting will immediately ensue.—The stomach being thoroughly emptied, and deglutition rendered easy, the cure may be completed by oily and mucilaginous medicines. On account of the poisonous qualities of monkhood, no species of it should be planted where children have access, lest they should suffer by putting the leaves or flowers in their mouths, or rubbing them about their eyes; for the juice of the leaves will occasion great disorder by being only rubbed upon very tender flesh; and the farina of the flowers, when blown into the eyes, causes them to swell greatly.

ACONTIAS, in zoology, an obsolete name of the *anguis jaculis*, or dart-snake, belonging to the order of *amphibia serpentes*. See *ANCUIS*.

ACONTIUM, *ακοντιον*, in Grecian antiquity, a kind of dart or javelin, resembling the Roman pilum.

ACONTIUS (James), a philosopher, civilian, and divine, born at Trent in the 16th century: he embraced the reformed religion; and, coming into England in the reign of queen Elizabeth, was much honoured by her, which he acknowledges in a book dedicated to that queen. This work is his celebrated *Collection of the Stratagems of Satan*, which has been so often translated, and borne so many editions.

ACOSTAN, a mountainous island in the north seas, between Asia and America, observed by captain Cooke.

ACORN, the fruit of the oak-tree. See *QUERCUS*.

ACORN, (in sea-language), a little ornamental piece of wood, fashioned like a cone, and fixed on the uppermost point of the spindle, above the vane, on the mast-head. It is used to keep the vane from being blown off from the spindle in a whirlwind, or when the ship leans much to one side under sail.

ACORUS, *CALAMUS AROMATICUS*, SWEET FLAG, or SWEET RUSH: A genus of the monogynia order, belonging to the hexandria class of plants; and ranking in the second natural order, *Piperitæ*. The characters are: The *calyx* is a cylindric simple spadix covered with florets; there is no *spatha*, nor *perianthium*. The *corolla* is composed of six obtuse, concave, loose petals. The *stamina* consist of six thickish filaments, somewhat longer than the corolla; the antheræ are thickish and didymous. The *pistillum* has a gibbous oblong germen the length of the stamina; no stylus; the stigma a prominent point. The *pericarpium* is a short triangular, obtuse, three-celled capsule, attenuated at both ends. The *seeds* are numerous, and of an oblong egg-shape.

There is but one species, the *acorus calamus*. It grows naturally in shallow standing waters, and is found wild in some parts of Britain. It grows plentifully in rivulets and marshy places about Norwich and other parts of the island, in the canals of Holland, in Switzerland, and in other countries of Europe. The shops have been usually supplied from the Levant with dried roots, which do not appear to be superior to those of other parts. The leaves are sometimes two feet long, narrow, compressed, smooth, and of a bright green,

terminating in a point; the root is pretty long, of a whitish, reddish, and partly greenish colour. Among the leaves there arises a single one, thicker and more robust than the rest, furrowed on the surface, and of a paler green. On this grow frequently two spikes of flowers, by many writers called *juli*. These are of a brown colour, having a chequered surface. The root of this plant has a very agreeable flavour, which is greatly improved by drying. It is reckoned carminative and stomachic, having a warm, pungent, bitterish taste; so is frequently used as an ingredient in bitters. It has been complained of, however, as communicating a nauseous flavour to those bitters in which it is infused; and Neumann observes, that its agreeable flavour, as well as its distinguishing taste, resides entirely in a volatile essential oil; the residuum after distillation having a nauseous flavour, not at all resembling that of the calamus. It is an ingredient in the mithridate and theriaca of the London pharmacopœia; and in the aromatic and stomachic tinctures, and compound arum powder, of the Edinburgh. The fresh root candied is said to be employed at Constantinople as a preservative against epidemic diseases. The leaves of this plant have a sweet fragrant smell, more agreeable, though weaker, than that of the roots. Neither horses, cows, goats, sheep, nor swine, will eat the herb, or its roots.

*Culture*. The *acorus* being a perennial plant, may be transplanted into a garden, where it will thrive very well if the ground is moist; but never flowers unless it grows in water. It loves an open situation, and will not thrive well under the shade of trees. The flowers appear the latter end of June, and continue till August.

ACORUS, in the materia medica, a name sometimes given to the great galangal. See *KEMPERIA*.

ACORUS, in natural history, blue coral. The true sort is very scarce; some, however, is fished on the coasts of Africa, particularly from Rio Del Re to the river of the Camarones. This coral is part of the merchandize which the Dutch trade for with the Camarones; that of the kingdom of Benin is also very much esteemed. It grows in form of a tree on a rocky bottom.

ACOUSMATICI, sometimes also called *Acoustici*, in Grecian antiquity, such of the disciples of Pythagoras as had not completed their five years probation.

ACOUSTIC, in general, denotes any thing that relates to the ear, the sense of hearing, or the doctrine of sounds.

ACOUSTIC Duct, in anatomy, the same with meatus auditorius, or the external passage of the ear. See *ANATOMY*.

ACOUSTIC Instrument, or auricular tube. See *ACOUSTICS*, n<sup>o</sup> 26.

ACOUSTIC Vessels, in the ancient theatres, were a kind of vessels, made of brass, shaped in the bell fashion, which being of all tones within the pitch of the voice or even of instruments, rendered the sounds more audible, so that the actors could be heard through all parts of theatres, which were even 400 feet in diameter.

ACOUSTIC Disciples, among the ancient Pythagoreans, those more commonly called *ACOUSMATICI*.

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# A C O U S T I C S

<sup>1</sup> **I** NSTRUCTS us in the nature of sound. It is divided by some writers into *Diacoustics*, which explains the properties of those sounds that come directly from the sonorous body to the ear; and *Catacoustics*, which treats of reflected sounds: but such distinction does not appear to be of any real utility.

## CHAP. I. Different Theories of Sound.

<sup>3</sup> **M**OST sounds, we all know, are conveyed to us on the bosom of the air. In whatever manner they either float upon it, or are propelled forward in it, certain it is, that without the vehicle of this or some other fluid, we should have no sounds at all. Let the air be exhausted from a receiver, and a bell shall emit no sound when rung in the void; for, as the air continues to grow less dense, the sound dies away in proportion, so that at last its strongest vibrations are almost totally silent.

<sup>4</sup> **T**HUS air is a vehicle for sound. However, we must not, with some philosophers, assert, that it is the only vehicle; that, if there were no air, we should have no sounds whatsoever: for it is found by trial, that sounds are conveyed through water almost with the same facility with which they move through air. A bell rung in water returns a tone as distinct as if rung in air. This was observed by Derham, who also remarked that the tone came a quarter deeper. Some naturalists assure us also, that fishes have a strong perception of sounds, even at the bottom of deep rivers (A). From hence it would seem to be not very material in the propagation of sounds, whether the fluid which conveys them be elastic or otherwise. Water, which, of all substances that we know, has the least elasticity, yet serves to

carry them forward; and if we make allowance for the difference of its density, perhaps the sounds move in it with a proportional rapidity to what they are found to do in the elastic fluid of air.

One thing however is certain, that whether the fluid which conveys the note be elastic or non-elastic, whatever sound we hear is produced by a stroke, which the founding body makes against the fluid, whether air or water. The fluid being struck upon, carries the impression forward to the ear, and there produces its sensation. Philosophers are so far agreed, that they all allow that sound is nothing more than the impression made by an elastic body upon the air or water (B), and this impression carried along by either fluid to the organ of hearing. But the manner in which this conveyance is made, is still disputed: Whether the sound is diffused into the air, in circle beyond circle, like the waves of water when we disturb the smoothness of its surface by dropping in a stone; or whether it travels along, like rays diffused from a centre, somewhat in the swift manner that electricity runs along a rod of iron; these are the questions which have divided the learned.

<sup>5</sup> What sound is, and how propagated

Newton was of the first opinion. He has explained the progression of sound by an undulatory, or rather a vermicular, motion in the parts of the air. If we have an exact idea of the crawling of some insects, we shall have a tolerable notion of the progression of sound upon this hypothesis. The insect, for instance, in its motion, first carries its contractions from the hinder part, in order to throw its fore-part to the proper distance, then it carries its contractions from the fore-part to the hinder to bring that forward. Something similar to this

<sup>6</sup> Newton's theory.

(A) Dr Hunter has proved this, and demonstrated the auricular organ in these animals. See FISH, and COMPARATIVE Anatomy.

(B) Though air and water are both vehicles of sound, yet neither of them seems to be so by itself, but only as it contains an exceedingly subtile fluid capable of penetrating the most solid bodies. Hence, by the medium of that fluid, sounds can be propagated through wood, or metals, even more readily than through the open air. By the same means, deaf people may be made sensible of sounds, if they hold a piece of metal in their mouth, one end of which is applied to the founding body. As it is certain, therefore, that air cannot penetrate metals, we must acknowledge the medium of sound to be of a more subtile nature; and thus the electrical fluid will naturally occur as the proper one. But why then is sound no longer heard in an exhausted receiver, if the air is not the fluid by which it is conveyed, seeing the electrical matter cannot be excluded? The reply to this is obvious: The electrical fluid is so exceedingly subtile, and pervades solid bodies with so much ease, that any motion of a solid body in a quantity of electric matter by itself, can never excite a degree of agitation in it sufficient for producing a sound; but if the electric fluid is entangled among the particles of air, water, wood, metal, &c. whatever affects their particles will also affect this fluid, and produce an audible noise. In the experiment of the air-pump, however, there may be an ambiguity, as the gradual exhausting of the air creates an increasing difference of pressure on the outside, and may occasion in the glass a difficulty of vibrating, so as to render it less fit to communicate to the air without the vibrations that strike it from within. From this cause the diminution of sound in an exhausted receiver may be supposed to proceed, as well as from the diminution of the air. But if any internal agitation of its parts should happen to the electrical fluid, exceeding loud noises might be propagated through it, as has been the case when large meteors have kindled at a great distance from the earth. It is also difficult to account for the exceeding great swiftness of sound, upon the supposition that it is propagated by means of air alone; for nothing is more certain, than that the strongest and most violent gale is, in its course, inert and sluggish, compared with the motion of sound.

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is the motion of the air when struck upon by a sounding body. To be a little more precise, suppose ABC, the string of an harpsichord screwed to a proper pitch, and drawn out of the right line by the finger at B. We shall have occasion elsewhere to observe, that such a string would, if let go, vibrate to E; and from E to D, and back again; that it would continue thus to vibrate like a pendulum for ever, if not externally resisted, and, like a pendulum, all its little vibrations would be performed in equal times, the last and the first being equally long in performing; also, that, like a pendulum, its greatest swiftness would always be when it arrived at E, the middle part of its motion. Now then, if this string be supposed to fly from the finger at B, it is obvious, that whatever be its own motion, such also will be the motion of the parts of air that fly before it. Its motion, as is obvious, is first uniformly accelerated forward from B to E, then retarded as it goes from E to D, accelerated back again as it returns from D to E, and retarded from E to B. This motion being therefore sent in succession through a range of elastic air, it must happen that the parts of one range of air must be sent forward with accelerated motion, and then with a retarded motion. This accelerated motion reaching the remotest end of the first range will be communicated to a second range, while the nearest parts of the first range being retarded in their motion, and falling back with the recession of the string, retire first with an accelerated, then with a retarded motion, and the remotest parts will soon follow. In the mean time, while the parts of the first range are thus falling back, the parts of the second range are going forward with an accelerated motion. Thus there will be an alternate condensation and relaxation of the air, during the time of one vibration; and as the air going forward strikes any opposing body with greater force than upon retiring, so each of these accelerated progressions have been called by Newton a *pulse* of sound.

Thus will the air be driven forward in the direction of the string. But now we must observe, that these pulses will move every way; for all motion impressed upon fluids in any direction whatsoever, operates all around in a sphere: so that sounds will be driven in all directions, backwards, forwards, upwards, downwards, and on every side. They will go on succeeding each other, one on the outside of the other, like circles in disturbed water; or rather, they will lie one without the other, in concentric shells, shell above shell, as we see in the coats of an onion.

All who have remarked the tone of a bell, while its sounds are decaying away, must have an idea of the pulses of sound, which, according to Newton, are formed by the air's alternate progression and recession. And it must be observed, that as each of these pulses is formed by a single vibration of the string, they must be equal to each other; for the vibrations of the string are known to be so.

Again, as to the velocity with which sounds travel, this Newton determines, by the most difficult calculation that can be imagined, to be in proportion to the thickness of the parts of the air, and the distance of these parts from each other. From hence he goes on to prove, that each little part moves backward and forward like a pendulum; and from thence he proceeds to demonstrate, that if the atmosphere were of the same

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density every where as at the surface of the earth; in such a case, a pendulum that reached from its highest surface down to the surface of the earth, would by its vibrations discover to us the proportion of its velocity with which sounds travel. The velocity with which each pulse would move, he shows, would be as much greater than the velocity of such a pendulum swinging with one complete vibration, as the circumference of a circle is greater than the diameter. From hence he calculates, that the motion of sound will be 979 feet in one second. But this not being consonant to experience he takes in another consideration, which destroys entirely the vigour of his former demonstration, namely, vapours in the air; and then finds the motion of sound to be 1142 feet in one second, or near 13 miles in a minute: a proportion which experience had established nearly before.

Thus much will serve to give an obscure idea of a theory which has met with numbers of opposers. Even John Bernouilli, Newton's greatest disciple, modestly owns that he did not pretend to understand this part of the *Principia*. He attempted therefore to give a more perspicuous demonstration of his own, that might confirm and illustrate the Newtonian theory. The subject seemed to reject elucidation; his theory is obviously wrong, as D'Alembert has proved in his Theory of Fluids.

Various have been the objections that have been made to the Newtonian system of sounds. It is urged, that this theory can only agree with the motion of sound in an elastic fluid, whereas sounds are known to move forward through water that is not elastic. To explain their progress therefore through water, a second theory must be formed: so that two theories must be made to explain a similar effect; which is contrary to the simplicity of true philosophy, for it is contrary to the simplicity of nature. It is farther urged, that this slow vermicular motion but ill represents the velocity with which sounds travel, as we know by experience that it is almost 13 miles in a minute. In short, it is urged, that such undulations as have been described, when coming from several sonorous bodies at once, would cross, obstruct, and confound each other; so that, if they were conveyed to the ear by this means, we should hear nothing but a medley of discord and broken articulations. But this is equally with the rest contradictory to experience, since we hear the fullest concert, not only without confusion, but with the highest pleasure. These objections, whether well founded or not, have given rise to another theory: which we shall likewise lay before the reader: though it too appears liable to objections, which shall be afterwards mentioned.

Every sound may be considered as driven off from the sounding body in straight lines, and impressed upon the air in one direction only: but whatever impression is made upon a fluid in one direction, is diffused upon its surface in all directions; so that the sound first driven directly forward soon fills up a wide sphere, and is heard on every side. Thus, as it is impressed, it instantaneously travels forward with a very swift motion, resembling the velocity with which we know electricity flies from one end of a line to another.

Now, as to the pulses, or close shakes, as the musicians express it, which a sounding body is known to

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make, each pulse (say the supporters of this theory) is itself a distinct and perfect sound, and the interval between every two pulses is profoundly silent. Continuity of sound from the same body is only a deception of the hearing; for as each distinct sound succeeds at very small intervals, the organ has no time to transmit its images with equal swiftness to the mind, and the interval is thus lost to sense; just as in seeing a flaming torch, if flared round in a circle, it appears as a ring of fire. In this manner a beaten drum, at some small distance, presents us with the idea of continuing sound. When children run with their sticks along a rail, a continuing sound is thus represented, though it need scarce be observed that the stroke against each rail is perfectly distinct and insulated.

According to this theory, therefore, the pulses are nothing more than distinct sounds repeated by the same body, the first stroke or vibration being ever the loudest, and travelling farther than those that follow; while each succeeding vibration gives a new sound, but with diminished force, till at last the pulses decay away totally, as the force decays that gives them existence.

All bodies whatsoever that are struck return more or less a sound: but some, wanting elasticity, give back no repetition of the sound; the noise is at once begotten and dies: while other bodies, however, there are, which being more elastic and capable of vibration, give back a sound, and repeat the same several times successively. These last are said to have a tone; the others are not allowed to have any.

This tone of the elastic string, or bell, is notwithstanding nothing more than a similar sound of what the former bodies produced, but with the difference of being many times repeated while their note is but single. So that, if we would give the former bodies a tone, it will be necessary to make them repeat their sound, by repeating our blows swiftly upon them. This will effectually give them a tone; and even an unmusical instrument has often had a fine effect by its tone in our concerts.

Let us now go on then to suppose, that by swift and equably continued strokes we give any non-elastic body its tone: it is very obvious, that no alterations will be made in this tone by the quickness of the strokes, though repeated ever so fast. These will only render the tone more equal and continuous, but make no alteration in the tone it gives. On the contrary, if we make an alteration in the force of each blow, a different tone will then undoubtedly be excited. The difference will be small, it must be confessed; for the tones of these inflexible bodies are capable but of small variation; however, there will certainly be a difference. The table on which we write, for instance, will return a different sound when struck with a club, from what it did when struck only with a switch. Thus non-elastic bodies return a difference of tone, not in proportion to the swiftness with which their sound is repeated, but in proportion to the greatness of the blow which produced it; for in two equal non-elastic bodies, that body produced the deepest tone which was struck by the greatest blow.

We now then come to a critical question, What is it that produces the difference of tone in two elastic sounding bells or strings? Or what makes one deep and the other shrill? This question has always been hitherto

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answered by saying, that the depth or height of the note proceeded from the slowness or swiftness of the times of the vibrations. The slowest vibrations, it has been said, are qualified for producing the deepest tones, while the swiftest vibrations produce the highest tones. In this case, an effect has been given for a cause. It is in fact the force with which the sounding string strikes the air when struck upon, that makes the true distinction in the tones of sounds. It is this force, with greater or less impressions, resembling the greater or less force of the blows upon a non-elastic body, which produces correspondent affections of sound. The greatest forces produce the deepest sounds: the high notes are the effect of small efforts. In the same manner a bell, wide at the mouth, gives a grave sound; but if it be very massy withal, that will render it still graver; but if massy, wide, and long or high, that will make the tone deepest of all.

Thus, then, will elastic bodies give the deepest sound, in proportion to the force with which they strike the air: but if we should attempt to increase their force by giving them a stronger blow, this will be in vain; they will still return the same tone; for such is their formation, that they are sonorous only because they are elastic, and the force of this elasticity is not increased by our strength, as the greatness of a pendulum's vibration will not be increased by falling from a greater height.

Thus far of the length of chords. Now as to the frequency with which they vibrate the deepest tones, it has been found, from the nature of elastic strings, that the longest strings have the widest vibrations, and consequently go backward and forward slowest; while, on the contrary, the shortest strings vibrate the quickest, or come and go in the shortest intervals. From hence those who have treated of sounds, have asserted, as was said before, that the tone of the string depended upon the length or the shortness of the vibrations. This, however, is not the case. One and the same string, when struck, must always, like the same pendulum, return precisely similar vibrations; but it is well known, that one and the same string, when struck upon, does not always return precisely the same tone: so that in this case the vibrations follow one rule, and the tone another. The vibrations must be invariably the same in the same string, which does not return the same tone invariably, as is well known to musicians in general. In the violin, for instance, they can easily alter the tone of the string an octave or eight notes higher, by a softer method of drawing the bow; and some are known thus to bring out the most charming airs imaginable. These peculiar tones are by the English fiddlers called *fute-notes*. The only reason, it has been alledged, that can be assigned for the same string thus returning different tones, must certainly be the different force of its strokes upon the air. In one case, it has double the tone of the other; because upon the soft touches of the bow, only half its elasticity is put into vibration.

This being understood (continue the authors of this theory), we shall be able clearly to account for many things relating to sounds that have hitherto been inexplicable. Thus, for instance, if it be asked, When two strings are stretched together of equal lengths, tensions, and thickness, how does it happen, that one of them being struck, and made to vibrate throughout,

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throughout, the other shall vibrate throughout also? the answer is obvious: The force that the string struck receives is communicated to the air, and the air communicates the same to the similar string; which therefore receives all the force of the former; and the force being equal, the vibrations must be so too. Again, put the question, If one string be but half the length of the other, and be struck, how will the vibrations be? The answer is, The longest string will receive all the force of the string half as long as itself, and therefore it will vibrate in proportion, that is, through half its length. In the same manner, if the longest string were three times as long as the other, it would only vibrate in a third of its length; or if four times, in a fourth of its length. In short, whatever force the smaller string impresses upon the air, the air will impress a similar force upon the longer string, and partially excite its vibrations.

10 Eolian Lyre, See Platel. fig. 2 \*Vide Kircheri Musurgia, lib. ix.

From hence also we may account for the cause of those charming, melancholy gradations of sound in the Eolian lyre; an instrument (says Sir John Hawkins) lately obtruded upon the public as a new invention, though described above a century ago by Kircher\*. This instrument is easily made, being nothing more than a long narrow box of thin deal, about 30 inches long, 5 inches broad, and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches deep, with a circle in the middle of the upper side or belly about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch diameter, pierced with small holes. On this side are seven, ten, or (according to Kircher) fifteen or more strings of very fine gut, stretched over bridges at each end, like the bridge of a fiddle, and screwed up or relaxed with screw-pins (B). The strings are all tuned to one and the same note; and the instrument is placed in some current of air, where the wind can brush over its strings with freedom. A window with the sash just raised to give the air admission, will answer this purpose exactly. Now when the entering air blows upon these strings with different degrees of force, there will be excited different tones of sound; sometimes the blast brings out all the tones in full concert; sometimes it sinks them to the softest murmurs; it feels for every tone, and by its gradations of strength solicits those gradations of sound which art has taken different methods to produce.

It remains in the last place, to consider (by this theory) the loudness and lowness, or, as the musicians speak, the strength and softness of sound. In vibrating elastic strings, the loudness of the tone is in proportion to the deepness of the note; that is, in two strings, all things in other circumstances alike, the deepest tone will be loudest. In musical instruments upon a different principle, as in the violin, it is otherwise; the tones are made in such instruments, by a number of small vibrations crowded into one stroke. The refined bow, for instance, being drawn along a string, its roughnesses catch the string at very small intervals, and excite its vibrations. In this instrument, therefore, to excite loud tones, the bow must be drawn quick, and this will produce the greatest number of vibrations. But it must be observed, that the more quick the bow passes over the string, the less apt will

the roughness of its surface be to touch the string at every instant; to remedy this, therefore, the bow must be pressed the harder as it is drawn quicker, and thus its fullest sound will be brought from the instrument. If the swiftness of the vibrations in an instrument thus rubbed upon, exceed the force of the deeper sound in another, then the swift vibrations will be heard at a greater distance, and as much farther off as the swiftness in them exceeds the force in the other.

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The nature of Musical Sounds illustrated according to the same theory.

By the same theory (it is alledged) may all the phenomena of musical sounds be easily explained.—The fables of the ancients pretend, that music was first found out by the beating of different hammers upon the smith's anvil. Without pursuing the fable, let us endeavour to explain the nature of musical sounds by a similar method. Let us suppose an anvil, or several similar anvils, to be struck upon by several hammers of different weights or forces. The hammer, which is double that of another, upon striking the anvil will produce a sound double that of the other; this double sound musicians have agreed to call an Octave. The ear can judge of the difference or resemblance of these sounds with great ease, the numbers being as one and two, and therefore very readily compared. Suppose that an hammer, three times less than the first, strikes the anvil, the sound produced by this will be three times less than the first: so that the ear, in judging the similitude of these sounds, will find somewhat more difficulty; because it is not so easy to tell how often one is contained in three, as it is to tell how often it is contained in two. Again, suppose that an hammer four times less than the first strikes the anvil, the ear will find greater difficulty still in judging precisely the difference of the sounds; for the difference of the numbers four and one cannot so soon be determined with precision as three and one. If the hammer be five times less, the difficulty of judging will be still greater. If the hammer be six times less, the difficulty still increases, and so also of the seventh, inasmuch that the ear cannot always readily and at once determine the precise gradation. Now, of all comparisons, those which the mind makes most easily, and with least labour, are the most pleasing. There is a certain regularity in the human soul, by which it finds happiness in exact and striking, and easily-made comparisons. As the ear is but an instrument of the mind, it is therefore most pleased with the combination of any two sounds, the differences of which it can most readily distinguish. It is more pleased with the concord of two sounds which are to each other as one and two, than of two sounds which are as one and three, or one and four, or one and five, or one and six or seven. Upon this pleasure, which the mind takes in comparison, all harmony depends. The variety of sounds is infinite; but because the ear cannot compare two sounds so as readily to distinguish their discriminations when they exceed the proportion of one and seven, musicians have been content to confine all harmony within that compass, and allowed but seven notes in musical composition.

Let us now then suppose a stringed instrument fitted up

(B) The figure represents the instrument with ten chords: of which some direct only eight to be tuned unisons, and the two outermost octaves below them. But this seems not to be material.

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But there is another property in the vibration of a musical string not yet taken notice of, and which is alleged to confirm the foregoing theory. If we strike the string of an harpsichord, or any other elastic sounding chord whatever, it returns a continuing sound. This, till of late, was considered as one simple uniform tone ; but all

musicians now confess, that instead of one tone it actually returns four tones, and that constantly. The notes are, beside the fundamental tone, an octave above, a twelfth above, and a seventeenth. One of the bass-notes of an harpsichord has been dissected in this manner by Rameau, and the actual existence of these tones proved beyond a possibility of being controverted. In fact, the experiment is easily tried ; for if we smartly strike one of the lower keys of an harpsichord, and then take the finger briskly away, a tolerable ear will be able to distinguish, that, after the fundamental tone has ceased, three other shriller tones will be distinctly heard ; first the octave above, then the twelfth, and lastly the seventeenth : the octave above is in general almost mixed with the fundamental tone, so as not to be easily perceived, except by an ear long habituated to the minute discriminations of sounds. So that we may observe, that the smallest tone is heard last, and the deepest and largest one first : the two others in order.

In the whole theory of sounds, nothing has given greater room for speculation, conjecture, and disappointment, than this amazing property in elastic strings. The whole string is universally acknowledged to be in vibration in all its parts, yet this single vibration returns no less than four different sounds. They who account for the tones of strings by the number of their vibrations, are here at the greatest loss. Daniel Bernouilli supposes, that a vibrating string divides itself into a number of curves, each of which has a peculiar vibration ; and though they all swing together in the common vibration, yet each vibrates within itself. This opinion, which was supported, as most geometrical speculations are, with the parade of demonstration, was only born soon after to die. Others have ascribed this to an elastic difference in the parts of the air, each of which, at different intervals, thus received different impressions from the string, in proportion to their elasticity. This is absurd. If we allow the difference of tone to proceed from the force, and not the frequency, of the vibrations, this difficulty will admit of an easy solution. These sounds, though they seem to exist together in the string, actually follow each other in succession : while the vibration has greatest force, the fundamental tone is brought forward : the force of the vibration decaying, the octave is produced, but almost only instantaneously ; to this succeeds, with diminished force, the twelfth ; and, lastly, the seventeenth is heard to vibrate with great distinctness, while the three other tones are always silent. These sounds, thus excited, are all of them the harmonic tones, whose differences from the fundamental tone are, as was said, strong, and distinct. On the other hand, the discordant tones cannot be heard. Their differences being but very small, they are overpowered, and in a manner drowned in the tones of superior difference : yet not always neither ; for Daniel Bernouilli has been able, from the same stroke, to make the same string bring out its harmonic and its discordant tones also (d.) So that from hence we may justly infer, that every note whatsoever

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(c) It is certain, that in proportion to the simplicity of relations in sound, the ear is pleased with its combinations ; but this is not to be admitted as the cause why musicians have confined all harmony to an octave. Discriminated sounds, whose vibrations either never coincide, or at least very rarely, do not only cease to please, but violently grate, the ear. Harmony and discord, therefore, are neither discriminated by the judgment of hearers, nor the institution of musicians. but by their own essential and immutable nature.

(d) Vid. Memoires de l'Academie de Berlin, 1753, p. 153.

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is only a succession of tones; and that those are most distinctly heard, whose differences are most easily perceivable.

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To this theory, however, though it has a plausible appearance, there are strong and indeed insuperable objections. The very fundamental principle of it is false. No body whatever, whether elastic or non-elastic, yields a graver sound by being struck with a larger instrument, unless either the sounding body, or that part of it which emits the sound, is enlarged. In this case, the largest bodies always return the gravest sounds.

In speaking of elastic and non-elastic bodies in a musical sense, we are not to push the distinction so far as when we speak of them philosophically. A body is *musically* elastic, all of whose parts are thrown into vibration, so as to emit a sound when only part of their surface is struck. Of this kind are bells, musical strings, and all bodies whatever that are considerably hollow.—Musical non-elastics are such bodies as emit a sound only from that particular place which is struck: thus, a table, a plate of iron nailed on wood, a bell sunk in the earth, are all of them non-elastics in a musical sense, though not philosophically so. When a solid body, such as a log of wood, is struck with a switch, only, that part of it emits a sound which comes in contact with the switch; the note is acute and loud, but would be no less so though the adjacent parts of the log were removed. If, instead of the switch, a heavier or larger instrument is made use of, a larger portion of its surface then returns a sound, and the note is consequently more grave; but it would not be so, if the large instrument struck with a sharp edge, or a surface only equal to that of the small one.

In sounds of this kind, where there is only a single rick, without any repetition, the immediate cause of the gravity or acuteness seems to be the quantity of air displaced by the sounding body; a large quantity of air displaced, produces a grave sound, and a smaller quantity a more acute one, the force wherewith the air is displaced signifying very little.—What we here advance, is confirmed by some experiments made by Dr Priestley, concerning the *musical tone* of electrical discharges. The passage being curious, and not very long, we shall here transcribe it:

“As the course of my experiments has required a great variety of electrical explosions, I could not help observing a great variety in the musical tone made by the reports. This excited my curiosity to attempt to reduce this variation to some measure. Accordingly, by the help of a couple of spinets, and two persons who had good ears for music, I endeavoured to ascertain the tone of some electrical discharges; and observed, that every discharge made several strings, particularly those that were chords to one another, to vibrate: but one note was always predominant, and sounded after the rest. As every explosion was repeated several times, and three of us separately took the same note, there remained no doubt but that the tone we fixed upon was at least very near the true one. The result was as follows:

“A jar containing half a square foot of coated glass sounded F sharp, concert-pitch. Another jar of a different form, but equal surface, sounded the same.

“A jar of three square feet sounded C below F

sharp. A battery consisting of sixty-four jars, each containing half a square foot, sounded F below the C.

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“The same battery, in conjunction with another of thirty-one jars, sounded C sharp. So that a greater quantity of coated glass always gave a deeper note.

“Differences in the degree of a charge in the same jar made little or no difference in the tone of the explosion: if any, a higher charge gave rather a deeper note.”

These experiments show us how much the gravity or acuteness of sounds depend on the quantity of air put in agitation by the sounding body. We know that the noise of the electric explosion arises from the return of the air into the vacuum produced by the electric flash. The larger the vacuum, the deeper was the note: for the same reason, the discharge of a musket produces a more acute note than that of a cannon; and thunder is deeper than either.

Besides this, however, other circumstances concur to produce different degrees of gravity or acuteness in sounds. The sound of a table struck upon with a piece of wood, will not be the same with that produced from a plate of iron struck by the same piece of wood, even if the blows should be exactly equal, and the iron perfectly kept from vibrating.—Here the sounds are generally said to differ in their degrees of acuteness, according to the specific gravities or densities of the substances which emit them. Thus gold, which is the most dense of all metals, returns a much graver sound than silver; and metalline wires, which are more dense than therms, return a proportionably greater sound.—But neither does this appear to be a general rule in which we can put confidence. Bell-metal is denser than copper, but it by no means appears to yield a graver sound; on the contrary, it seems very probable, that copper will give a graver sound than bell-metal, if both are struck upon in their non-elastic state: and we can by no means think that a bell of pure tin, the least dense of all the metals, will give a more acute sound than one of bell-metal, which is greatly more dense.—In some bodies hardness seems to have a considerable effect. Glass, which is considerably harder than any metal, gives a more acute sound; bell-metal is harder than gold, lead, or tin, and therefore sounds much more acutely; though how far this holds with regard to different substances, there are not a sufficient number of experiments for us to judge.

In bodies musically elastic, the whole substance vibrates with the slightest stroke, and therefore they always give the same note whether they are struck with a large or with a small instrument; so that striking a part of the surface of any body musically elastic is equivalent, in it, to striking the whole surface of a non-elastic one. If the whole surface of a table was struck with another table, the note produced would be neither more nor less acute whatever force was employed; because the whole surface would then yield a sound, and no force could increase the surface: the sound would indeed be louder in proportion to the force employed, but the gravity would remain the same. In like manner, when a bell, or musical string, is struck, the whole substance vibrates, and a greater stroke cannot increase the substance:—Hence we see the fallacy of what is said concerning the Pythagorean anvils. An anvil is a body musically elastic, and no difference in the tone



Of Musical Sounds. can be perceived whether it is struck with a large, or with a small hammer; because either of them are sufficient to make the whole substance vibrate, provided nothing but the anvil is struck upon: smiths, however, do not strike their anvils, but red-hot iron laid upon their anvils; and thus the vibrations of the anvil are stopped, so that it becomes a non-elastic body, and the differences of tone in the strokes of different hammers proceed only from the surface of the large hammers covering the whole surface of the iron, or at least a greater part of it than the small ones. If the small hammer is sufficient to cover the whole surface of the iron as well as the large one, the note produced will be the same, whether the large or the small hammer is used.

Lastly, The argument for the preceding theory, grounded on the production of what are called *flute-notes* on the violin, is built on a false foundation; for the bow being lightly drawn on an open string, produces no *flute-notes*, but only the harmonies of the note to which the string is turned. The *flute-notes* are produced by a particular motion of the bow, quick and near the bridge, and by fingering very gently. By this management, the same sounds are produced, tho' at certain intervals only, as if the vibrations were transferred to the space between the end of the finger-board and the finger, instead of that between the finger and the bridge. Why this small part of the string should vibrate in such a case, and not that which is under the immediate action of the bow, we must own ourselves ignorant: nor dare we affirm that the vibrations really are transferred in this manner, only the same sounds are produced as if they were.

Though these objections seem sufficiently to overturn the foregoing theory, with regard to acute sounds being the effects of weak strokes, and grave ones of stronger impulses; we cannot admit that longer or shorter vibrations are the occasion of gravity or acuteness in sound. A musical sound, however lengthened, either by string or bell, is only a repetition of a single one, whose duration by itself is but for a moment, and is therefore termed *inappreciable*, like the smack of a whip, or the explosion of an electrical battery. The continuation of the sound is nothing more than a repetition of this instantaneous inappreciable noise after the manner of an echo, and it is only this echo that makes the sound agreeable. For this reason, music is much more agreeable when played in a large hall where the sound is reverberated, than in a small room where there is no such reverberation. For the same reason, the sound of a string is more agreeable when put on a hollow violin, than when fastened to a plain board, &c.—In the sound of a bell, we cannot avoid observing this echo very distinctly. The sound appears to be made up of distinct pulses, or repetitions of the same note produced by the stroke of the hammer. It can by no means be allowed, that the note would be more acute though these pulses were to succeed one another more rapidly; the sound would indeed become more simple, but would still preserve the same tone.—In musical strings, the reverberations are vastly more quick than in bells; and therefore their sound is more uniform or simple, and consequently more agreeable than that of bells. In musical glasses,\* the vibrations must be inconceivably quicker than in any bell, or stringed instrument: and hence they are of all others

\* See Harmonics.

the most simple and the most agreeable, though neither the most acute nor the loudest.—As far as we can judge, quickness of vibration contributes to the uniformity, or simplicity, but not to the acuteness, nor to the loudness, of a musical note.

It may here be objected, that each of the different pulses, of which we observe the sound of a bell to be composed, is of a very perceptible length, and far from being instantaneous; so that it is not fair to infer that the sound of a bell is only a repetition of a single instantaneous stroke, seeing it is evidently the repetition of a lengthened note.—To this it may be replied, that the inappreciable sound which is produced by striking a bell in a non-elastic state, is the very same which, being first propagated round the bell, forms one of these short pulses that is afterwards re-echoed as long as the vibrations of the metal continue, and it is impossible that the quickness of repetition of any sound can either increase or diminish its gravity.

CHAP. II. *Of the Propagation of Sound. Newton's Doctrine explained and vindicated.*

THE writers on sound have been betrayed into these difficulties and obscurities, by rejecting the 47th proposition, B. ii. of Newton, as inconclusive reasoning.—Of this proposition, however, the ingenious Mr Young of Trinity College, Dublin, has lately given a clear, explanatory, and able defence. He candidly owns that the demonstration is obscurely stated, and takes the liberty of varying, in some degree, from the method of Newton.

“ 1. The parts of all sounding bodies (he observes) vibrate according to the law of a cycloidal pendulum: for they may be considered as composed of an indefinite number of elastic fibres; but these fibres vibrate according to that law. *Vide Helsham*, p. 270.

“ 2. Sounding bodies propagate their motions on all sides *in directum*, by successive condensations and rarefactions, and successive goings forward and returnings backward of the particles. *Vide prop. 43. B. 2. Newton.*

“ 3. The pulses are those parts of the air which vibrate backwards and forwards; and which, by going forward, strike (*pulsant*) against obstacles. The latitude of a pulse is the rectilinear space through which the motion of the air is propagated during one vibration of the sounding body.

“ 4. All pulses move equally fast. This is proved by experiment; and it is found that they describe 1070 Paris feet, or 1142 London feet, in a second, whether the sound be loud or low, grave or acute.

“ 5. Prob. To determine the latitude of a pulse. Divide the space which the pulse describes in a given time (4) by the number of vibrations performed in the same time by the sounding body (*cor. 1. prop. 24. Smith's Harmonics*) the quotient is the latitude.

“ M. Sauveur, by some experiments on organ-pipes, found that a body, which gives the gravest harmonic sound, vibrates 12 times and a half in a second, and that the shrillest sounding body vibrates 51.100 times in a second. At a medium, let us take the body which gives what Sauveur calls his *fixed sound*: it performs 100 vibrations in a second, and in the same time the pulses describe 1070 Parisian feet; therefore the space described by the pulses whilst the body vibrates once, that

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that is, the latitude or interval of the pulse, will be 10.7 feet.

“ 6. Prob. To find the proportion which the greatest space, through which the particles of the air vibrate, bears to the radius of a circle, whose perimeter is equal to the latitude of the pulse.

“ During the first half of the progress of the elastic fibre, or sounding body, it is continually getting nearer to the next particle; and during the latter half of its progress, that particle is getting farther from the fibre, and these portions of time are equal (*Helsham*); therefore we may conclude, that at the end of the progress of the fibre, the first particle of air will be nearly as far distant from the fibre as when it began to move; and in the same manner we may infer, that all the particles vibrate through spaces nearly equal to that run over by the fibre.

“ Now, M. Sauveur (*Acad. Science, an. 1700, p. 141*) has found by experiment, that the middle point of a chord which produces his *fixed sound*, and whose diameter is  $\frac{1}{8}$ th of a line, runs over in its smallest sensible vibrations  $\frac{1}{8}$ th of a line, and in its greatest vibrations 72 times that space; that is  $72 \times \frac{1}{8}$  of a line, or 4 lines, that is,  $\frac{1}{2}$  of an inch.

“ The latitude of the pulses of this fixed sound is 10.7 feet (5); and since the circumference of a circle is to its radius as 710 is to 113, the greatest space described by the particles will be to the radius of a circle, whose periphery is equal to the latitude of the pulse as  $\frac{1}{2}$ d of an inch is to 1.7029 feet, or 20.4348 inches, that is, as 1 to 61.3044.

“ If the length of the string be increased or diminished in any proportion, *ceteris paribus*, the greatest space described by its middle point will vary in the same proportion. For the inflecting force is to the tending force as the distance of the string from the middle point of vibration to half the length of the string (*see Helsham and Martin*); and therefore the inflecting and tending forces being given, the string will vibrate through spaces proportional to its length; but the latitude of the pulse is universally as the number of vibrations performed by the string in a given time, (5) that is, directly as the time of one vibration, or directly as the length of the string (*prop. 24. cor. 7. Smith's Harmonics*); therefore the greatest space through which the middle point of the string vibrates, will vary in the direct ratio of the latitude of the pulse, or of the radius of a circle whose circumference is equal to the latitude, that is, it will be to that radius as 1 to 61.3044.

“ 7. If the particles of the aerial pulses, during any part of their vibration, be successively agitated, according to the law of a cycloidal pendulum, the comparative elastic forces arising from their mutual action, by which they will afterwards be agitated, will be such as will cause the particles to continue that motion, according to the same law, to the end of their vibration.

“ Let AB, BC, CD, &c. denote the equal distances of the successive pulses; ABC the direction of the motion of the pulses propagated from A towards B; E, F, G, three physical points of the quiescent medium, situated in the right line AC at equal distances from each other; Ee, Ff, Gg the very small equal spaces through which these particles vibrate;  $\epsilon$ ,  $\phi$ ,  $\gamma$  any immediate places of these points.

Draw the right line PS equal to Ee, bisect it in O, and from the centre O with the radius OP describe the circle SIPh. Let the whole time of the vibration of a particle and its parts be denoted by the circumference of this circle and its proportional parts. And since the particles are supposed to be at first agitated according to the law of a cycloidal pendulum, if at any time PH, or PHSb, the perpendicular HL or bl, be let fall on PS, and if Ee be taken equal to PL or Pl, the particle E shall be found in  $\epsilon$ . Thus will the particle E perform its vibrations according to the law of a cycloidal pendulum. *Prop. 52. B. I. Principia.*

“ Let us suppose now, that the particles have been successively agitated, according to this law, for a certain time, by any cause whatsoever, and let us examine what will be the comparative elastic forces arising from their mutual action, by which they will afterwards continue to be agitated.

“ In the circumference PHSb take the equal arches HI, IK in the same ratio to the whole circumference which the equal right lines EF, FG have to BC the whole interval of the pulses; and let fall the perpendiculars HL, IM, KN. Since the points E, F, G are successively agitated in the same manner, and perform their entire vibrations of progress and regress while the pulse is propagated from B to C, if PH be the time from the beginning of the motion of E, PI will be the time from the beginning of the motion of F, and PK the time from the beginning of the motion of G; and therefore E $\epsilon$ , F $\phi$ , G $\gamma$  will be respectively equal to PL, PM, PN in the progress of the particles. Whence  $\epsilon\phi$  or EF  $\times$  F $\phi$ —E, is equal to EF—LM. But  $\epsilon\phi$  is the expansion of EF in the place  $\epsilon\phi$ , and therefore this expansion is to its mean expansion as EF—LM to EF. But LM is to IH as IM is to OP, and IH is to EF as the circumference PHSb is to BC; that is, as OP is to V, if V be the radius of a circle whose circumference is BC; therefore, *ex æquo*, LM is to EF as IM is to V; and therefore the expansion of EF in the place  $\epsilon\phi$  is to its mean expansion as V—IM is to V; and the elastic force existing between the physical points E and F is to the mean elastic force as

$\frac{1}{V-IM}$  is to  $\frac{1}{V}$  (*Cotes Pneum. Lect. 9.*) By the same argument, the elastic force existing between the physical points F and G is to the mean elastic force as  $\frac{1}{V-KN}$  is to  $\frac{1}{V}$ ; and the difference between these forces is to the mean elastic force as

$\frac{IM-KN}{V^2-V \cdot IM-V \cdot KN+IM \cdot KN}$  is to  $\frac{1}{V}$ ; that is, as  $\frac{IM-KN}{V^2}$  is to  $\frac{1}{V}$ ; or as IM—KN is to V; if on-

ly (upon account of the very narrow limits of the vibration) we suppose IM and KN to be indefinitely less than V. Wherefore, since V is given, the difference of the forces is as IM—KN, or as HL—IM (because KH is bisected in I); that is, (because HL—IM is to IH as OM is to OI or OP, and IH and OP are given quantities) as OM; that is, if Ffbc bisected in  $\omega$  as  $\omega\phi$ .

“ In the same manner it may be shown, that if PHSb be the time from the beginning of the motion of E, PHSi will be the time from the beginning of the motion of F, and PHSk the time from the beginning of the

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the motion of G; and that the expansion of EF in the place  $\epsilon\phi$  is to its mean expansion as  $EF + F\phi - E\epsilon$ , or as  $EF + Im$  is to  $EF$ , or as  $V + hl$  is to  $V$  in its regress; and its elastic force to the mean elastic force as  $\frac{I}{V + hl}$  is to  $\frac{I}{V}$ ; and that the difference of the elastic forces existing between E and F, and between F and G is to the mean elastic force as  $kn - im$  is to  $V$ ; that is, directly as  $\Omega\phi$ .

“ But this difference of the elastic forces, existing between E and F, and between F and G, is the comparative elastic force by which the physical point  $\phi$  is agitated: and therefore the comparative accelerating force, by which every physical point in the medium will continue to be agitated both in progress and regress, will be directly as its distance from the middle point of its vibration; and consequently will be such as will cause the particles to continue their motion, undisturbed, according to the law of a cycloidal pendulum. *Prop. 38. l. 1. Newton.*”

“ Newton rejects the quantity  $\frac{V \times IM + KN + IM \times KN}{V}$ , on supposition that  $IM$  and  $KN$  are indefinitely less than  $V$ . Now, although this may be a reasonable hypothesis, yet, that this quantity may be safely rejected, will, I think, appear in a more satisfactory manner from the following considerations derived from experiment:  $PS$ , in its greatest possible state, is to  $V$  as  $1$  is to  $61.3044$  (6); and therefore  $IM$  or  $KN$ , in its greatest possible state, (that is, when the vibrations of the body are as great as possible, and the particle in the middle point of its vibration) is to  $V$  as  $1$  is to  $122.6$ . Hence  $V^2 = 15030.76$ ,  $V \times IM + KN = 245.2$  and  $IM \times KN = 1$ ; therefore  $V^2$  is to  $V^2 - V \times IM + KN + IM \times KN$  as  $15.03076$  is to  $14.78656$ ; that is as  $61$  is to  $60$  nearly.

“ Hence it appears, that the greatest possible error in the accelerating force, in the middle point, is the  $\frac{1}{61}$ th part of the whole. In other points it is much less; and in the extreme points the error entirely vanishes.

“ We should also observe, that the ordinary sounds we hear are not produced by the greatest possible vibrations of which the sounding body is capable; and that in general  $IM$  and  $KN$  are nearly evanescent with respect to  $V$ . And very probably the disagreeable sensations we feel in very loud sounds, arise not only from  $IM$  or  $KN$  bearing a sensible proportion to  $V$ , by which means the cycloidal law of the pulses may be in some measure disturbed, but also from the very law of the motion of the sounding body itself being disturbed. For the proof of this law's being observed by an elastic fibre is founded on the hypothesis that the space, through which it vibrates, is indefinitely little with respect to the length of the string. *See Smith's Harmonics, p. 237, Helsham, p. 270.*”

“ 8. If a particle of the medium be agitated, according to the law of a cycloidal pendulum, the comparative elastic force, acting on the adjacent particle, from the instant in which it begins to move, will be such as will cause it to continue its motion according to the same law.

“ For let us suppose, that three particles of the medium had continued to move for times denoted by the arches  $PK$ ,  $PI$ ,  $PH$ , the comparative elastic force,

acting on the second during the time of its motion, would have been denoted by  $HL - IM$ , that is, would have been directly as  $MO$  (7). And if this time be diminished till  $I$  becomes coincident with  $P$ , that is, if you take the particles in that state when the second is just beginning to move, and before the third particle has yet been set in motion; then the point  $M$  will fall on  $P$ , and  $MO$  become  $PO$ ; that is, the comparative elastic force of the second particle, at the instant in which it begins to move, will be to the force with which it is agitated in any other moment of time, before the subsequent particle has yet been set in motion, directly as its distance from the middle point of vibration. Now this comparative elastic force, with which the second particle is agitated in the very moment in which it begins to move, arises from the preceding particle's approaching it according to the law of a pendulum; and therefore, if the preceding particle approaches it in this manner, the force by which it will be agitated, in the very moment it begins to move, will be exactly such as should take place in order to move it according to the law of a pendulum. It therefore sets out according to that law, and consequently the subsequent elastic forces, generated in every successive moment, will also continue to be of the just magnitude which should take place, in order to produce such a motion.

“ 9. The pulses of the air are propagated from sounding bodies, according to the law of a cycloidal pendulum. The point  $E$  of any elastic fibre producing a sound, may be considered as a particle of air vibrating according to the law of a pendulum (1). This point  $E$  will therefore move according to this law for a certain time, denoted by the arch  $IH$ , before the second particle begins to move; for sound is propagated in time through the successive particles of air (4). Now from that instant, the comparative elastic force which agitates  $E$ , is (8) directly as its distance from the middle point of vibration.  $F$  therefore sets out with a motion according to the law of a pendulum: and therefore the comparative elastic force by which it will be agitated until  $G$  begins to move, will continue that law (8). Consequently  $F$  will approach  $G$  in the same manner as  $E$  approached  $F$ , and the comparative elastic force of  $G$ , from the instant in which it begins to move, will be directly as its distance from the middle point of vibration; and so on in succession. Therefore all the particles of air in the pulses successively set out from their proper places according to the law of a pendulum, and therefore (7) will finish their entire vibrations according to the same law.

“ *Cor. 1.* The number of pulses propagated is the same with the number of vibrations of the tremulous body, nor is it multiplied in their progress: because the little physical line  $\epsilon\gamma$ , (*fig. 7.*) as soon as it returns to its proper place, will there quiesce; for its velocity, which is denoted by the sine  $IM$ , then vanishes, and its density becomes the same with that of the ambient medium. This line, therefore, will no longer move, unless it be again driven forwards by the impulse of the sounding body, or of the pulses propagated from it.

“ *Cor. 2.* In the extreme points of the little space through which the particle vibrates, the expansion of the air is in its natural state; for the expansion of the physical line is to its natural expansion as  $V + IM$  is

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to V; but IM is then equal to nothing. In the middle point of the progress the condensation is greatest; for IM is then greatest, and consequently the expansion V—IM least. In the middle of the regress, the rarefaction is greatest; for *im*, and consequently V+*im*, is then greatest.

“ 10. To find the velocity of the pulses, the density and elastic force of the medium being given.

“ This is the 49th prop. B. ii. Newton, in which he shows, that whilst a pendulum, whose length is equal to the height of the homogeneous atmosphere, vibrates once forwards and backwards, the pulses will describe a space equal to the periphery of a circle described with that altitude as its radius.

“ Cor. 1. He thence shows, that the velocity of the pulses is equal to that which a heavy body would acquire in falling down half the altitude of that homogeneous atmosphere; and therefore, that all pulses move equally fast, whatever be the magnitude of PS, or the time of its being described; that is, whether the tone be loud or low, grave or acute. See *Hales de Sonis*, § 49.

“ Cor. 2. And also, that the velocity of the pulses is in a ratio compounded of the direct subduplicate ratio of the elastic force of the medium, and the inverse subduplicate of its density. Hence sounds move somewhat faster in summer than in winter. See *Hales de Sonis*, p. 141.

“ 11. The strength of a tone is as the moment of the particles of air. The moment of these particles, (the medium being given) is as their velocity; and the velocity of these particles is as the velocity of the string which sets them in motion (9). The velocities of two different strings are equal when the spaces which they describe in their vibrations are to each other as the times of these vibrations: therefore, two different tones are of equal strength, when the spaces, through which the strings producing them vibrate, are directly as the times of their vibration.

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“ 12. Let the strength of the tones of the two strings AB, CD, which differ in tension only (fig. 1, 2.) be equal. Quere the ratio of the inflecting forces F and *f*. From the hypothesis of the equality of the strength of the tones, it follows (11), that the space GE must be to the space HF as  $f\frac{1}{2}$  to  $F\frac{1}{2}$ , (*Smith's Harm. Prop. 24. Cor. 4.*) Now the forces inflecting AB, CD through the equal spaces GE, HP are to each other as the tending forces, that is, as F to *f*, (*Malcolm's Treatise on Music, p. 52.*) But the force inflecting CD through HP is to the force inflecting it through HF as HP or GE to HF, (*ib. p. 47.*) that is, by the hyp. as  $f\frac{1}{2}$  to  $F\frac{1}{2}$ . Therefore, *ex æquo*, the forces inflecting AB and CD, when the tones are equally strong, are to each other as  $F \times f\frac{1}{2}$  to  $f \times F\frac{1}{2}$ , or as  $F\frac{1}{2}$  to  $f\frac{1}{2}$ . That is, the forces necessary to produce tones of equal strength in various strings which differ only in tension, are to each other in the subduplicate ratio of the tending forces, that is, inversely as the time of one vibration, or directly as the number of vibrations performed in a given time. Thus, if CD be the acute octave to AB, its tending force will be quadruple that of AB, (*Malcolm's Treatise on Music, p. 53.*) and therefore to produce tones of equal strength in these strings, the force impelling CD must be double that impelling AB; and so in other cases.

“ Suppose, now, that the strings AB, CD, (fig. 2, 3.) differ in length only. The force inflecting AB through GE is to the tending force, which is given, as GE to AG; and this tending force is to the force inflecting CD through the space HP equal to GE, as HD to HP. Therefore, *ex æquo*, the forces inflecting AB and CD through the equal spaces GE and HP, are to each other as HD to AG, or as CD to AB. But the force inflecting CD through HP is to the force inflecting it through HF, as HP or GE to HF, that is, because these spaces are as the times (11), as AB to CD. Therefore, *ex æquo*, the forces inflecting AB and CD, when the tones are equally strong, are to each other in a ratio of equality. Hence we should suppose, that in this case, an equal number of equal impulses would generate equally powerful tones in these strings. But we are to observe, that the longer the string, the greater *cæteris paribus*, is the space through which a given force inflects it (*Malcolm*); and therefore whatever diminution is produced in the spaces through which the strings move in their successive vibrations, arising either from the want of perfect elasticity in the strings, or from the resistance of the air, this diminution will bear a greater proportion to the less space, through which the shorter string vibrates. And this is confirmed by experience; for we find that the duration of the tone and motion of the whole string exceeds that of any of its subordinate parts. Therefore, after a given interval of time, a greater quantity of motion will remain in the longer string; and consequently, after the successive equal impulses have been made, a greater degree of motion will still subsist in it. That is, a given number of equal impulses being made on various strings differing in length only, a stronger sound will be produced in that which is the longer.”

### CHAP. III. Of the Velocity, &c. of Sound. Axioms.

EXPERIENCE has taught us, that sound travels at about the rate of 1142 feet in a second, or near 13 miles in a minute; nor do any obstacles hinder its progress, a contrary wind only a small matter diminishing its velocity. The method of calculating its progress is easily made known. When a gun is discharged at a distance, we see the fire long before we hear the sound. If then we know the distance of the place, and know the time of the interval between our first seeing the fire and then hearing the report, this will show us exactly the time the sound has been travelling to us. For instance, if the gun is discharged a mile off, the moment the flash is seen, you take a watch and count the seconds till you hear the sound; the number of seconds is the time the sound has been travelling a mile.—Again, by the above axiom, we are enabled to find the distance between objects that would be otherwise inmeasurable. For example, suppose you see the flash of a gun in the night at sea, and tell seven seconds before you hear the report, it follows therefore, that the distance is seven times 1142 feet, that is, 24 yards more than a mile and a half. In like manner, if you observe the number of seconds between the lightning and the report of the thunder, you know the distance of the cloud from whence it proceeds.

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To these axioms we may add the following.

18 Smooth and clear sounds proceed from bodies that are homogeneous, and of an uniform figure; and harsh or obtuse sounds, from such as are of a mixed matter and irregular figure.

19 The velocity of sound is to that of a brisk wind as fifty to one.

20 The strength of sounds is greatest in cold and dense air, and least in that which is warm and rarefied.

21 Every point against which the pulses of sound strike, becomes a centre from which a new series of pulses are propagated in every direction.

22 Sound describes equal spaces in equal times.

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23 SOUND, like light, after it has been reflected from several places, may be collected in one point, as into a focus; and it will be there more audible than in any other part, even than at the place from whence it proceeded. On this principle it is that a whispering gallery is constructed.

24 **Whispering Gallery, Plate I. fig. 3.** The form of this gallery must be that of a concave hemisphere (E), as ABC; and if a low sound or whisper be uttered at A, the vibrations expanding themselves every way will impinge on the points DDD, &c. and from thence be reflected to EEE, and from thence to the points F and G, till at last they all meet in C, where, as we have said, the sound will be the most distinctly heard.

25 **Speaking-trumpet, fig. 4.** The augmentation of sound by means of speaking-trumpets, is usually illustrated in the following manner: Let ABC be the tube, BD the axis, and B the mouth-piece for conveying the voice to the tube. Then it is evident, when a person speaks at B in the trumpet, the whole force of his voice is spent upon the air contained in the tube, which will be agitated through the whole length of the tube; and, by various reflections from the side of the tube to the axis, the air along the middle part of the tube will be greatly condensed, and its *momentum* proportionably increased, so that when it comes to agitate the air at the orifice of the tube AC, its force will be as much greater than what it would have been without the tube, as the surface of a sphere, whose radius is equal to the length of the tube, is greater than the surface of the segment of such a sphere whose base is the orifice of the tube. For a person speaking at B, without the tube, will have the force of his voice spent in exciting concentric superficies of air all around the point B; and when those superficies or pulses of air are diffused as far as D every way, it is plain the force of the voice will there be diffused through the whole superficies of a sphere whose radius is BD; but in the trumpet it will be so confined, that at its exit it will be diffused through so much of that spherical surface of air as corresponds to the orifice of the tube. But since the force is given, its intensity will always be inversely as the number of particles it has to move; and therefore

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in the tube it will be to that without, as the superficies of such a sphere to the æra of the large end of the tube nearly.

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But it is obvious, Mr Young observes, that the confinement of the voice can have little effect in increasing the strength of the sound, as this strength depends on the velocity with which the particles move. Were this reasoning conclusive, the voice should issue through the smallest possible orifice; cylindrical tubes would be preferable to any that increased in diameter; and the less the diameter, the greater would be the effect of the instrument; because the plate or mass of air to be moved, would, in that case, be less, and consequently the effect of the voice the greater; all which is contradicted by experience.

The cause of the increase of sound in these tubes must therefore be derived from some other principles: and amongst these we shall probably find, that what the ingenious Kircher has suggested in his *Phonurgia* is the most deserving of our attention. He tells us, that "the augmentation of the sound depends on its reflection from the tremulous sides of the tube; which reflections, conspiring in propagating the pulses in the same direction, must increase its intensity." Newton also seems to have considered this as the principal cause, in the scholium of prop. 50. B. 2. Princip. when he says, "we hence see why sounds are so much increased in stentorophonic tubes, for every reciprocal motion is, in each return, increased by the generating cause."

Farther, when we speak in the open air, the effect on the tympanum of a distant auditor is produced merely by a single pulse. But when we use a tube, all the pulses propagated from the mouth, except those in the direction of the axis, strike against the sides of the tube, and every point of impulse becoming a new centre, from whence the pulses are propagated in all directions, a pulse will arrive at the ear from each of those points; thus, by the use of a tube, a greater number of pulses are propagated to the ear, and consequently the sound increased. The confinement too of the voice may have some effect, though not such as is ascribed to it by some; for the condensed pulses produced by the naked voice, freely expand every way; but in tubes, the lateral expansion being diminished, the direct expansion will be increased, and consequently the velocity of the particles, and the intensity of the sound. The substance also of the tube has its effect; for it is found by experiment, that the more elastic the substance of the tube, and consequently the more susceptible it is of these tremulous motions, the stronger is the sound.

If the tube be laid on any non-elastic substance, it deadens the sound, because it prevents the vibratory motion of the parts. The sound is increased in speaking-trumpets, if the tube be suspended in the air; because the agitations are then carried on without interruption. These tubes should increase in diameter from the mouth-piece, because the parts, vibrating in directions perpendicular to the surface, will conspire in impelling forward the particles of air, and consequently, by increasing their velocity, will increase the intensity of the sound: and the surface also increasing, the number of points of impulse and of new propagations will increase

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proportionally. The several causes, therefore, of the increase of the sound in these tubes, Mr Young concludes to be, 1. The diminution of the lateral, and consequently the increase of the direct, expansion and velocity of the included air. 2. The increase of the number of pulses, by increasing the points of new propagation. 3. The reflections of the pulses from the tremulous sides of the tube, which impel the particles of air forward, and thus increase their velocity.

26 Echoes.

AN echo is a reflection of sound striking against some object, as an image is reflected in a glass; but it has been disputed what are the proper qualities in a body for thus reflecting sounds. It is in general known, that caverns, grottoes, mountains, and ruined buildings, return this image of sound. We have heard of a very extraordinary echo, at a ruined fortress near Louvain, in Flanders. If a person sung, he only heard his own voice, without any repetition: on the contrary, those who stood at some distance, heard the echo but not the voice; but then they heard it with surprising variations, sometimes louder, sometimes softer, now more near, then more distant. There is an account in the memoirs of the French academy, of a similar echo near Rouen.

As (by n<sup>o</sup> 21 and 22) every point against which the pulses of sounds strike becomes the centre of a new series of pulses, and sound describes equal distances in equal times; therefore, when any sound is propagated from a centre, and its pulses strike against a variety of obstacles, if the sum of the right lines drawn from that point to each of the obstacles, and from each obstacle to a second point, be equal, then will the latter be a point in which an echo will be heard. "Thus let A be the point from which the sound is propagated in all directions, and let the pulses strike against the obstacles C, D, E, F, G, H, I, &c. each of these points becomes a new centre of pulses by the first principle, and therefore from each of them one series of pulses will pass through the point B. Now if the several sums of the right lines  $\overline{AC+CB}$ ,  $\overline{AD+DB}$ ,  $\overline{AE+EB}$ ,  $\overline{AG+GB}$ ,  $\overline{AH+HB}$ ,  $\overline{AI+IB}$ , &c. be all equal to each other, it is obvious that the pulses propagated from A to these points, and again from these points to B, will all arrive at B at the same instant, according to the second principle; and therefore if the hearer be in that point, his ear will at the same instant be struck by all these pulses. Now it appears from experiment (*see Musschenbroek, V. ii. p. 210*), that the ear of an exercised musician can only distinguish such sounds as follow one another at the rate of 9 or 10 in a second, or any slower rate: and therefore, for a distinct perception of the direct and reflected sound, they should intervene the interval of  $\frac{1}{9}$ th of a second; but in this time sound describes  $\frac{1142}{9}$  or 127 feet nearly. And therefore, unless the sum of the lines drawn from each of the obstacles to the points A and B exceeds the interval AB by 127 feet, no echo will be heard at B. Since the several sums of the lines drawn from the obstacles to the points A and B are of the same magnitude, it appears that the curve passing through all the points C, D, E, F, G, H, I, &c. will be an ellipse, (*prop. 14. B. 2. Ham. Con.*) Hence also the points of the obstacles which produce an echo, must lie in the surface of

the oblong sphaeroid, generated by the revolution of this ellipse round its major axis.

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"As there may be several sphaeroids of different magnitudes, so there may be several different echoes of the same original sound. And as there may happen to be a greater number of reflecting points in the surface of an exterior sphaeroid than in that of an interior, a second or a third echo may be much more powerful than the first, provided that the superior number of reflecting points, that is, the superior number of reflected pulses propagated to the ear, be more than sufficient to compensate for the decay of sound which arises from its being propagated through a greater space. This is finely illustrated in the celebrated echoes at the lake of Killarney in Kerry, where the first return of the sound is much inferior in strength to those which immediately succeed it.

"From what has been laid down it appears, that for the most powerful echo, the sounding body should be in one focus of the ellipse which is the section of the echoing sphaeroid, and the hearer in the other. However, an echo may be heard in other situations, though not so favourably; as such a number of reflected pulses may arrive at the same time at the ear as may be sufficient to excite a distinct perception. Thus, a person often hears the echo of his own voice; but for this purpose he should stand at least 63 or 64 feet from the reflecting obstacle, according to what has been said before. At the common rate of speaking, we pronounce not above three syllables and an half, that is, seven half syllables in a second; therefore, that the echo may return just as soon as three syllables are expressed, twice the distance of the speaker from the reflecting object must be equal to 1000 feet; for, as sound describes 1142 feet in a second,  $\frac{1}{9}$ ths of that space, that is, 1000 feet nearly, will be described while six half or three whole syllables are pronounced: that is, the speaker must stand near 500 feet from the obstacle. And in general, the distance of the speaker from the echoing surface, for any number of syllables, must be equal to the seventh part of the product of 1142 feet multiplied by that number.

"In churches we never hear a distinct echo of the voice, but a confused sound when the speaker utters his words too rapidly; because the greatest difference of distance between the direct and reflected courses of such a number of pulses as would produce a distinct sound is never in any church equal to 127 feet, the limit of echoes.

"But though the first reflected pulses may produce no echo, both on account of their being too few in number, and too rapid in their return to the ear; yet it is evident, that the reflecting surface may be so formed, as that the pulses which come to the ear after two reflections or more may, after having described 127 feet or more, arrive at the ear in sufficient numbers, and also so nearly at the same instant, as to produce an echo, though the distance of the reflecting surface from the ear be less than the limit of echoes. This is confirmed by a singular echo in a grotto on the banks of the little brook called the Dinan, about two miles from Castlecomber, in the county of Kilkenny. As you enter the cave, and continue speaking loud, no return of the voice is perceived; but on your arriving at

**Entertain- ing Experi- ments, &c.** a certain point, which is not above 14 or 15 feet from the reflecting surface, a very distinct echo is heard. Now this echo cannot arise from the first course of pulses that are reflected to the ear, because the breadth of the cave is so small, that they would return too quickly to produce a distinct sensation from that of the original sound: it therefore is produced by those pulses, which, after having been reflected several times from one side of the grotto to the other, and having run over a greater space than 127 feet, arrive at the ear in considerable numbers, and not more distant from each other, in point of time, than the ninth part of a second."

This article shall be dismissed with a few inventions founded on some of the preceding principles, which may amuse a number of our readers.

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I. PLACE a concave mirror of about two feet diameter, as AB (G), in a perpendicular direction. The focus of this mirror may be at 15 or 18 inches distance from its surface. At the distance of about five or six feet let there be a partition, in which there is an opening EF, equal to the size of the mirror; against this opening must be placed a picture, painted in water-colours, on a thin cloth, that the sound may easily pass through it (H).

Behind the partition, at the distance of two or three feet, place another mirror GH, of the same size as the former, and let it be diametrically opposite to it.

At the point C let there be placed the figure of a man seated on a pedestal, and let his ear be placed exactly in the focus of the first mirror: his lower jaw must be made to open by a wire, and shut by a spring; and there may be another wire to move the eyes: these wires must pass through the figure, go under the floor, and come up behind the partition.

Let a person, properly instructed, be placed behind the partition near the mirror. You then propose to any one to speak softly to the statue, by putting his mouth to the ear of it, assuring him that it will answer instantly. You then give the signal to the person behind the partition, who, by placing his ear to the focus I, of the mirror GH, will hear distinctly what the other said; and, moving the jaw and eyes of the statue by the wires, will return an answer directly, which will in like manner be distinctly heard by the first speaker.

This experiment appears to be taken from the Century of Inventions of the Marquis of Worcester; whose designs, at the time they were published, were treated with ridicule and neglect as being impracticable, but are now known to be generally, if not universally practicable. The words of the Marquis are these: "How to make a brazen or stone head in the midst of a great field or garden, so artificial and natu-

ral, that though a man speak ever so softly, and even whisper into the ear thereof, it will presently open its mouth, and resolve the question in French, Latin, Welsh, Irish, or English, in good terms, uttering it out of its mouth, and then shut it until the next question be asked."—The two following, of a similar nature, appear to have been inventions of Kircher, by means of which (as he informs us\*) he used to "utter feigned and ludicrous consultations, with a view to show the fallacy and imposture of ancient oracles."

II. LET there be two heads of plaster of Paris, placed on pedestals, on the opposite sides of a room. There must be a tin tube of an inch diameter, that must pass from the ear of one head, through the pedestal, under the floor, and go up to the mouth of the other. Observe, that the end of the tube which is next the ear of the one head, should be considerably larger than that end which comes to the mouth of the other. Let the whole be so disposed that there may not be the least suspicion of a communication.

Now, when a person speaks, quite low, into the ear of one bust, the sound is reverberated thro' the length of the tube, and will be distinctly heard by any one who shall place his ear to the mouth of the other. It is not necessary that the tube should come to the lips of the bust.—If there be two tubes, one going to the ear, and the other to the mouth, of each head, two persons may converse together, by applying their mouth and ear reciprocally to the mouth and ear of the busts; and at the same time other persons that stand in the middle of the chamber, between the heads, will not hear any part of their conversation.

III. PLACE a bust on a pedestal in the corner of a room, and let there be two tubes, as in the foregoing amusement, one of which must go from the mouth and the other from the ear of the bust, through the pedestal, and the floor, to an under apartment. There may be likewise wires that go from the under jaw and the eyes of the bust, by which they may be easily moved.

A person being placed in the under room, and at a signal given applying his ear to one of the tubes, will hear any question that is asked, and immediately reply; moving at the same time, by means of the wires, the mouth and the eyes of the bust, as if the reply came from it.

IV. IN a large case, such as is used for dials and spring-clocks, the front of which, or at least the lower part of it, must be of glass, covered on the inside with gauze, let there be placed a barrel-organ, which, when wound up, is prevented from playing, by a catch that takes a toothed wheel at the end of the barrel. To one end of this catch there must be joined a wire, at the end of which there is a flat circle of cork, of the same dimension with the inside of a glass tube, in which it is to rise and fall. This tube must communicate with a reservoir that goes across the front part of the bottom of the case, which is to be filled with spirits, such as is used in

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(G) Both the mirrors here used may be of tin or gilt pasteboard, this experiment not requiring such as are very accurate.

(H) The more effectually to conceal the cause of this illusion, the mirror AB may be fixed in the wainscot, and a gauze or any other thin covering thrown over it, as that will not in the least prevent the sound from being reflected. An experiment of this kind may be performed in a field or garden, between two hedges, in one of which the mirror AB may be placed, and in the other an opening artfully contrived.

Entertain- ing Experi- ments, &c.

\* *Plonur- gia Nova,* sect. vi. c. i.

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The Com- munitative Busts.

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The Oracu- lar Head.

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A Solar So- nata.

Entertain- thermometers, but not coloured, that it may be the  
ing Experi- better concealed by the gauze.

This case being placed in the sun, the spirits will be rarefied by the heat; and rising in the tube, will lift up the catch or trigger, and set the organ in play: which it will continue to do as long as it is kept in the sun; for the spirits cannot run out of the tube, that part of the catch to which the circle is fixed being prevented from rising beyond a certain point by a check placed over it.

When the machine is placed against the side of a room on which the sun shines strong, it may constantly remain in the same place, if you inclose it in a second case, made of thick wood, and place it at a little distance from the other. When you want it to perform, it will be only necessary to throw open the door of the outer case, and expose it to the sun.

But if the machine be moveable, it will perform in all seasons by being placed before the fire; and in the winter it will more readily stop when removed into the cold.

A machine of this sort is said to have been invented by Cornelius Dreble, in the last century. What the construction of that was, we know not; it might very likely be more complex, but could scarce answer the intention more readily.

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Automa- V. UNDER the keys of a common harpsichord let there  
tous Harp- be fixed a barrel, something like that in a chamber or-  
sichord. gan, with stops or pins corresponding to the tunes you would have it play. These stops must be moveable, so that the tunes may be varied at pleasure. From each of the keys let there go a wire perpendicular down: the ends of these wires must be turned up for about one-fourth of an inch. Behind these wires let there be an iron bar, to prevent them from going too far back. Now, as the barrel turns round, its pins take the ends of the wires, which pull down the keys, and play the harpsichord. The barrel and wires are to be all inclosed in a case.

In the chimney of the same room where the harpsichord stands, or at least in one adjacent, there must be a smoke jack, from whence comes down a wire, or cord, that, passing behind the wainscot adjoining the

chimney, goes under the floor, and up one of the legs of the harpsichord, into the case, and round a small wheel fixed on the axis of that first mentioned. There should be pulleys at different distances, behind the wainscot and under the floor, to facilitate the motion of the cord.

This machinery may be applied to any other keyed instrument as well as to chimes, and to many other purposes where a regular continued motion is required.

An instrument of this sort may be considered as a perpetual motion, according to the vulgar acceptance of the term; for it will never cease going till the fire be extinguished, or some parts of the machinery be worn out.

VI. At the top of a summer-house, or other building, let the wind-wheel B (of which A is an horizontal section,) be fixed, on the upper end of the perpendicular axis F; on the lower end of which is fixed the pinion C, that takes the toothed wheel D, on the axis of the great wheel E. The perpendicular axis F goes down very near the wall of the room, and may be covered after the same manner as are bell-wires. In the great wheel E there must be placed a number of stops, corresponding to the tunes it is to play. These stops are to be moveable, that the tunes may be altered at pleasure. Against this wheel there must hang 12 small bells, answering to the notes of the gamut. Therefore, as the wheel turns round, the stops striking against the bells, play the several tunes. There may be a fly to the great wheel, to regulate its motion when the wind is strong. The wheel E, and the bells, are to be inclosed in a case.

There may be several sets of bells, one of which may answer to the tenor, another to the treble, and a third to the bass; or they may play different tunes, according to the size of the wheel. As the bells are small, if they are of silver, their tone will be the more pleasing.

Instead of bells, glasses may be here used, so disposed as to move freely at the stroke of the stops. This machinery may likewise be applied to a barrel-organ; and to many other uses.

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Acqui. ACQS, a town at the foot of the Pyrenæan mountains, in the government of Foix in France. It takes its name from the hot waters in these parts. E. long. 1. 40. Lat. 43. 0.

ACQUAPENDENTE, a pretty large town of Italy, in the territory of the church, and patrimony of St Peter, with a bishop's see. It is seated on a mountain, near the river Paglia, ten miles W. of Orvietto, and 57 N. by W. of Rome. E. long. 11. 53. Lat. 42. 43.

ACQUARIA, a small town of Italy, in Frigiana, a district of Modena, which is remarkable for its medicinal waters. It is 12 miles south of the city of Modena. E. long. 11. 17. Lat. 44. 24.

ACQUEST, or ACQUIST, in law, signifies goods got by purchase or donation. See CONQUEST.

ACQUI, a town of Italy, in the duchy of Mont-

ferrat, with a bishop's see, and commodious baths. It was taken by the Spaniards in 1745, and retaken by the Piedmontese in 1746; but after this, it was taken again and dismantled by the French, who afterwards forsook it. It is seated on the river Bornio, 25 miles N. W. of Genoa, and 30 S. of Casal. E. long. 8. 30. Lat. 44. 40.

ACQUISITION, in general, denotes the obtaining or procuring something. Among lawyers, it is used for the right or title to an estate got by purchase or donation.

ACQUITTAL, a discharge, deliverance, or setting of a person free from the guilt or suspicion of an offence.

ACQUITTANCE, a release or discharge in writing for a sum of money, witnessing that the party has paid the said sum.—No man is obliged to pay a sum of money

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Symphony,  
Plate I.  
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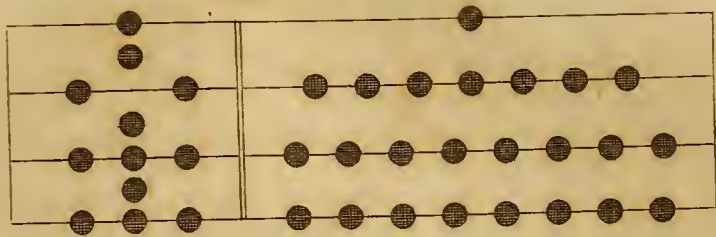
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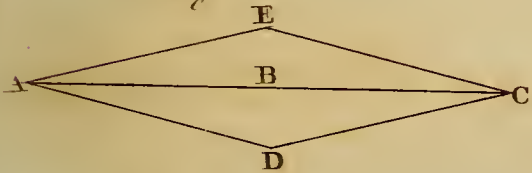
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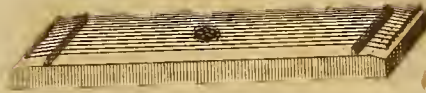
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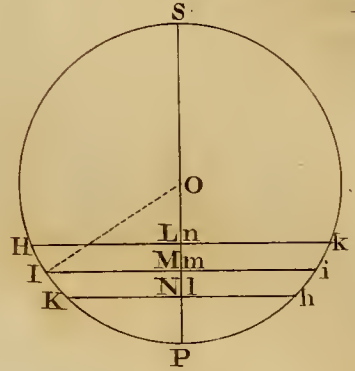
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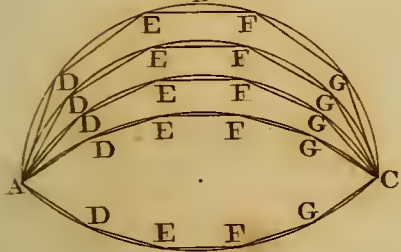
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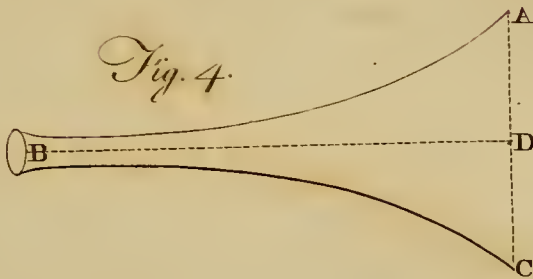
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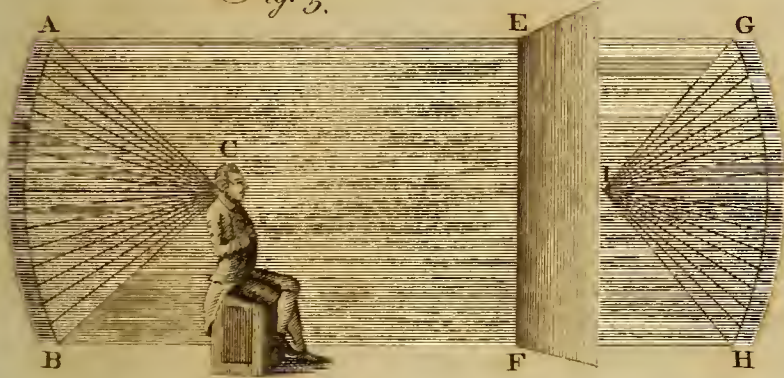
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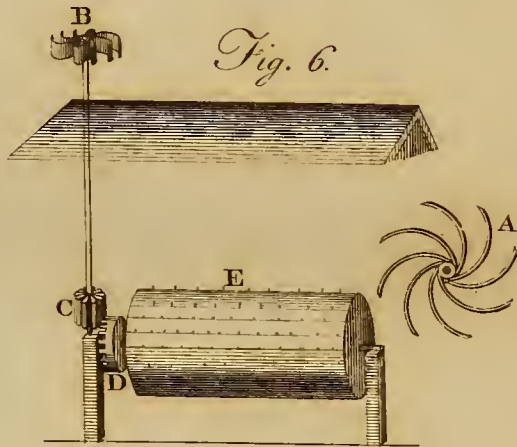
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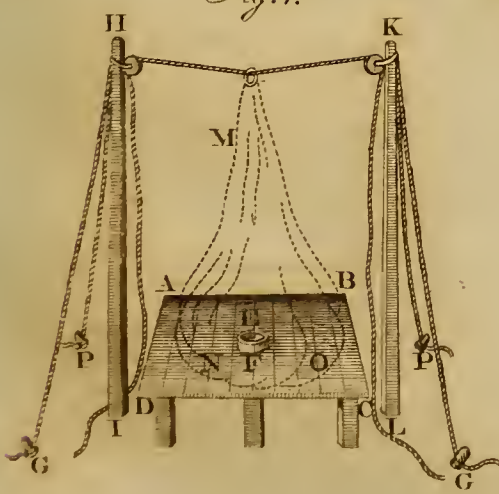
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*AEROSTATION.*

*Fig. 2.*





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money if the demandant refuses to give an acquittance, which is a full discharge, and bars all actions, &c. An acquittance given by a servant for a sum of money received for the use of his master, shall be a good discharge for that sum, provided the servant used to receive his master's rents, debts, &c.

ACRA, a town of Africa, on the coast of Guinea, where the English, Dutch, and Danes, have strong forts, and each fort its particular village. W. long. 0. 2. Lat. 5. 0.

ACRA (anc. geog.), one of the hills of Jerusalem, on which stood the lower town, which was the Old Jerusalem; to which was afterwards added Zion, or the city of David. Probably called *Acra*, from the fortrefs which Antiochus built there in order to annoy the temple, and which Simon Maccabæus took and razed to the ground.

*Acra Japygia* (anc. geog.), called *Salentia* by Ptolemy; now *Capo di San Maria di Leuca*: A promontory in the kingdom of Naples, to the south-east of Otranto, where formerly was a town, now lying in ruins, on the Ionian sea, over against the Montes Acroceraunii of Epirus.

ACRÆ (anc. geog.), a town of Sicily, whose inhabitants were called *Acrenses*. It stood to the south of Syracuse at the distance of 24 miles, near the place now called the monastery of *Santa Maria d'Arcia*, on an eminence, as appears from Silius Italicus. The Syracusans were the founders of it, according to Thucydides, 70 years after the building of Syracuse, or 665 before Christ. Hence the epithet *Acræus*.

ACRAGAS, or AGRAGAS (anc. geog.), so called by the Greeks, and sometimes by the Romans, but more generally *Agrigentum* by the latter; a town of Sicily. In Greek medals the inhabitants are called AKPIANTINOI, and *Agrigentini* by Cicero. The town stood upon a mountain, at the confluence of the Acragas and Hypsa, near the port called Εμπόδιον by Ptolemy, but Επνειον, or the Dock, by Strabo: and in the time of the latter, scarce a trace of all that side remained. In the year before Christ 584, the people of Gela built Acragas, 108 years after building their own city. It took its name from the river running by it; and being but two miles from, enjoyed all the conveniences that should come by, the sea. It was a place of great strength, standing on the top of a very steep rock, and washed on the south side by the river Acragas, now called *Fiume di Gergenti*, and on the south-west by the Hypsa, with a citadel to the south-east, externally surrounded by a deep gulph, which made it inaccessible but on the side next the town. It was famous for the tyrant Phalaris and his brazen bull. They were a people luxurious in their tables, and magnificent in their dwellings; of whom Empedocles, in Diogenes Laertius, says, that they lived to-day as if they were to die to-morrow, and built as if they were to live for ever. The country round the city was laid out in vine and olive yards, in the produce of which they carried on a great and profitable commerce with Carthage. E. long. 13. 30. Lat. 37. 20.

ACRASIA, among physicians, implies the predominancy of one quality above another, either with regard to artificial mixtures, or the humours of the human body. The word is Greek, and compounded of

α. priv. and μερῶν, to *mix*; q. d. not mixed in a just proportion.

ACRATH (anc. geog.), a place in Mauritania Tingitana, now supposed to be *Velez de Gomara*: A fortified town in the kingdom of Fez, with a citadel and commodious harbour on the Mediterranean, scarce a mile distant from Penon de Velez, a Spanish fort. W. long. 5. lat. 34. 45.

ACRE, or ACRA, a sea-port town in Syria. It was formerly called *Ptolemais*, and is a bishop's see. It was very famous in the time of the crusades, and underwent several sieges both by the Christians and Saracens. It is situated at the north angle of a bay, which extends in a semicircle of three leagues, as far as the point of Carmel.

During the crusades, the possession of this town was long disputed by the Christians and Saracens. In 1192 it was taken from the latter by Richard I. of England and Philip of France, who gave it to the knights of St. John of Jerusalem, who kept possession of it 100 years, when it was retaken by the Saracens, and almost entirely destroyed. This event is rendered memorable by an act of singular resolution with which it was accompanied. A number of beautiful young nuns, terrified at the prospect of being exposed to the brutal lust of the infidels, determined to avoid the violation of their chastity, by rendering themselves objects of aversion. With this view they cut off their noses and mangled their faces. The Saracens, inflamed with resentment at a spectacle which prevented the gratification of their appetites, immediately put them all to the sword. After the expulsion of the crusaders, it remained almost deserted: but in our time has again revived by the industry of Daher; and the works erected by Djezzar, within the last ten years, have rendered it one of the principal towns upon the coast. The mosque of this Pacha is boasted as a masterpiece of eastern taste. The bazar, or covered market, is not inferior even to those of Aleppo; and its public fountain surpasses in elegance those of Damascus, though the water is of a very indifferent quality. The Pacha has derived the more honour from these works, as he was himself both the engineer and architect; he formed the plans, drew the designs, and superintended the execution.

The port of Acre is one of the best situated on the coast, as it is sheltered from the north and north-west winds by the town itself; but it is greatly choked up since the time of Fakr-el-din. Djezzar has contented himself with making a landing place for boats. The fortifications, though more frequently repaired than any other in all Syria, are of no importance: there are only a few wretched low towers, near the port, on which cannon are mounted; and these rusty iron pieces are so bad, that some of them burst every time they are fired. Its defence on the land side is merely a garden-wall, without any ditch.

Corn and cotton form the basis of the commerce of Acre, which is becoming more flourishing every day. Of late, the Pacha, by an abuse common throughout all the Turkish empire, has monopolized all the trade in his own hands; no cotton can be sold but to him, and from him every purchase must be made. In vain have the European merchants claimed the privileges granted

Acra,  
Acre.

**Acre.** granted them by the Sultan; Djezzar replied, that he was the Sultan in his country, and continued his monopoly. These merchants in general are French, and have six houses at Acre, with a consul: an Imperial agent too has lately settled there; also a resident for Russia.

That part of the bay of Acre in which ships anchor with the greatest security, lies to the north of Mount Carmel, below the village of Haifa (commonly called *Caiffa*). The bottom is good holding ground, and does not chafe the cables; but the harbour is open to the north-west wind, which blows violently along all this coast. Mount Carmel, which commands it to the south, is a flattened cone, and very rocky; it is about 2000 feet high. We still find among the brambles wild vines and olive trees, which prove that industry has formerly been employed even in this ungrateful soil: on the summit is a chapel dedicated to the prophet Elias, which affords an extensive prospect over the sea and land. It is 20 miles S. of Tyre, and 37 N. of Jerusalem. E. long. 39. 25. lat. 32. 40.

**ACRE**, in the Mogul's dominions, the same with lack, and signifies the sum of 100,000 rupees; the rupee is of the value of the French crown of three livres, or 30 sols of Holland; an 100 lacks of rupees make a couron in Indostan, or 10,000,000 rupees: the pound Sterling is about eight rupees; according to which proportion, a lack of rupees amounts to 12,500 pounds Sterling.

**ACRE**, the universal measure of land in Britain. The word (formed from the Saxon *acher*, or the German *aker*, a field), did not originally signify a determined quantity of land, but any open ground, especially a wide champaign; and in this antique sense it seems to be preserved in the names of places, as Castle-acre, West-acre, &c. An acre in England contains four square roods, a rood 40 perches or poles of 16½ feet each by statute. Yet this measure does not prevail in all parts of England, as the length of the pole varies in different counties, and is called *customary measure*, the difference running from the 16½ feet to 28. The acre is also divided into 10 square chains, of 22 yards each, that is 4840 square yards. An acre in Scotland contains four square roods; one square rood is 40 square falls; one square fall, 36 square ells; one square ell, nine square feet and 73 square inches; one square foot, 144 square inches. The Scots acre is also divided into 10 square chains; the measuring chain should be 24 ells in length, divided into 100 links, each link 8  $\frac{2}{7}$   $\frac{2}{7}$  inches, and so one square chain will contain 10,000 square links. The English statute-acre is about three roods and six falls standard measure of Scotland.

The French acre, *arpent*, contains 1¼ English acre, or 54,450 square English feet, whereof the English acre contains only 43,560.—The Strasburg acre is about half an English acre.—The Welch acre contains commonly two English ones.—The Irish acre is equal to one acre two roods and 19 perches  $\frac{1}{4}$   $\frac{1}{4}$ , English.

Dr Grew attempts to ascertain the number of acres in England, which, according to him, amounts to 46 millions and 80,000. The United Provinces are said to contain 4,382,000 acres: The province of Holland but one million of acres. The territory of the United States of America, according to calculation, lately

made by order of Congress contains 589 millions of acres, exclusive of water, which is computed at 51 millions more.

**ACRE-Fight**, an old sort of duel fought by English and Scottish combatants, between the frontiers of their kingdoms, with sword and lance: it was also called *camp-fight*, and the combatants *champions*, from the open field being the stage of trial.

**ACRE-Tax**, a tax laid on land at so much per acre. In some places this is also called *acre-shot*. Impositions on lands in the great level are to be raised by a proportionable acre-tax, 20 Car. II. cap. 8.—An acre-tax of 2s. 6d. per acre, for draining Hadenham-level, 13 Geo. I. cap. 18.

**ACRIBEAIA**, a term purely Greek, literally denoting an exquisite or delicate accuracy; sometimes used in our language, for want of a word of equal signification.

**ACRID**, a name for any thing that is of a sharp or pungent taste. See **MATERIA MEDICA**.

**ACRIDOPHAGI**, in the ancient geography, an Ethiopian people, represented as inhabiting near the deserts, and to have fed on locusts. This latter circumstance their name imports; the word being compounded of the Greek *ακρις* locust, and *φαγω* to eat. We have the following account of them by Diodorus Siculus\*. Their stature was lower than that of other men; they were meagre, and extremely black. In the spring, high west winds drove from the desert to their quarter locusts of an extraordinary size, and remarkable for the squalid colour of their wings. So great was the number of these insects, that they were the only sustenance of the barbarians, who took them in the following manner: At the distance of some stadia from their habitations there was a wide and deep valley. They filled this valley with wood and wild herbs, with which their country abounded. When the cloud of locusts appeared, which were driven on by the wind, they set fire to the fuel which they had collected. The smoke which arose from this immense fire was so thick, that the locusts, in crossing the valley, were stifled by it, and fell in heaps on the ground. The passage of the locusts being thus intercepted for many days, they made a large provision of those insects. As their country produced great quantities of salt, they salted them to render them more palatable, and to make them keep till the next season. This peculiar supply was their sole food: they had neither herds nor flocks. They were unacquainted with fishing: for they lived at a distance from the sea. They were very active, and ran with great swiftness. But their life was not of a long duration; it exceeded not forty years. The close of their life was extremely miserable; for in their old age, winged lice of different, but all of ugly forms, bred in their bodies. This malady which began in the breast and belly, soon spread through the whole frame. The patient at first felt an itching; and the agreeable sensation produced by his scratching of himself, preceded a most deplorable calamity. For when those lice, which had bred in his body, forced their way out, they caused effusions of corrupt blood, with excruciating pains in the skin. The unhappy man, with lamentable cries, was industrious himself to make passages for them with his nails. In short, these lice issued forth successively from the wounds made by the hands

**Acre-Fight**  
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**Acridophagi.**

\*Lib. iii.  
& xxxix.  
Alfo Strabo  
lib. xvi.

Acridophagi.

hands of a patient, as from a vessel full of holes, and in such numbers that it was impossible to exterminate them.—Whether this extraordinary and dreadful distemper was occasioned by the food of the inhabitants of this country, or by a pestilential quality of their climate, it is difficult to determine. Indeed, as to the credibility of the whole account, we must leave the reader to judge.

But though the circumstances of these people should be deemed fabulous, yet may the *acridophagia* be true. It is well known, that to this day the inhabitants of Ethiopia, Arabia, &c. frequently use locusts as food. The reader will not be displeas'd if we lay before him the result of Dr Hasselquist's inquiries as to this particular, who travelled in Syria and Egypt so late as the year 1752. This ingenious gentleman, who travelled with a view to improve natural history, informs us, that he asked Franks, and many other people who had lived long in these countries, whether they had ever heard that the inhabitants of Arabia, Ethiopia, &c. used locusts as food. They answered that they had. He likewise asked the same question of Armenians, Copts, and Syrians, who lived in Arabia, and had travelled in Syria and near the Red Sea; some of whom said they heard of such a practice, and others that they had often seen the people eat these insects. He at last obtained complete satisfaction on this head from a learned sheek at Cairo, who had lived six years in Mecca. This gentleman told him, in presence of M. le Grand the principal French interpreter at Cairo, and others, that a famine frequently rages at Mecca when there is a scarcity of corn in Egypt, which obliges the inhabitants to live upon coarser food than ordinary: That when corn is scarce, the Arabians grind the locusts in hand-mills, or stone-mortars, and bake them into cakes, and use these cakes in place of bread: That he has frequently seen locusts used by the Arabians, even when there was no scarcity of corn; but then they boil them, stew them with butter, and make them into a kind of fricassée; which he says is not disagreeably tasted, for he had sometimes tasted these locust-fricassées out of curiosity.

\* *Voyage to the Cape*, vol. I. p. 36. A later traveller, D. Sparrman, informs us \*, "That locusts sometimes afford a high treat to the more unpolished and remote hordes of the Hottentots; when, as sometimes happens, after an interval of 8, 10, 15, or 20 years, they make their appearance in incredible numbers. At these times they come from the north, migrating to the southward, and do not suffer themselves to be impeded by any obstacles, but fly boldly on, and are drowned in the sea whenever they come to it. The females of this race of insects, which are most apt to migrate, and are chiefly eaten, are said not to be able to fly; partly by reason of the shortness of their wings, and partly on account of their being heavy and distended with eggs; and shortly after they have laid these in the sand, they are said to die. It is particularly of these that the Hottentots make a brown coffee-coloured soup, which, at the same time, acquires from the eggs a fat and greasy appearance. The Hottentots are highly rejoiced at the arrival of these locusts, though they are sure to destroy every bit of the verdure on the ground: but the Hottentots make themselves ample amends for this loss, by falling foul on the animals themselves, eating them in

such quantities as in the space of a few days to get visibly fatter and in better condition than before."

The abbé Poiret, also, in his Memoir on the Insects of Barbary and Numidia, informs us, "That the Moors make locusts a part of their food; that they go to hunt them; fry them in oil and butter; and sell them publicly at Tunis, at Bonne," &c.

From these accounts, we may see the folly of that dispute among divines about the nature of St John's food in the wilderness: some maintaining the original word to signify the fruits of certain trees; others, a kind of birds, &c.: but those who adhered to the literal meaning of the text were at least the most orthodox, although their arguments were perhaps not so strong as they might have been, had they had an opportunity of quoting such authors as the above.

ACRISIUS, king of Argos (fab. hist.), being told by the oracle that he should be killed by his grandchild, shut up his only daughter Danaë in a brazen tower; but Jupiter coming down in a golden shower, begot Perseus upon her: after Perseus had slain the Gorgons, he carried Medusa's head to Argos; which Acrisius seeing, was turned into a statue.

ACRITAS (anc. geog.), a promontory of Messenia, running into the sea, and forming the beginning of the bay of Messene; now called *Capo di Gallo*; between Methone to the west, and Corone to the east, where the Sinus Coronæus begins.

ACROAMATIC, or ACROATIC, in general, denotes a thing sublime, profound, or obscure.

ACROAMATICI, a denomination given the disciples or followers of Aristotle, &c. who were admitted into the secrets of the inner or acroamatic philosophy.

ACROATIC. Aristotle's lectures to his disciples were of two kinds, *exoteric* and *acroatic*. The acroatic were those to which only his own disciples and intimate friends were admitted; whereas the exoteric were public, and open to all. But there are other differences. The acroatic were set apart for the higher and more obscure subjects; the exoteric were employed in rhetorical and civil speculations. Again, the acroatics were more subtle and exact, evidence and demonstration being here aimed at; the exoterics chiefly aimed at the probable and plausible. The former were the subject of the mornings exercises in the Lyceum, the latter of the evenings. Add, that the exoterics were published: whereas the acroatics were kept secret; being either entirely concealed; or, if they were published, it was in such obscure terms, that few but his own disciples could be the wiser for them. Hence, when Alexander complained of his preceptor for publishing his acroatics, and thus revealing what should have been reserved to his disciples, Aristotle answered, that they were made public and not public; for that none who had not heard them explained by the author *viva voce*, would understand them.

ACROATHOUM, or ACROTHOUM (anc. geog.), a town situated on the top of mount Athos, where the inhabitants, according to Mela, were longer lived by half than in any other country: called by the modern Greeks, *Αγιον ορος*; by the Italians, *La Cima di Monic Santo*.

ACROBATICA, or ACROBATICUM, from *ακρος*, high, and *βασις*, or *βαινω* I go; an ancient engine, whereby

Acrisius

Acrobatica

Acroce-  
raunia  
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Acropolis.

whereby people were raised aloft, that they might see more conveniently about them. The *acrobatica* among the Greeks amounted to the same with what they call *scanforium* among the Latins. Authors are divided as to the office of this engine. Turnebus and Barbarus take it to have been of the military kind, raised by besiegers, high enough to overlook the walls, and discover the state of things on the other side. Baldus rather supposes it a kind of moveable scaffold, or cradle, contrived for raising painters, plaisterers, and other workmen, to the tops of houses, trees, &c. Some suspect that it might have been used for both purposes; which is the opinion of Vitruvius and Aquinas.

ACROCERAUNIA, or MONTES CERAUNII (anc. geog.), mountains running out into the sea (so called from their being often thunderstruck), separating the Ionian sea from the Adriatic; where Illyria ends and Epirus begins; now called *Monti della Chimera*.

ACROCHERISMUS, among the Greeks, a sort of gymnastic exercise, in which the two combatants contended with their hands and fingers only, without closing or engaging the other parts of the body.

ACROCORINTHUS (anc. geog.), a high and steep hill, hanging over the city of Corinth, which was taken within the walls, as an acropolis, or citadel. On its top stood a temple of Venus; and lower down issued the fountain Pyrene.

ACROMION, in anatomy, the upper part of the scapula or shoulder-blade. See ANATOMY.

ACROMONOGRAMMATICUM, in poetry, a kind of poem, wherein every subsequent verse begins with the letter wherewith the immediately preceding one terminated.

ACRON, a celebrated physician of Agrigentum, who first thought of lighting large fires, and purifying the air with perfumes, to put a stop to the pestilence that ravaged Athens, and which was attended with success. He lived about 473 years before the Christian era.

ACRON, a territory on the gold-coast of Guinea, in Africa, bordering on the Fanynean country. The Dutch have a fort here called Fort Patience; and under it is a village, inhabited only by fishermen. The other inhabitants are addicted to husbandry, and sell their corn to other countries. There is plenty of game, which is very commodious for the Dutch factory. The people are very ignorant, and go naked like the rest of the negroes. This is called Little Acron; for Great Acron is farther inland, and is a kind of a republic.

ACRONICAL, ACHRONYCAL, or ACHRONICAL, in astronomy, is a term applied to the rising of a star, when the sun is set in the evening; but has been promiscuously used to express a star's rising at sunset, or setting at sun-rise.

ACRONIUS LACUS, (Mela); a small lake formed by the Rhine, soon after its rise out of the Alps, and after passing the greater lake at Constance, called *Venetus*, and now the *Bodensee*, or lake of Constance.

ACROPOLIS (anc. geog.), the citadel, and one of the divisions of Athens; called *Polis*, because constituting the first and original city; and the *Upper Polis*, to distinguish it from the Lower, which was afterwards built round it in a large open plain, the Acropolis standing on a rock or eminence in the heart of

this plain; and hence its name: To the north it had a wall, built by the Pelasgi, and therefore called *Pelasgic*; and to the south a wall, by Cymon the son of Miltiades, out of the Persian spoils, many ages after the building of the north wall. It had nine gates, and was therefore called *Enneapylon*; yet but one principal gate of entrance, the ascent to which was by a flight of steps of white marble, built by Pericles with great magnificence, (Plutarch).

ACROPOLITA (George), one of the writers in the Byzantine history, was born at Constantinople, in the year 1220, and brought up at the court of the emperor John Ducas at Nice. He was employed in the most important affairs of the empire; being sent ambassador to Larissa, to establish a peace with Michael of Epirus; and was constituted judge to try Michael Comnenus, suspected of engaging in a conspiracy. Theodorus Lascaris, the son of John, whom he had taught logic, appointed him governor of all the western provinces in his empire. In 1255, he was taken prisoner in a war with Michael Angelus: but gaining his liberty in 1260, by means of the emperor Palæologus, he was sent by him ambassador to Constantine prince of Bulgaria; and was employed in several other negotiations. He wrote, *A Continuation of the Greek History*, from the taking of Constantinople by the Latins till it was recovered by Michael Palæologus in 1261, which makes part of the Byzantine history; *A Treatise concerning Faith, Virtue, and the Soul*; *An Exposition of the Sermons of St Gregory Nazianzen* and other pieces. Gregory Cyprian, patriarch of Constantinople, in his encomium upon him, prefixed to Acropolita's history, is perhaps somewhat extravagant in his praise, when he says he was equal to Aristotle in philosophy, and to Plato in the knowledge of divine things and Attic eloquence.

ACROSPIRE, a vulgar term for what botanists call the *plume*. See the article PLANTS.

ACROSPIRED, in malt-making, is the grain's shooting both at the root and blade end.

ACROSTIC, in poetry, a kind of poetical composition, disposed in such a manner, that the initial letters of the verses form the name of some person, kingdom, place, motto, &c. The word is compounded of the Greek *ακρῶς*, *extremity*, and *στιχῶς*, *verse*. The acrostic is considered by the critics as a species of false wit, and is therefore very little regarded by the moderns.

ACROSTICUM, RUSTYBACK, WALL-RUE, or FORK-FERN, in botany, a genus of the cryptogamia filices. The fructifications are accumulated on the whole inferior surface of the frond, so that they everywhere cover it. There are upwards of 30 species; but only three of them (according to others, two) are natives of Britain, *viz.* the septentrionale, or horned fern, which grows on walls or cliffs of rocks; the ilvense, or hairy fern, growing in cliffs of rocks; and the thelypteris, or marsh-fern, in turf bogs.

ACROSTOLIUM, in ancient naval architecture, the extreme part of the ornament used on the prows of their ships, which was sometimes in the shape of a buckler, helmet, animal, &c.; but more frequently circular, or spiral. It was usual to tear them from the prows of vanquished vessels, and fix them to the conquerors, as a signal of victory.

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ACROTELEUTIC, among ecclesiastic writers, an appellation given to any thing added to the end of a psalm; as the Gloria Patri, or Doxology.

ACROTHERIA, in architecture, small pedestals, usually without bases, anciently placed at the middle or two extremes of pediments or frontispieces, serving to support the statues, &c. It also signifies the figures placed as ornaments on the tops of churches, and the sharp pinnacles that stand in ranges about flat buildings with rails and ballusters.

Among ancient physicians, it signified the larger extremities of the body, as the head, hands, and feet. It has also been used for the tips of the fingers, and sometimes for the eminences or processes of bones.

ACROTHYMION, from *ακρῶς*, *extreme* and *θυμός*, *thyme*. A sort of wart described by Celsus as hard, rough, with a narrow basis and broad top; the top is of the colour of thyme; it easily splits and bleeds. This tumour is also called *thymus*.

ACT, in general, denotes the execution of power; and differs from power, as the effect from the cause.

Act, in logic, is particularly understood of an operation of the human mind. Thus to discern and examine, are acts of the understanding; to judge and affirm, are acts of the will. There are voluntary and spontaneous acts; the former are produced by the operation of the soul, the latter without its privity or participation.

Act, in the universities, signifies a thesis maintained in public by a candidate for a degree, or to show the capacity and proficiency of a student. The candidates for a degree of bachelor and master of arts are to hold philosophical Acts; and those for bachelor of divinity, theological Acts, &c. At Oxford, the time when masters or doctors complete their degrees is also called the *act*; which is held with great solemnity. At Cambridge, they call it the *commencement*.

*Act of Faith, Auto da Fe*, in the Romish church, is a solemn day held by the inquisition, for the punishment of heretics, and the absolution of the innocent accused\*. They usually contrive the *Auto* to fall on some great festival, that the execution may pass with the more awe and regard; at least it is always on a Sunday.

\* See Inqui-  
sition.

The *Auto da Fe* may be called the last act of the inquisitorial tragedy; it is a kind of gaol-delivery, appointed as oft as a competent number of prisoners in the inquisition are convicted of heresy, either by their own voluntary, or extorted confession, or on the evidence of certain witnesses. The process is thus: in the morning they are brought into a great hall, where they have certain habits put on, which they are to wear in the procession. The procession is led up by dominican friars; after which come the penitents, some with san-benitocs, and some without, according to the nature of their crimes; being all in black coats without sleeves, and bare-footed, with a wax candle in their hands. These are followed by the penitents who have narrowly escaped being burnt, who over their black coats have flames painted with their points turned downwards, *Fuego revolto*. Next come the negative, and relapsed, who are to be burnt, having flames on their habits pointing upwards. After these come such as profess doctrines contrary to the faith of Rome, who, besides flames pointing upwards, have their picture painted on their breasts, with dogs, serpents, and devils, all

open-mouthed, about it. Each prisoner is attended with a familiar of the inquisition; and those to be burnt have also a Jesuit on each hand, who are continually preaching to them to abjure. After the prisoners, comes a troop of familiars on horseback; and after them the inquisitors, and other officers of the court, on mules; last of all, the inquisitor-general on a white horse, led by two men with black hats and green hat-bands. A scaffold is erected in the *Terriero de Paio*, big enough for two or three thousand people; at one end of which are the prisoners, at the other the inquisitors. After a sermon made up of encomiums on the inquisition, and invectives against heretics, a priest ascends a desk near the middle of the scaffold, and having taken the abjuration of the penitents, recites the final sentence of those who are to be put to death; and delivers them to the secular arm, earnestly beseeching at the same time the secular power not to touch their blood, or put their lives in danger. The prisoners being thus in the hands of the civil magistrate, are presently loaded with chains, and carried first to the secular gaol, and from thence in an hour or two brought before the civil judge; who, after asking in what religion they intend to die, pronounces sentence, on such as declare they die in the communion of the church of Rome, that they shall be first strangled, and then burnt to ashes; on such as die in any other faith, that they be burnt alive. Both are immediately carried to the Ribera, the place of execution; where there are as many stakes set up as there are prisoners to be burnt, with a quantity of dry furz about them. The stakes of the professed, that is, such as persist in their heresy, are about four yards high, having a small board towards the top for the prisoner to be seated on. The negative and relapsed being first strangled and burnt, the professed mount their stakes by a ladder; and the Jesuits, after several repeated exhortations to be reconciled to the church, part with them, telling them they leave them to the devil, who is standing at their elbow to receive their souls, and carry them with him into the flames of hell. On this a great shout is raised; and the cry is, Let the dogs beards be made; which is done by thrusting flaming furzes fastened to long poles against their faces, till their faces are burnt to a coal, which is accompanied with the loudest acclamations of joy. At last, fire is set to the furz at the bottom of the stake, over which the professed are chained so high, that the top of the flame seldom reaches higher than the seat they sit on; so that they rather seem roasted than burnt. There cannot be a more lamentable spectacle; the sufferers continually cry out, while they are able, *Misericordia per amor de Dios*, "Pity for the love of God!" yet it is beheld by all sexes, and ages, with transports of joy and satisfaction.

Act, in dramatic poetry, signifies a certain division, or part, of a play, designed to give some respite both to the actors and spectators. The Romans were the first who divided their theatrical pieces into acts; for no such divisions appear in the works of the first dramatic poets. Their pieces indeed consisted of several parts or divisions, which they called *protasis*, *epitasis*, *catastasis*, and *catastrophe*; but these divisions were not marked by any real interruptions on the theatre. Nor does Aristotle mention any thing of acts in his Art of Poetry. But, in the time of Horace, all regular and finished pieces were divided into five acts.

Act.

Act  
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Acta.

*Neuve minor, neu sit quinto productior actu  
Fabula, quæ posci vult & spectata reponi.*

The first act, according to some critics, besides introducing upon the stage the principal characters of the play, ought to propose the argument or subject of the piece; the second, to exhibit this to the audience, by carrying the fable into execution; the third, to raise obstacles and difficulties; the fourth, to remove these, or raise new ones in the attempt; and the fifth, to conclude the piece, by introducing some accident that may unravel the whole affair. This division, however, is not essentially necessary; but may be varied according to the humour of the author, or the nature of the subject. See POETRY, Part II. Sect. i.

*Act of Grace.* See GRACE.

ACT, among lawyers, is an instrument in writing for declaring or justifying the truth of any thing. In which sense, records, decrees, sentences, reports, certificates, &c. are called *acts*.

ACTS, also denote the deliberations and resolutions of an assembly, senate, or convention; as acts of parliament, &c. Likewise matters of fact transmitted to posterity in certain authentic books and memoirs.

*Acta Consistorii*, the edicts or declarations of the council of state of the emperors. These edicts were generally expressed in such terms as these: "The august emperors, *Dioclesian* and *Maximian*, in council declared, That the children of Decurions should not be exposed to wild beasts in the amphitheatre."

The senate and soldiers often swore, either through abject flattery or by compulsion, upon the *edicts* of the emperor, as we do upon the *bible*. And the name of *Apidius Merula* was erased by Nero out of the register of senators, because he refused to swear upon the edicts of the emperor Augustus.

*Acta Diurna*, was a sort of Roman gazette, containing an authorized narrative of the transactions worthy of notice which happened at Rome. Petronius has given us a specimen of the *acta diurna* in his account of Trimalchis; and as it may not perhaps be unentertaining to see how exactly a Roman newspaper runs in the style of an American one, the following is an article or two out of it:

"On the 26th of July, 30 boys and 40 girls were born at Trimalchi's estate at Cuma.

"At the same time a slave was put to death for uttering disrespectful words against his lord.

"The same day a fire broke out in Pompey's gardens, which began in the night, in the steward's apartment."

*Acta Populi*, among the Romans, were journals or registers of the daily occurrences; as assemblies, trials, executions, buildings, births, marriages, deaths, &c. of illustrious persons, and the like. These were otherwise called *Acta Publica*, and *Acta Diurna*, or simply *Acta*. The *Acta* differed from Annals, in that only the greater and more important matters were in the latter, and those of less note were in the former. Their origin is attributed to Julius Cæsar, who first ordered the keeping and making public the acts of the people. Some trace them higher, to Servius Tullius; who, to discover the number of persons born, dead, and alive, ordered that the next of kin, upon a birth, should put a certain piece of money into the treasury of Juno Lucina; upon a death, into that of Venus Libitina: the like was also to be done upon assuming the toga virilis,

Acta  
Acts.

&c. Under Marcus Antoninus, this was carried further: persons were obliged to notify the births of their children, with their names and surnames, the day, consul, and whether legitimate or spurious, to the præfects of the *Ærarium Saturni*, to be entered in the public acts; though before this time the births of persons of quality appear thus to have been registered.

*Acta Senatus*, among the Romans, were minutes of what passed and was debated in the senate-house. These were also called *Commentarii*, and by a Greek name *προμνηματα*. They had their origin in the consulship of Julius Cæsar, who ordered them both to be kept and published. The keeping them was continued under Augustus, but the publication was abrogated. Afterwards all writings, relating to the decrees or sentences of the judges, or what passed and was done before them, or by their authority, in any cause, were also called by the name *Acta*: In which sense we read of civil acts, criminal acts, intervenient acts; *acta civilia*, *criminalia*, *intervenientia*, &c.

*Public Acts*. The knowledge of public acts forms part of a peculiar science, called the DIPLOMATIC, of great importance to an historian, statesman, chronologer, and even critic. The preservation of them was the first occasion of erecting libraries. The style of acts is generally barbarous Latin. Authors are divided as to the rules of judging of their genuineness, and even whether there be any certain rules at all. F. Germon will have the greater part of the acts of former ages to be spurious. Fontanini asserts, that the number of forged acts now extant is very small. It is certain there were severe punishments inflicted on the forgers and falsifiers of acts.—The chief of the English acts, or public records, are published by Rymer, under the title of *Fœdera*, and continued by Saunderson; an extract whereof has been given in French by Rapin, and translated into English under the title of *Acta Regia*. Great commendations have been given this work: also some exceptions made to it; as that there are many spurious acts, as well as errors, in it; some have even charged it with falsifications.—The public acts of France fell into the hands of the English after the battle of Poitiers, and are commonly said to have been carried by them out of the country. But the tradition is not supported by any sufficient testimony.

*Acts of the Apostles*, one of the sacred books of the New Testament, containing the history of the infant-church, during the space of 29 or 30 years from the ascension of our Lord to the year of Christ 63.—It was written by St Luke; and addressed to Theophilus, the person to whom the evangelist had before dedicated his gospel. We here find the accomplishment of several of the promises made by our Saviour; his ascension; the descent of the Holy Ghost; the first preaching of the apostles, and the miracles whereby their doctrines were confirmed; an admirable picture of the manners of the primitive Christians; and, in short, every thing that passed in the church till the dispersion of the apostles, who separated themselves in order to propagate the gospel throughout the world. From the period of that separation, St Luke quits the history of the other apostles, who were then at too great a distance from him, and confines himself more particularly to that of St Paul, who had chosen him for the companion of his labours. He follows that apostle in all his missions,

and



Acts.

and even to Rome itself; for it appears that the Acts were published in the second year of St Paul's residence in that city, or the 36th year of the Christian æra, and in the 9th or 10th year of Nero's reign. The style of this work, which was originally composed in Greek, is much purer than that of the other canonical writers: and it is observable, that St Luke, who was much better acquainted with the Greek than with the Hebrew language, always, in his quotations from the Old Testament, makes use of the Septuagint version. The council of Laodicea places the Acts of the Apostles among the canonical books, and all the churches have acknowledged it as such without any controversy.

\**See Abdias.* There were several *Spurious ACTS OF THE APOSTLES*; particularly, I. *Acts*, supposed to be written by Abdias,\* the pretended bishop of Babylon, who gave out that he was ordained bishop by the apostles themselves when they were upon their journey into Persia. II. *The Acts of St. Peter*: this book came originally from the school of the Ebionites. III. *The Acts of St. Paul*, which is entirely lost. Eusebius, who had seen it, pronounces it of no authority. IV. *The Acts of St. John the Evangelist*; a book made use of by the Encratites, Manichæans, and Priscillianists. V. *The Acts of St. Andrew*; received by the Manichæans, Encratites, and Apotactics. VI. *The Acts of St. Thomas the Apostle*; received particularly by the Manichæans. VII. *The Acts of St. Philip*. This book the Gnostics made use of. VIII. *The Acts of St. Matthias*. Some have imagined that the Jews for a long time had concealed the original acts of the life and death of St. Matthias written in Hebrew; and that a monk of the abbey of St. Matthias at Treves, having got them out of their hands, procured them to be translated into Latin, and published them; but the critics will not allow them to be authentic.

† Euseb. ii. *Hist. Eccles.* *Acts of Pilate*; a relation sent by Pilate to the emperor Tiberius, concerning Jesus Christ, his death, resurrection, ascension, and the crimes of which he was convicted before him. † It was a custom among the Romans, that the proconsuls and governors of provinces should draw up acts, or memoirs, of what happened in the course of their government, and send them to the emperor and senate. The genuine *acts* of Pilate were sent by him to Tiberius, who reported them to the senate; but they were rejected by that assembly, because not immediately addressed to them; as is testified by Tertullian, in his *Apol.* cap. 5. and 20, 21. The heretics forged acts in imitation of them: in the reign of the emperor Maximin, the Gentiles, to throw an odium on the Christian name, spread about spurious Acts of Pilate; which the emperor, by a solemn edict, ordered to be sent into all the provinces of the empire, and enjoined the schoolmasters to teach and explain them to their scholars, and make them learn them by heart. These acts, both the genuine and the spurious, are lost. There is indeed extant, in the Pseudo-Hege-sippus, a letter from Pilate to the emperor Claudius, concerning Jesus Christ †; but it discovers itself at first sight not to be authentic.

‡ *Cave Hist. Literar.* *Act of Parliament* of Great Britain, is a positive law, consisting of two parts, the words of the act, and its true sense and meaning, which being joined, make the law. The words of acts of parliament should be taken in a lawful sense. Cases of the same nature are within

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the intention, though without the letter, of the act; and some acts extend by equity to things not mentioned therein. See PARLIAMENT.

ACTÆ, were meadows of remarkable verdure and luxuriancy near the sea-shore, where the Romans used to indulge themselves to a great degree in softness and delicacy of living. The word is used in this sense by Cicero and Virgil; but Vossius thinks it can only be used in speaking of Sicily, as these two authors did.

ACTÆA, ACONITUM RACEMOSUM, HERB CHRISTOPHER, or BANE-BERRIES; a genus of the monogynia order, belonging to the polyandria class of plants. The characters are: The *calyx* is a perianthium, consisting of four roundish, obtuse, concave leaves, which fall off. The *corolla* consists of four petals, larger than the calyx, pointed at both ends, and falling off. The *stamina* consist of numerous capillary filaments; the antheræ are roundish, erect, and didymous. The  *pistillum* has an ovate germen; no stylus; the stigma thickish, and obliquely depressed. The *pericarpium* is an oval smooth one-furrow'd one-cell'd berry. The *seeds* are very numerous, semiorbicular, and incumbent in a double order.—This genus is associated with the *Multi-filiquæ*, the 26th natural order. There are four

*Species and properties.* 1. The *spicata*, or common herb-christopher, is a native in several parts of Britain. It grows to the height of about two feet and an half: the foot-stalks of the leaves arise from the root; these divide into three smaller foot-stalks, each of which are again divided into three, and these have each three lobes; so that each leaf is composed of 27 lobes or smaller leaves. The flowers grow in ramous spikes, and are of a pure white: they are borne upon a slender, jointed, and furrowed stem; appear in May; and are succeeded by black, shining, pulpy berries, about the size of peas, which ripen in the autumn. This plant is a powerful repellent, and the root has been used internally in some nervous cases, but must be administered with caution. The berries are highly poisonous. It is said toads resort to this plant, on account of its fetid smell. Sheep and goats eat it; cows, horses, and swine, refuse it. 2. The *alba*, or American herb-christopher, is a native of North America. The leaves of this species are somewhat like the former, but not so deeply indented in the edges. The flowers grow in a more compact spike, and the berries are very white and transparent when ripe; the roots are composed of thick knobs. This species has been used as an emetic, and sometimes called *ipecacanha*. 3. The *racemosa*, or American black or wild snakeroot, is likewise a native of North America. It has large compound leaves, rising immediately from the root, and branched after the same manner as the first, which grow more than two feet high. The flower-stem rises to the height of four or five feet; and carries a long spike of white flowers reflexed at the top. These appear in June or the beginning of July, but the seeds do not come to maturity in Britain. The root of this plant is greatly used by physicians in North America, in many disorders; and is supposed to be an antidote against poison, or the biting of a rattlesnake. 4. The *cimicifuga*, is a native of Siberia; the leaves resemble those of the feathered columbine; the stalks rise little more than a foot high, supporting particles of white flowers, which appear in May. This species is rare in Britain.

Actæon  
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Actinia.

*Culture.* The first species hath a perennial root, but the stalks annually decay. It may be propagated either by seeds, or parting the roots, which should be transplanted in autumn. The seeds should be sown soon after they are ripe, or they will lie a whole year in the ground before they vegetate. They should be sown in a shady border; and as all the plants do not come up at the same time, the border should not be disturbed till the following autumn, when they should be transplanted into a shady border, where they may be allowed to remain and flower.—The second species may be propagated in the same manner; only the plants should be allowed three feet every way, on account of their wide-spreading leaves. This species delights in a light moist soil, and a shady situation.—The third is usually propagated by seeds sent annually from North America: it thrives in the same kind of soil as the former; and is very hardy, requiring no other culture than the common flowering-shrubs. The plants should not be often removed, for that will prevent their flowering strong.—The fourth requires a moist loamy soil, and shady situation. It may be propagated in the same manner as the others.

ACTÆON, in fabulous history, the son of Aristæus and Autonoe; a great hunter. He was turned by Diana into a stag, for looking on her while bathing; and died by his own dogs.

ACTANIA, an island, according to Pliny, in the North sea. It lies to the west of Holstein and Dithmarsch, not far from the mouth of the Eyder and Elbe, and is now called *Heyligland*.

ACTE. See *SAMBUCUS*.

ACTIAN GAMES, in Roman antiquity, were solemn games instituted by Augustus, in memory of his victory over Marc Anthony at Actium, held every fifth year, and celebrated in honour of Apollo, since called *Actius*. Hence *Actian Years*, an æra commencing from the battle of Actium, called the *Æra of Augustus*.

Virgil insinuates them to have been instituted by Æneas: from that passage *Æn.* III. v. 280.

*Actiaque Iliacis celebramus littora ludis.*

*ÆN.* iii. 250.

But this he only does by way of compliment to Augustus; attributing that to the hero from whom he descended, which was done by the emperor himself: as is observed by Servius.

ACTINIA, in zoology, a genus belonging to the order of vermes mollusca. The body is oblong and smooth, attaching itself firmly by its basis to rocks or other solid substances, having a delatable apex hooked within. The mouth is furnished with crooked teeth, the rostrum cylindrical and radiated. There are five species, some of which make a beautiful appearance, and are called *Animal Flowers*, *Sea Anemones*, and *Urtica Marina*. See *ANIMAL Flower*.

Progressive motion in these creatures is so slow, that it is difficult to perceive any, as they scarce advance the length of one inch in an hour. It would seem they do not all produce, when handled, the painful sensation which had acquired them the name of *sea-nettles*.—They are viviparous, feed on shell fish, open their mouth more or less according to the size of the prey they have to deal with, and then reject the shell through the same aperture. When the mouth is open, all the tentacula of the actinia may be seen, resembling in that situation

a full-blown flower, which has given it the denomination of the *flower-fish*.

Actio.

ACTIO, in Roman antiquities, an action at law in a court of justice. The formalities used by the Romans, in judicial actions, were these: If the difference failed to be made up by friends, the injured person proceeded *in jus reum vocare*, to summon the offending party to the court, who was obliged to go, or give bond for his appearance.

The offending party might be summoned into court *viva voce*, by the plaintiff himself meeting the defendant, declaring his intention to him, and commanding him to go before the magistrate and make his defence. If he would not go willingly, he might drag and force him along, unless he gave security for his appearance on some appointed day. If he failed to appear on the day agreed on, then the plaintiff, whensoever he met him, might take him along with him by force, calling any bye-standers to bear witness, by asking them *visne antestari*; the bye-standers upon this turned their ear towards him in token of their consent: To this Horace alludes in his Sat. against the impertinent, Lib. 1. Sat. 9. See this further explained under the article *ANTESTARI*.

Both parties being met before the prætor, or other supreme magistrate presiding in the court, the plaintiff proposed the action to the defendant; in which he designed to prosecute him. This they termed *edere actionem*; and was commonly performed by writing it in a tablet, and offering it to the defendant, that he might see whether he had better stand the suit or compound.

In the next place came the *postulatio actionis*, or the plaintiff's petition to the prætor, for leave to prosecute the defendant in such an action. The petition was granted by writing at the bottom of it *actionem do*, or refused by writing in the same manner *actionem non do*.

The petition being granted, the plaintiff *vadabatur reum*, i. e. obliged him to give securities for his appearance on such a day in the court; and this was all that was done in public, before the day fixed upon for the trial.

In the mean time, the difference was often made up, either *transfatione*, by letting the cause fall as dubious; or *pactione*, by composition for damages amongst friends.

On the day appointed for hearing; the prætor ordered the several bills to be read, and the parties summoned by an *accensus*, or beadle. See *ACCENSI*.

Upon the non-appearance of either party, the defaulter lost his cause;—if they both appeared, they were said *se stetisse*; and then the plaintiff proceeded *litem sive actionem intendere*, i. e. to prefer his suit, which was done in a set form of words, varying according to the difference of the actions. After this the plaintiff desired judgment of the prætor, that is, to be allowed a *judex* or *arbiter*, or else the *recuperatores* or *centumviri*. These he requested for the hearing and deciding the business; but none of them could be desired but by the consent of both parties.

The prætor having assigned them their judges, defined and determined the number of witnesses to be admitted, to hinder the protracting of the suit; and then the parties proceeded to give their caution, that the

**Action.** the judgment, whatever it was, should stand and be performed on both sides. The judges took a solemn oath to be impartial; and the parties took the *juramentum calumnie*. Then the trial began with the assistance of witnesses, writings, &c. which was called *disceptatio causæ*.

**ACTION**, in a general sense, implies nearly the same thing with **ACT**.—Grammarians, however, observe some distinction between *action* and *act*; the former being generally restricted to the common or ordinary transactions, whereas the latter is used to express those which are remarkable. Thus, we say it is a good *action* to comfort the unhappy; it is a generous *act* to deprive ourselves of what is necessary, for their sake. The wise man proposes to himself an honest end in all his *actions*; a prince ought to mark every day of his life with some *act* of greatness. The abbé Girard makes a further distinction between the words *action* and *act*. The former, according to him, has more relation to the power that acts than the latter; whereas the latter has more relation to the effect produced than the former: and hence the one is properly the attribute of the other. Thus we may properly say, “Be sure to preserve a presence of mind in all your actions; and take care that they be all acts of equity.”

**ACTION**, in mechanics, implies either the effort which a body or power makes against another body or power, or the effect itself of that effort.

As it is necessary in works of this kind to have a particular regard to the common language of mechanics and philosophers, we have given this double definition: but the proper signification of the term is the motion which a body really produces, or tends to produce, in another; that is, such is the motion it would have produced, had nothing hindered its effect.

All power is nothing more than a body actually in motion, or which tends to move itself; that is, a body which would move itself if nothing opposed it. The action therefore of a body is rendered evident to us by its motion only; and consequently we must not fix any other idea to the word action, than that of actual motion, or a simple tendency to motion. The famous question relating to *vis viva*, and *vis mortua*, owes, in all probability, its existence to an inadequate idea of the word action; for had Leibnitz and his followers observed, that the only precise and distinct idea we can give to the word force or action, reduces it to its effect, that is, to the motion it actually produces or tends to produce, they would never have made that curious distinction.

*Quantity of ACTION*, a name given by M. de Maupertuis, in the memoirs of the Parisian Academy of Sciences for 1744; and those of Berlin for 1746, to the product of the mass of a body by the space which it runs through, and by its celerity. He lays it down as a general law, “that, in the changes made in the state of a body, the quantity of action necessary to produce such a change, is the least possible.” This principle he applies to the investigation of the laws of refraction, of equilibrium, &c. and even to the ways of acting employed by the Supreme Being. In this manner M. de Maupertuis attempts to connect the metaphysics of final causes with the fundamental truths of mechanics, to show the dependence of the collision of both elastic and hard bodies upon one and the same law,

which before had always been referred to separate laws; and to reduce the laws of motion, and those of equilibrium, to one and the same principle.

**ACTION**, in ethics, denotes the external signs or expressions of the sentiments of a moral agent. See *ACTIVE Power*, *infra*.

**ACTION**, in poetry, the same with subject or fable. Critics generally distinguish two kinds, the principal and the incidental. The principal action is what is generally called the *fable*; and the incidental an *episode*. See **POETRY**, Part II.

**ACTION**, in oratory, is the outward deportment of the orator, or the accommodation of his countenance, voice, and gesture, to the subject of which he is treating. See **ORATORY**, Part IV.

**ACTION**, in a theatrical sense. See **DECLAMATION**, Art. IV.

*ACTION for the Pulpit*. See **DECLAMATION**, Art. I.

**ACTION**, in painting and sculpture, is the attitude or position of the several parts of the face, body, and limbs of such figures as are represented, and whereby they seem really to be actuated by passions. Thus we say, the action of such a figure finely expresses the passions with which it is agitated: we also use the same expression with regard to animals.

**ACTION**, in physiology, is applied to the functions of the body, whether vital, animal, or natural.

The *vital* functions, or actions, are those which are absolutely necessary to life, and without which there is no life, as the action of the heart, lungs, and arteries. On the action and reaction of the solids and fluids on each other, depend the vital functions. The pulse and respiration are the external signs of life. Vital diseases are all those which hinder the influx of the venous blood into the cavities of the heart, and the expulsion of the arterial blood from the same.—The *natural* functions are those which are instrumental in repairing the several losses which the body sustains; for life is destructive of itself, its very offices occasioning a perpetual waste. The manducation of food, the deglutition and digestion thereof, also the separation and distribution of the chyle and excrementitious parts, &c. are under the head of natural functions, as by these our aliment is converted into our nature. They are necessary to the continuance of our bodies.—The *animal* functions are those which we perform at will, as muscular motion, and all the voluntary actions of the body: they are those which constitute the senses of touch, taste, smell, sight, hearing; perception, reasoning, imagination, memory, judgment, affections of the mind. Without any, or all of them, a man may live, but not so comfortably as with them.

**ACTION**, in commerce, is a term used abroad for a certain part or share of a public company's capital stock. Thus, if a company has 400,000 livres capital stock, this may be divided into 400 actions, each consisting of 1000 livres. Hence a man is said to have two, four, &c. actions, according as he has the property of two, four, &c. 1000 livres capital stock. The transferring of actions abroad is performed much in the same manner as stocks are in England. See **STOCKS**.

**ACTION**, in law, is a demand made before a judge for obtaining what we are legally intitled to demand, and is more commonly known by the name of *law-suit* or *process*. See **SUIT**.

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**ACTIONARY**, or **ACTIONIST**, a proprietor of stock in a trading company.

**ACTIONS**, among merchants, sometimes signify moveable effects; and we say the merchant's creditors have seized on all his actions, when we mean that they have taken possession of all his active debts.

**ACTIVE**, denotes something that communicates action or motion to another; in which acceptation it stands opposed to passive.

**ACTIVE**, in grammar, is applied to such words as express action; and is therefore opposed to passive. The active performs the action, as the passive receives it. Thus we say, a verb *active*, a conjugation *active*, &c. or an *active* participle.

*Active Verbs*, are such as do not only signify doing, or acting; but have also nouns following them, to be the subject of the action or impression: thus, *To love, to teach*, are verbs *active*; because we can say, *To love a thing, to teach a man*. Neuter verbs also denote an action, but are distinguished from active verbs, in that they cannot have a noun following them: such are, *To sleep, to go, &c.*—Some grammarians, however, make three kinds of active verbs: the *transitive*, where the action passes into a subject different from the agent; *reflected*, where the action returns upon the agent; and *reciprocal*, where the action turns mutually upon the two agents who produced it.

*Active Power*, in metaphysics, the power of executing any work or labour; in contradistinction to *speculative powers*,\* or the powers of seeing, hearing, remembering, judging, reasoning, &c.

\* Dr Reid  
on the Ac-  
tive Powers  
of Man,  
p. 12.

The exertion of active power we call *action*; and as every action produces some change, so every change must be caused by some effect, or by the cessation of some exertion of power. That which produces a change by the exertion of its power, we call the *cause* of that change; and the change produced, the *effect* of that cause. See **METAPHYSICS**.

*Active Principles*, in chemistry, such as are supposed to act without any assistance from others; as mercury, sulphur, &c.

**ACTIVITY**, in general, denotes the power of acting, or the active faculty. See **ACTIVE**.

*Sphere of ACTIVITY*, the whole space in which the virtue, power, or influence, of any object, is exerted.

**ACTIUM** (anc. geog.), a town situated on the coast of Acarnania, in itself inconsiderable, but famous for a temple of Apollo, a safe harbour, and an adjoining promontory of the same name, in the mouth of the Sinus Ambracius, over against Nicopolis, on the other side of the bay: it afterwards became more famous on account of Augustus's victory over Anthony and Cleopatra: and for quinquennial games instituted there, called *Actia* or *Ludi Actiaci*. Hence the epithet *Actius*, given to Apollo (Virgil). *Actiaca æra*, a computation of time from the battle of Actium. The promontory is now called *Capo di Figalo*.

**ACTIUS**, in mythology, a surname of Apollo, from Actium, where he was worshipped.

**ACTON**, a town near London, where is a well that affords a purging water, which is noted for the pungency of its salt. This water is whitish, to the taste it is sweetish, with a mixture of the same bitter which is in the Epsom water. The salt of this water is not quite so soft as that of Epsom; and is more calcareous than

it, being more of the nature of the salt of lime: for a quantity of the Acton water being boiled high, on being mixed with a solution of sublimite in pure water, threw down a yellow sediment. The salt of the Acton water is more nitrous than that of Epsom; it strikes a deep red, or purple, with the tincture of logwood in brandy, as is usual with nitrous salts; it does not precipitate silver out of the spirit of nitre, as common salt does: 1½ lb. of this water yields 48 grains of salt.

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**ACTOR**, in general, signifies a person who acts or performs something.

**ACTOR**, among Civilians, the proctor or advocate in civil courts or causes: as, *Actor ecclesiæ* has been sometimes used for the advocate of the church; *actor dominicus* for the lord's attorney; *actor villæ*, the steward or head bailiff of a village.

**ACTOR**, in the drama, is a person who represents some part or character upon the theatre. The drama consisted originally of nothing more than a simple chorus, who sung hymns in honour of Bacchus; so that the primitive actors were only singers and musicians. Thespis was the first that, in order to ease this unformed chorus, introduced a declaimer, who repeated some heroic or comic adventure. Æschylus, finding a single person tiresome, attempted to introduce a second, and changed the ancient recitals into dialogues. He also dressed his actors in a more majestic manner, and introduced the coturnus or buskin. Sophocles added a third, in order to represent the various incidents in a more natural manner; and here the Greeks stopped, at least we do not find in any of their tragedies above three persons in the same scene. Perhaps they looked upon it as a rule of the dramatic poem, never to admit more than three speakers at a time on the stage: a rule which Horace has expressed in the following verse:

*Nec quarta loqui persona laboret.*

This, however, did not prevent their increasing the number of actors in comedy. Before the opening of a play, they named their actors in full theatre, together with the parts they were to perform. The ancient actors were masked, and obliged to raise their voice extremely, in order to make themselves heard by the innumerable crowd of people who filled the amphitheatres: they were accompanied with a player on the flute, who played a prelude, gave them the tone, and played while they declaimed. Horace speaks of a kind of secondary actors, in his time, whose business was to imitate the first; and lessen themselves, to become better foils to their principals.

The moderns have introduced an indefinite number of actors upon the stage. This heightens the trouble and distress that should reign there, and makes a diversity, in which the spectator is sure to be interested.

Actors were highly honoured at Athens. At Rome they were despised, and not only denied all rank among the citizens, but even when any citizen appeared upon the stage he was expelled his tribe and deprived of the right of suffrage by censors. Cicero, indeed, esteems the talents of Roscius: but he values his virtues still more; virtues which distinguished him so remarkably above all others of his profession, that they seemed to have excluded him from the theatre. The French have, in this respect, adopted the ideas of the Romans; and the English those of the Greeks.

**ACTOR**, the name of several persons in fabulous history.

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Actuarie.

story. One *Actor* among the Aurunci is described by Virgil as an hero of the first rank. *Æn.* xii.

ACTORUM TABULÆ, in antiquity, were tables instituted by Servius Tullius, in which the births of children were registered. They were kept in the treasury of Saturnus.

ACTRESS, in a general sense, a female who acts or performs something.

ACTRESS, in the drama, a female performer. Women actors were unknown to the ancients, among whom men always performed the female character; and hence one reason for the use of masks among them.

Actresses are said not to have been introduced on the English stage till after the restoration of king Charles II. who has been charged with contributing to the corruption of our manners by importing this usage from abroad. But this can be but partly true: the queen of James I. acted a part in a pastoral; and Pryn, in his *Histriomastix*, speaks of women actors in his time as whores; which was one occasion of the severe prosecution brought against him for that book.

There are some very agreeable and beautiful talents, of which the possession commands a certain sort of admiration; but of which the exercise for the sake of gain is considered, whether from reason or prejudice, as a sort of public prostitution. The pecuniary recompence, therefore, of those who exercise them in this manner, must be sufficient, not only to pay for the time, labour, and expence of acquiring the talents, but for the discredit which attends the employment of them as the means of subsistence. The exorbitant rewards of players, opera-singers, opera-dancers, &c. are founded upon those two principles; the rarity and beauty of the talents, and the discredit of employing them in this manner. It seems absurd at first sight that we should despise their persons, and yet reward their talents with the most profuse liberality. While we do the one, however, we must of necessity do the other. Should the public opinion or prejudice ever alter with regard to such occupations, their pecuniary recompence would quickly diminish. More people would apply to them, and the competition would quickly reduce the price of their labour. Such talents, though far from being common, are by no means so rare as is imagined. Many people possess them in great perfection, who disdain to make this use of them; and many more are capable of acquiring them, if any thing could be made honourably by them.

ACTUAL, something that is real and effective, or that exists truly and absolutely. Thus philosophers use the terms *actual* heat, *actual* cold, &c. in opposition to *virtual* or *potential*. Hence, among physicians, a red-hot iron, or fire, is called an *actual* cautery; in distinction from cauteries, or caustics, that have the power of producing the same effect upon the animal solids as actual fire, and are called *potential* cauterics. Boiling water is actually hot; brandy, producing heat in the body, is potentially hot, though of itself cold.

ACTUAL Sin, that which is committed by the person himself; in opposition to *original* sin, or that which he contracted from being a child of Adam.

ACTUARIÆ NAVES, a kind of ships among the Romans, chiefly designed for swift sailing.

ACTUARIUS, a celebrated Greek physician, of the 13th century, and the first Greek author who has treated of mild purgatives, such as cassia, manna, senna, &c. His works were printed in one volume folio, by Henry Stephens, in 1567.

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Acuna.

ACTUARIUS, or ACTARIUS, a notary or officer appointed to write the acts or proceedings of a court, or the like. In the Eastern Empire, the actuarii were properly officers who kept the military accounts, received the corn from the *susceptores* or store-keepers, and delivered it to the soldiers.

ACTUATE, to bring into act, or put a thing in action. Thus an agent is said, by the schoolmen, to *actuate* a power, when it produces an act in a subject. And thus the mind may be said to *actuate* the body.

ACTUS, in ancient architecture, a measure in length equal to 120 Roman feet. In ancient agriculture, the word signified the length of one furrow, or the distance a plough goes before it turns.

*Actus Minimus*, was a quantity of land 120 feet in length, and four in breadth.

*Actus Major*, or *Actus Quadratus*, a piece of ground in a square form, whose side was equal to 120 feet, equal to half the jugerum.

*Actus Intervicinalis*, a space of ground four feet in breadth, left between the lands as a path or way.

ACUANITIES, in ecclesiastical history, the same with those called more frequently MANICHEES. They took the name from Acua, a disciple of Thomas one of the twelve apostles.

ACULEATE, or ACULEATI, a term applied to any plant or animal armed with prickles.

ACULEI, the prickles of animals or of plants.

ACULER, in the manege, is used for the motion of a horse, when, in working upon volts, he does not go far enough forward at every time or motion, so that his shoulders embrace or take in too little ground, and his croupe comes too near the centre of the volt. Horses are naturally inclined to this fault in making demi-volts.

ACUMINA, in antiquity, a kind of military omen, most generally supposed to have been taken from the points or edges of darts, swords, or other weapons.

ACUNA (Christopher de), a Spanish Jesuit, born at Burgos. He was admitted into the society in 1612, being then but 15 years of age. After having devoted some years to study, he went to America, where he assisted in making converts in Chili and Peru. In 1640, he returned to Spain, and gave the king an account how far he had succeeded in the commission he had received to make discoveries on the river of the Amazons; and the year following he published a description of this river, at Madrid. Acuna was sent to Rome, as procurator of his province. He returned to Spain with the title of Qualificator of the Inquisition; but soon after embarked again for the West-Indies, and was at Lima in 1675, when father Southwell published at Rome the Bibliothecque of the Jesuit writers. Acuna's work is intitled, *Nuevo descubrimiento del gran rio de las Amazonas; i. e.* "A new discovery of the great river of the Amazons." He was ten months together upon this river, having had instructions to inquire into every thing with the greatest exactness, that his majesty might thereby be enabled to render the navigation more

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more easy and commodious. He went aboard a ship at Quito with Peter Texiera, who had already been so far up the river, and was therefore thought a proper person to accompany him in this expedition. They embarked in February 1639, but did not arrive at Para till the December following. It is thought that the revolutions of Portugal, by which the Spaniards lost all Brasil, and the colony of Para at the mouth of the river of the Amazons, were the cause that the relation of this Jesuit was suppressed; for as it could not be of any advantage to the Spaniards, they were afraid it might prove of great service to the Portuguese. The copies of this work became extremely scarce, so that the publishers of the French translation at Paris asserted, that there was not one copy of the original extant, excepting one in the possession of the translator, and, perhaps, that in the Vatican library. M. de Gomberville was the author of this translation: it was published after his death, with a long dissertation. An account of the original may be seen in the Paris Journal, in that of Leipzig, and in Chevereau's History of the World.

ACUPUNCTURE, the name of a surgical operation among the Chinese and Japanese, which is performed by pricking the part affected with a silver needle. They employ this operation in headaches, lethargies, convulsions, colics, &c.

ACUS, in ichthyology, the trivial name of a species of syngnathus. See SYNGNATHUS.

ACUSIO COLONIA, now ANCONE, according to Holstenius, between Orange and Valence, near Montelimart, on the banks of the Rhone.

ACUTE, an epithet applied to such things as terminate in a sharp point or edge. And in this sense it stands opposed to obtuse.

*ACUTE Angle*, in geometry, is that which is less than a right angle, or which does not subtend 90 degrees.

*ACUTE-angled Triangle*, is a triangle whose three angles are all acute.

*ACUTE-angled Cone* is, according to the ancients, a right cone, whose axis makes an acute angle with its side.

ACUTE, in music, is applied to a sound or tone that is sharp or high, in comparison of some other tone. In this sense, *acute* stands opposed to *grave*.

*ACUTE Accent*. See ACCENT.

*ACUTE Diseases*, such as come suddenly to a crisis. This term is used for all diseases which do not fall under the head of chronic diseases.

ACUTIATOR, in writers of the barbarous ages, denotes a person that whets or grinds cutting instruments; called also in ancient glossaries, *acutor*, *ακουτης*, *saniarius*, *coharius*, &c. In the ancient armies there were acutiators, a kind of smiths, retained for whetting or keeping the arms sharp.

AD, a Latin preposition, originally signifying *to*, and frequently used in composition both with and without the *d*, to express the relation of one thing to another.

*AD Bestias*, in antiquity, is the punishment of criminals condemned to be thrown to wild beasts.

*AD Hominem*, in logic, a kind of argument drawn from the principles or prejudices of those with whom we argue.

*AD Ludos*, in antiquity, a sentence upon criminals among the Romans, whereby they were condemned to entertain the people by fighting either with wild beasts, or with one another, and thus executing justice upon themselves.

*AD Metalla*, in antiquity, the punishment of such criminals as were condemned to the mines, among the Romans; and therefore called *Metallici*.

*AD Valorem*, a term chiefly used in speaking of the duties or customs paid for certain goods: The duties on some articles are paid by the number, weight, measure, tale, &c.; and others are paid *ad valorem*, that is, according to their value.

ADAGE, a proverb, or short sentence, containing some wise observation or popular saying. Erasmus has made a very large and valuable collection of the Greek and Roman adages; and Mr Ray has done the same with regard to the English. We have also Kelly's collection of Scots Proverbs.

ADAGIO, in music. Adverbially, it signifies *softly*, *leisurely*; and is used to denote the slowest of all times. Used substantively, it signifies a slow movement. Sometimes this word is repeated, as *adagio*, *adagio*, to denote a still greater retardation in the time of the music.

ADALIDES, in the Spanish policy, are officers of justice, for matters touching the military forces. In the laws of king Alphonfus, the adalides are spoken of as officers appointed to guide and direct the marching of the forces in time of war. Lopez represents them as a sort of judges, who take cognisance of the differences arising upon excursions, the distribution of plunder, &c.

ADAM, the first of the human race, was formed by the Almighty on the sixth day of the creation. His body was made of the dust of the earth; after which, God animated or gave it life, and Adam then became a rational creature.—His heavenly Parent did not leave his offspring in a destitute state to shift for himself; but planted a garden, in which he caused to grow not only every tree that was proper for producing food, but likewise such as were agreeable to the eye, or merely ornamental. In this garden were assembled all the brute creation; and, by their Maker, caused to pass before Adam, who gave all of them names, which were judged proper by the Deity himself.—In this review, Adam found none for a companion to himself. This solitary state was seen by the Deity to be attended with some degree of unhappiness; and therefore he threw Adam into a deep sleep, in which condition he took a rib from his side, and healing up the wound formed a woman of the rib he had taken out. On Adam's awaking, the woman was brought to him; and he immediately knew her to be one of his own species, called her his bone and his flesh, giving her the name of *woman* because she was taken out of man.

The first pair being thus created, God gave them authority over the inferior creation, commanding them to subdue the earth, also to increase and multiply and fill it. They were informed of the proper food for the beasts and for them; the grass or green herbs, being appointed for beasts; and fruits, or seeds, for man. Their proper employment also was assigned them; namely, *to dress the garden and to keep it*.

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**Adam.** ted by his Maker, there was a single tree, which grew in the middle of the garden, of the fruit of which they were not allowed to eat; being told, that they should surely die in the day they eat of it. This tree was named, *the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil*. This prohibition, however, they soon broke through. The woman having entered into conversation with *the Serpent*, was by him persuaded, that by eating of the tree she should become as wise as God himself: and accordingly, being invited by the beauty of the fruit, and its desirable property of imparting wisdom, she plucked and eat; giving her husband of it at the same time, who did likewise eat.

Before this transgression of the divine command, Adam and his wife had no occasion for clothes, neither had they any sense of shame; but immediately on eating the forbidden fruit, they were ashamed of being naked, and made aprons of fig-leaves for themselves. On hearing the voice of God in the garden, they were terrified, and hid themselves: but being questioned by the Deity, they confessed what they had done, and received sentence accordingly; the man being condemned to labour; the woman to subjection to her husband, and to pain in child-bearing. They were now driven out of the garden, and their access to it prevented by a terrible apparition. They had clothes given them by the Deity made of the skins of beasts. In this state Adam had several children; the names of only three of whom we are acquainted with, *viz.* Cain, Abel, and Seth. He died at the age of 930 years.

These are all the particulars concerning Adam's life, that we have on divine authority: but a vast multitude of others are added by the Jews, Mahometans, and others; all of which must be at best conjectural; most of them, indeed, appear downright falsehoods or absurdities. The curiosity of our readers, it is presumed, will be sufficiently gratified by the few which are here subjoined.

According to the Talmudists, when Adam was created, his body was of immense magnitude. When he sinned, his stature was reduced to an hundred ells, according to some; to nine hundred cubits, according to others; who think this was done at the request of the angels, who were afraid of so gigantic a creature. In the island of Ceylon is a mountain, called the *Peak* or mountain of Adam, from its being, according to the tradition of the country, the residence of our first parent. Here the print of his footsteps, above two palms in length, are still pointed out.

Many reveries have been formed concerning the personal beauty of Adam. That he was a handsome well-shaped man is probable; but some writers, not content with this, affirm, that God, intending to create man, clothed Himself with a perfectly beautiful human body, making this his model in the formation of the body of Adam.

Nor has the imagination been less indulged concerning the formation of the human species male and female.—It would be endless to recount all the whimsies that have been wrote on this subject; but as Mad. Bourignon has made a considerable figure in the *religious*, or rather *superstitious* world, we cannot help inserting some of her opinions concerning the first man, which are peculiarly marvellous. According to the *revelations* of this lady, Adam before his fall possessed in himself the principles of both sexes, and the vir-

tue or power of producing his like, without the concurrent assistance of woman. The division into two sexes, she imagined\*, was a consequence of man's sin; and now, she observes, mankind are become so many *monsters in nature*, being much less perfect in this respect than plants or trees, who are capable of producing their like alone, and without pain or misery. She even imagined, that, being in an ecstasy, she saw the figure of Adam before he fell, with the manner how, by himself, he was capable of procreating other men. "God," says she, "represented to my mind the beauty of the first world, and the manner how he had drawn it from the chaos: every thing was bright, transparent, and darted forth light and ineffable glory. The body of Adam was purer and more transparent than crystal, and vastly fleet; through his body were seen vessels and rivulets of light, which penetrated from the inward to the outward parts, through all his pores. In some vessels ran fluids of all kinds and colours, vastly bright, and quite diaphanous. The most ravishing harmony arose from every motion; and nothing resisted, or could annoy, him. His stature was taller than the present race of men; his hair was short, curled, and of a colour inclining to black; his upper lip covered with short hair: and instead of the bestial parts which modesty will not allow us to name, he was fashioned as our bodies will be in the life eternal, which I know not whether I dare reveal. In that *region* his nose was formed after the manner of a *face*, which diffused the most delicious fragrancy and perfumes; whence also men were to issue, all whose principles were inherent in him; there being in his belly a vessel, where little eggs were formed; and a second vessel filled with a fluid, which impregnated those eggs: and when man heated himself in the love of God, the desire he had that other creatures should exist besides himself, to praise and love God, caused the fluid abovementioned (by means of the fire of the love of God) to drop on one or more of these eggs, with inexpressible delight; which being thus impregnated, issued, some time after, out of man, by this canal †, in the shape of an egg, whence a perfect man was hatched by insensible degree. Woman was formed by taking out of Adam's sides the vessels that contained the eggs; which she still possesses, as is discovered by anatomists."

Many others have believed, that Adam at his first creation was both male and female: others, that he had two bodies joined together at the shoulders, and their faces looking opposite ways like those of Janus. Hence, say these, when God created Eve, he had no more to do than to separate the two bodies from one another ‡. Of all others, however, the opinion of Paracelsus seems the most ridiculous §. *Negabat primos parentes ante lapsum habuisse partes generationi hominis necessarias; credebatur postea accessisse, ut strumam gutturi.*

Extravagant things are asserted concerning Adam's knowledge. It is very probable that he was instructed by the Deity how to accomplish the work appointed him, *viz.* to dress the garden, and keep it from being destroyed by the brute creatures; and it is also probable that he had likewise every piece of knowledge communicated to him that was either necessary or pleasing: but that he was acquainted with geometry, mathematics, rhetoric, poetry, painting, sculpture, &c. is too ridiculous to be credited by any sober person. Some rabbies,

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\* Prefaceto a book intitled, *Le nouveau ciel et la nouvelle terre*, Amst. 1679.

† *i. e.* the nasal canal, situated as above described.

§ See *Androgynes.*

|| Paracelsus apud Vossium de *philosophia*, c. ix. p. 71.

**Adam.** rabbies, indeed, have contented themselves with equaling Adam's knowledge to that of Moses and Solomon; while others, again, have maintained that he excelled the angels themselves. Several Christians seem to be little behind these Jews in the degree of knowledge they ascribe to Adam; nothing being hid from him, according to them, except contingent events relating to futurity. One writer indeed (Pincdo) excepts politics; but a Carthusian friar, having exhausted, in favour of Aristotle, every image and comparison he could think of, at last asserts that Aristotle's knowledge was as extensive as that of *Adam*.—In consequence of this surprising knowledge with which Adam was endued, he is supposed to have been a considerable author. The Jews pretend that he wrote a book on the creation, and another on the Deity. Some rabbies ascribe the 92d psalm to Adam; and in some manuscripts the Chaldee title of this psalm expressly declares that this is the song of praise which the first man repeated for the sabbath-day.

Various conjectures have been formed concerning the place where man was first created, and where the garden of Eden was situated; but none of these have any solid foundation. The Jews tell us, that Eden was separated from the rest of the world by the ocean; and that Adam, being banished therefrom, walked across the sea, which he found every way fordable, by reason of his enormous stature\*. The Arabians imagined paradise to have been in the air; and that our first parents were thrown down from it on their transgression, as Vulcan is said to have been thrown down headlong from heaven by Jupiter.

\* This is just the picture of the Orion or Polyphe-mus of the poets.  
*Æneid.* iii. 663, 664.  
x. 763.

Strange stories are told concerning Adam's children. That he had none in the state of innocence, is certain from scripture; but that his marriage with Eve was not consummated till after the fall, cannot be proved from thence. Some imagine, that, for many years after the fall, Adam denied himself the connubial joys by way of penance; others, that he cohabited with another woman, whose name was *LILITH*. The Mahometans tell us, that our first parents having been thrown headlong from the celestial paradise, Adam fell upon the isle of Serendib, or Ceylon, in the East-Indies; and Eve on Iodda, a port of the Red Sea, not far from Mecca. After a separation of upwards of 200 years, they met in Ceylon, where they multiplied: according to some Eve had twenty, according to others only eight, deliveries; bringing forth at each time twins, a male and female, who afterwards married. The Rabbins imagine that Eve brought forth Cain and Abel at a birth; that Adam wept for Abel an hundred years in the valley of tears near Hebron, during which time he did not cohabit with his wife; and that this separation would probably have continued longer, had it not been forbid by the angel Gabriel. The inhabitants of Ceylon affirm, that the salt lake on the mountain of Colombo consists wholly of the tears which Eve for one hundred years together shed because of Abel's death.

Some of the Arabians tell us, that Adam was buried near Mecca on Mount Abukobeis; others, that Noah, having laid his body in the ark, caused it to be carried after the deluge to Jerusalem by Melchisedek the son of Shem: of this opinion are the eastern Christians; but the Persians affirm that he was interred in the isle of Serendib, where his corps was guarded by

lions at the time the giants warred upon one another.— St Jerom imagined that Adam was buried at Hebron; others, on Mount Calvary. Some are of opinion that he died on the very spot where Jerusalem was afterwards built; and was buried on the place where Christ suffered, that so his bones might be sprinkled with the Saviour's blood!!!

Adam  
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Adamites.

**ADAM** (Melchior) lived in the 17th century. He was born in the territory of Grotkaw in Silesia, and educated in the college of Brieg, where the dukes of that name, to the utmost of their power, encouraged learning and the reformed religion as professed by Calvin. Here he became a firm Protestant; and was enabled to pursue his studies by the liberality of a person of quality, who had left several exhibitions for young students. He was appointed rector of a college at Heidelberg, where he published his first volume of illustrious men in the year 1615. This volume, which consisted of philosophers, poets, writers on polite literature, and historians, &c. was followed by three others; that which treated of divines was printed in 1619; that of the lawyers came next; and, finally, that of the physicians: the two last were published in 1620. All the learned men, whose lives are contained in these four volumes, lived in the 16th, or beginning of the 17th century, and are either Germans or Flemings; but he published in 1618 the lives of twenty divines of other countries in a separate volume. All his divines are Protestants. The Lutherans were not pleased with him, for they thought him partial; nor will they allow his work to be a proper standard whereby to judge of the learning of Germany. He wrote other works besides his lives, and died in 1622.

*ADAM's Apple*, a name given to a species of *CITRUS*.

*ADAM's Needle*. See *YUCCA*.

*ADAM's Peak*, a high mountain of the East Indies, in the island of Ceylon, on the top of which they believe the first man was created. See *ADAM*.

**ADAM**, or **ADOM**, a town in the Peræa, or on the other side the Jordan, over-against Jericho, where the Jordan began to be dried up on the passage of the Israelites; (*Joshua*.)

**ADAMA**, or **ADMAN**, one of the towns that were involved in the destruction of Sodom; (*Moses*.)

**ADAMANT**, a name sometimes given to the diamond. (See *DIAMOND*.) It is likewise applied to the scoriæ of gold, the magnet, &c.

**ADAMIC EARTH**, a name given to common red clay, alluding to that species of earth of which the first man is supposed to have been made.

**ADAMI POMUM**, in anatomy, a protuberance in the fore-part of the throat, formed by the os hyoides. It is thought to be so called upon a strange conceit, that a piece of the forbidden apple, which Adam eat, stuck by the way, and occasioned it.

**ADAMITES**, in ecclesiastical history, the name of a sect of ancient heretics, supposed to have been a branch of the Basilidians and Carpocratians.

Epiphanius tells us, that they were called Adamites from their pretending to be re-established in the state of innocence, and to be such as Adam was at the moment of his creation, whence they ought to imitate him in his nakedness. They detested marriage; maintaining, that the conjugal union would never have taken place upon earth had sin been unknown.

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Adamus  
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Adamson.

This obscure and ridiculous sect did not at first last long; but it was revived, with additional absurdities, in the twelfth century, by one Tandamus, since known by the name of *Tanchelin*, who propagated his errors at Antwerp, in the reign of the emperor Henry V. He maintained, that there ought to be no distinction between priests and laymen, and that fornication and adultery were meritorious actions. Tanchelin had a great number of followers, and was constantly attended by 3000 of these profligates in arms. His sect did not, however, continue long after his death: but another appeared under the name of *Turlupins*, in Savoy and Dauphiny, where they committed the most brutal actions in open day.

About the beginning of the fifteenth century, one Picard, a native of Flanders, spread these errors in Germany and Bohemia, particularly in the army of the famous Zisca, notwithstanding the severe discipline he maintained. Picard pretended that he was sent into the world as a new Adam, to re-establish the law of nature; and which, according to him, consisted in exposing every part of the body, and having all the women in common. This sect found also some partizans in Poland, Holland, and England: they assembled in the night; and it is asserted, that one of the fundamental maxims of their society was contained in the following verse:

*Jura, perjura, secretum prodere noli.*

ADAMUS, the philosopher's stone is so called by alchemists; they say it is an animal, and that it has carried its invisible *Eve* in its body, since the moment they were united by the Creator.

ADAMSHIDE, a district in the circle of Rastenburg, belonging to the king of Prussia, which, with Dombrosken, was bought, in 1737, for 42,000 dollars.

ADAMSON (Patrick) a Scottish prelate, archbishop of St Andrews. He was born in the year 1543 in the town of Perth, where he received the rudiments of his education; and afterwards studied philosophy, and took his degree of master of arts at the university of St Andrews. In the year 1566, he set out for Paris, as tutor to a young gentleman. In the month of June of the same year, Mary queen of Scots being delivered of a son, afterwards James VI. of Scotland and First of England, Mr Adamson wrote a Latin poem on the occasion. This proof of his loyalty involved him in some difficulties, having been confined in France for six months; nor would he have easily got off, had not Queen Mary, and some of the principal nobility, interested themselves in his behalf. As soon as he recovered his liberty, he retired with his pupil to Bourges. He was in this city during the massacre at Paris; and the same persecuting spirit prevailing amongst the catholics at Bourges as at the metropolis, he lived concealed for seven months in a public house, the master of which, upwards of 70 years of age, was thrown from the top thereof, and had his brains dashed out, for his charity to heretics. Whilst Mr Adamson lay thus in his sepulchre, as he called it, he wrote his Latin poetical version of the Book of Job, and his Tragedy of Herod in the same language. In the year 1573, he returned to Scotland; and, having entered into holy orders, became minister of Paisley. In the year 1575, he was appointed one of the commissioners, by the general assembly, to settle the jurisdiction and po-

licy of the church; and the following year he was named, with Mr David Lindsay, to report their proceedings to the earl of Mortoun, then regent. About this time the earl made him one of his chaplains; and, on the death of bishop Douglas, promoted him to the archiepiscopal see of St Andrew's, a dignity which brought upon him great trouble and uneasiness: for now the clamour of the presbyterian party rose very high against him, and many inconsistent absurd stories were propagated concerning him. Soon after his promotion, he published his catechism in Latin verse, a work highly approved even by his enemies; but, nevertheless, they still continued to persecute him with great violence. In 1578, he submitted himself to the general assembly, which procured him peace but for a very little time; for, the year following, they brought fresh accusations against him. In the year 1582, being attacked with a grievous disease, in which the physicians could give him no relief, he happened to take a simple medicine from an old woman, which did him service. The woman, whose name was Alison Pearson, was thereupon charged with witchcraft, and committed to prison, but escaped out of her confinement; however, about four years afterwards, she was again found and burnt for a witch. In 1583, king James came to St Andrew's; and the archbishop being much recovered, preached before him, and disputed with Mr Andrew Melvil, in presence of his Majesty, with great reputation, which drew upon him fresh calumny and persecution. The king, however, was so well pleased with him, that he sent him ambassador to Queen Elizabeth, at whose court he resided for some years. His conduct, during his embassy, has been variously reported by different authors. Two things he principally laboured, *viz.* the recommending the king his master to the nobility and gentry of England, and the procuring some support for the episcopal party in Scotland. By his eloquent preaching, he drew after him such crowds of people, and raised in their minds such a high idea of the young king his master, that queen Elizabeth forbade him to enter the pulpit during his stay in her dominions. In 1584, he was recalled, and sat in the parliament held in August at Edinburgh. The Presbyterian party was still very violent against the archbishop. A provincial synod was held at St Andrew's in April 1586: the archbishop was here accused and excommunicated: he appealed to the king and the states, but this availed him little; for the mob being excited against him, he durst scarce appear in public. At the next general assembly, a paper being produced, containing the archbishop's submission, he was absolved from the excommunication. In 1588, fresh accusations were brought against him. The year following, he published the Lamentations of the prophet Jeremiah in Latin verse; which he dedicated to the king, complaining of his hard usage. In the latter end of the same year, he published a translation of the Apocalypse, in Latin verse; and a copy of Latin verses, addressed also to his Majesty, when he was in great distress. The king, however, was so far from giving him assistance, that he granted the revenue of his see to the duke of Lennox; so that the remaining part of this prelate's life was very wretched, he having hardly subsistence for his family. He died in 1591.

ADANA, a town of Asia, in Natolia, and in the province

Adana.

Adansonia. province of Carmania. It is seated on the river Choquen; on the banks of which stands a strong little castle built on a rock. It has a great number of beautiful fountains brought from the river by means of water-works. Over the river there is a stately bridge of fifteen arches, which leads to the water-works. The climate is very pleasant and healthy, and the winter mild and serene: but the summer is so hot as to oblige the principal inhabitants to retire into the neighbouring mountains, where they spend six months among shady trees and grottoes, in a most delicious manner. The adjacent country is rich and fertile, and produces melons, cucumbers, pomegranates, pulse, and herbs of all sorts, all the year round; besides corn, wine, and fruits in their proper season. It is 30 miles east of Tarsus, on the road to Aleppo. E. long. 35. 42. N. lat. 38. 10.

ADANSONIA, ETHIOPIAN SOUR-GOURD, MONKIES-BREAD, OR AFRICAN CALABASH-TREE, a genus of the monodelphia order, belonging to the polyandria class of plants; the characters of which are: The *calyx* is a perianthium one-leav'd, half five-cleft; cup-form, (the divisions revolute), deciduous: The *corolla* consists of five petals, roundish, nerved, revolute, growing reciprocally with the claws and stamina: The *stamina* have numerous filaments, coalesced beneath into a tube, and crowning it, expanding horizontally; the antheræ kidney-form, incumbent: The *pistillum* has an egged germ; the stylus very long, tubular, variously intorted; the stigmata numerous (10) prismatic, villous, ray-expanded: The *pericarpium* is an oval capsule, woody, not gaping, ten-celled, with farinaceous pulp, the partitions membranous: The *seeds* are numerous, kidney-shaped, rather bony, and involved in a friable pulp.

There is at present but one known species belonging to this genus, the БАОБАБ, which is perhaps the largest production of the whole vegetable kingdom. It is a native of Africa.

The trunk is not above 12 or 15 feet high, but from 65 to 78 feet round. The lowest branches extend almost horizontally; and as they are about 60 feet in length, their own weight bends their extremities to the ground, and thus form an hemispherical mass of verdure of about 120 or 130 feet in diameter. The roots extend as far as the branches: that in the middle forms a pivot, which penetrates a great way into the earth; the rest spread near the surface. The flowers are in proportion to the size of the tree; and are followed by an oblong fruit, pointed at both ends, about 10 inches long, five or six broad, and covered with a kind of greenish down, under which is a ligneous rind, hard and almost black, marked with rays which divide it lengthways into sides. The fruit hangs to the tree by a pedicle two feet long and an inch diameter. It contains a whitish spongy juicy substance; with seeds of a brown colour, and shaped like a kidney-bean. The bark of this tree is nearly an inch thick, of an ash-coloured grey, greasy to the touch, bright, and very smooth: the outside is covered with a kind of varnish; and the inside is green, speckled with red. The wood is white, and very soft; the first shoots of the ear are green and downy.

The leaves of the young plants are entire, of an oblong form, about four or five inches long, and almost three broad towards the top, having several veins run-

ning from the middle rib; they are of a lucid green colour. As the plants advance in height, the leaves alter, and are divided into three parts, and afterwards into five lobes, which spread out in the shape of an hand. The tree sheds its leaves in November, and new ones begin to appear in June. It flowers in July, and the fruit ripens in October and November. It is very common in Senegal, and the Cape de Verd islands; and is found 100 leagues up the country at Gulam, and upon the sea-coast as far as Sierra Leona.

The age of this tree is perhaps no less remarkable than its enormous size. Mr Adanson relates, that in a botanical excursion to the Magdalene Islands, in the neighbourhood of Goree, he discovered some calabash-trees, from five to six feet diameter, on the bark of which were engraved or cut to a considerable depth a number of European names. Two of these names, which he was at the trouble to repair, were dated one the 14th, the other the 15th century. The letters were about six inches long, but in breadth they occupied a very small part only of the circumference of the trunk: from whence he concluded they had not been cut when these trees were young. These inscriptions, however, he thinks sufficient to determine pretty nearly the age which these calabash-trees may attain; for even supposing that those in question were cut in their early years, and that trees grew to the diameter of six feet in two centuries, as the engraved letters evince, how many centuries must be requisite to give them a diameter of 25 feet, which perhaps is not the last term of their growth! The inscribed trees mentioned by this ingenious Frenchman had been seen in 1555, almost two centuries before, by Thevet, who mentions them in the relation of his voyage to Terra Antartica or Australis. Adanson saw them in 1749.

The virtues and uses of this tree and its fruit are various. The negroes of Senegal dry the bark and leaves in the shaded air; and then reduce them to powder, which is of a pretty good green colour. This powder they preserve in bags of linen or cotton, and call it *lillo*. They use it every day, putting two or three pinches of it into a mess, whatever it happens to be, as we do pepper and salt: but their view is, not to give a relish to their food, but to preserve a perpetual and plentiful perspiration, and to temper the too great heat of the blood; purposes which it certainly answers, as several Europeans have proved by repeated experiments, preserving themselves from the epidemic fever, which, in that country, destroys Europeans like the plague, and generally rages during the months of September and October, when; the rains having suddenly ceased, the sun exhales the water left by them upon the ground, and fills the air with a noxious vapour. M. Adanson, in that critical season, made a light pisan of the leaves of the baobab, which he had gathered in the August of the preceding year, and had dried in the shade; and drank constantly about a pint of it every morning, either before or after breakfast, and the same quantity of it every evening after the heat of the sun began to abate; he also sometimes took the same quantity in the middle of the day, but this was only when he felt some symptoms of an approaching fever. By this precaution he preserved himself, during the five years he resided at Senegal, from the diarrhoea and fever, which are so fatal there,  
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**Adansonia** and which are, however, the only dangerous diseases of the place; and other officers suffered very severely, only one excepted, upon whom M. Adanson prevailed to use this remedy, which for its simplicity was despised by the rest. This ptisan alone also prevents that heat of urine which is common in these parts, from the month of July to November, provided the person abstains from wine.

The fruit is not less useful than the leaves and the bark. The pulp that envelopes the seeds has an agreeable acid taste, and is eaten for pleasure: it is also dried and powdered, and thus used medicinally in peffilential fevers, the dysentery, and bloody flux; the dose is a drachm, passed through a fine sieve, taken either in common water, or in an infusion of the plantain. This powder is brought into Europe under the name of *terra sigillata lemnia*. The woody bark of the fruit, and the fruit itself when spoiled, helps to supply the negroes with an excellent soap, which they make by drawing a ley from the ashes, and boiling it with palm-oil that begins to be rancid.

The trunks of such of these trees as are decayed, the negroes hollow out into burying places for their poets, musicians, buffoons: persons of these characters they esteem greatly while they live, supposing them to derive their superior talents from sorcery or a commerce with demons; but they regard their bodies with a kind of horror when dead, and will not give them burial in the usual manner, neither suffering them to be put into the ground, nor thrown into the sea or any river, because they imagine that the water would not then nourish the fish, nor the earth produce its fruits. The bodies shut up in these trunks become perfectly dry without rotting, and form a kind of mummies without the help of embalment.

The baobab is very distinct from the calabash-tree of America, with which it has been confounded by father Labat. See CRESCENTIA.

*Culture.* This tree is propagated from seeds, which are brought from the countries where they grow naturally. Being natives only of hot climates, the plants will not thrive in the open air in Britain, even in summer. The seeds are therefore to be sown in pots, and plunged into a hot-bed, where the plants will appear in about six weeks, and in a short time after be fit to transplant. They must then be planted each in a separate pot, in light sandy earth, and plunged into a hot-bed, shading them until they have taken root: after which they should have fresh air admitted every day in warm weather: but must be sparingly watered, as being apt to rot. They grow quickly for two or three years, but afterwards make little progress; the lower part of the stem then begins to swell, and put out lateral branches, inclining to a horizontal position, and covered with a light grey bark.—Some of this kind of plants were raised from seeds obtained from Grand Cairo by Dr William Sherard, in 1724, and were grown to the height of 18 feet; but were all destroyed by the severe frost in 1740; after which they were unknown in Britain till the return of Mr Adanson to Paris in 1754.

ADAPTERS, or ADOPTERS. See CHEMISTRY, (*Index.*)

ADAR, the name of a Hebrew month, answering to the end of February and beginning of March, the

12th of their sacred, and 6th of their civil year. On the 7th day of it, the Jews keep a feast for the death of Moses; on the 13th, they have the feast of Esther; and on the 14th, they celebrate the feast of Purim, for their deliverance from Haman's conspiracy.—As the lunar year, which the Jews followed in their calculations, is shorter than the solar by about 11 days, which at the end of three years make a month, they then intercalate a 13th month, which they call *Veadar*, or the *second Adar*.

ADARCE, a kind of concreted salts found on reeds and other vegetables, and applied by the ancients as a remedy in several cutaneous diseases.

ADARCON, in Jewish antiquity, a gold coin mentioned in scripture, worth about 15s. sterling.

ADARME, in commerce, a small weight in Spain, which is also used at Buenos-Aires, and in all Spanish America. It is the 16th part of an ounce, which at Paris is called the *demi-gros*. But the Spanish ounce is seven *per cent.* lighter than that of Paris. Stephens renders it in English by a *dram*.

ADATAIS, ADATIS, or ADATYS, in commerce, a muslin or cotton-cloth, very fine and clear, of which the piece is ten French ells long, and three quarters broad. It comes from the East-Indies; and the finest is made at Bengal.

ADCORDABILIS DENARIJ, in old law books, signify money paid by the vassal to his lord, upon the selling or exchanging of a feud.

ADCRESCENTES, among the Romans, denoted a kind of soldiery, entered into the army, but not yet put on duty; from these the standing forces were recruited. See ACCENSI.

ADDA, in geography, a river of Switzerland and Italy, which rises in mount Braulio, in the country of the Grisons, and, passing through the Valteline, traverses the lake Como and the Milanese, and falls into the Po, near Cremona.

ADDEPHAGIA, in medicine, a term used by some physicians, for gluttony, or a voracious appetite.

ADDER, in zoology, a name for the VIPER. See COLUMBER.

*ADDER-Bolts, or Adder-flies.* See LIBELLULLA.

*Sea-ADDER,* the English name of a species of SYNGNATHUS.

*Water-ADDER,* a name given to the COLUMBER. *Natrix.*

*ADDER-stung,* is used in respect of cattle, when stung with any kind of venomous reptiles, as adders, scorpions, &c. or bit by a hedge-hog or shrew.—For the cure of such bites, some use an ointment made of dragon's blood, with a little barley-meal, and the whites of eggs.

*ADDER-Wort, or Snakewood.* See POLYGONUM.

ADDEXTRATORES, in the court of Rome, the pope's mitre-bearers, so called, according to Ducange, because they walk at the Pope's right-hand when he rides to visit the churches.

ADDICE, or ADZE, a kind of crooked ax used by ship-wrights, carpenters, coopers, &c.

ADDICTI, in antiquity, a kind of slaves, among the Romans, adjudged to serve some creditor whom they could not otherwise satisfy, and whose slaves they became till they could pay or work out the debt.

ADDICTION, among the Romans, was the making

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Addiction.

Addictio, king over goods to another, either by sale, or by legal sentence; the goods so delivered were called *bona addicta*. Debtors were sometimes delivered over in the same manner: and thence called *servi addicti*.

ADDICTIO IN DIEM, among the Romans, the adjudging a thing to a person for a certain price, unless by such a day the owner, or some other, gave more for it.

ADDISON (Lancelot), son of Lancelot Addison a clergyman, was born at Mouldismeaburn, in the parish of Crosby Ravensworth in Westmorland, in the year 1632. He was educated at Queen's College, Oxford; and at the Restoration of king Charles II. accepted of the chaplainship of the garrison of Dunkirk: but that fortress being delivered up to the French in 1662, he returned to England, and was soon after made chaplain to the garrison of Tangier; where he continued seven years, and was greatly esteemed. In 1670, he returned to England, and was made chaplain in ordinary to the king; but his chaplainship of Tangier being taken from him on account of his absence, he found himself straitened in his circumstances, when he seasonably obtained the rectory of Milston in Wiltshire, worth about 120*l.* *per annum*. He afterwards became a prebendary of Sarum; took his degree of doctor of divinity at Oxford; and in 1683 was made dean of Litchfield, and the next year archdeacon of Coventry. His life was exemplary; his conversation pleasing, and greatly instructive; and his behaviour as a gentleman, a clergyman, and a neighbour, did honour to the place of his residence. He wrote, 1. A Short Narrative of the Revolutions of the Kingdoms of Fez and Morocco: 2. The present History of the Jews: 3. A Discourse on Catechising: 4. A Modest Plea for the Clergy: 5. An Introduction to the Sacrament: 6. The first State of Mahometism: and several other pieces. This worthy divine died on the 20th of April 1703, and left three sons: Joseph, the subject of the next article; Gulston, who died while governor of Fort St George; Lancelot, master of arts, and fellow of Magdalen College in Oxford; and one daughter, first married to Dr Sartre prebendary of Westminster, and afterwards to Daniel Combes, Esq.

ADDISON (Joseph), son of dean Addison the subject of the last article. He was born at Milston, near Ambresbury, in Wiltshire, on the 11th of May 1672; and not being thought likely to live, was baptized the same day. He received the first rudiments of his education at the place of his nativity, under the reverend Mr Naish; but was soon removed to Salisbury, under the care of Mr Taylor; and from thence to the charter-house, where he commenced his acquaintance with Sir Richard Steele. About fifteen, he was entered at Queen's College, Oxford, where he applied very closely to the study of classical learning, in which he made a surprising proficiency.

In the year 1687, Dr Lancaster, dean of Magdalen College, having, by chance, seen a Latin poem of Mr Addison's, was so pleased with it, that he immediately got him elected into that house, where he took up his degrees of bachelor and master of arts. His Latin pieces in the course of a few years, were exceedingly admired in both universities; nor were they less esteemed abroad, particularly by the celebrated Boileau, who is reported to have said, that he would not have written

against Perrault, had he before seen such excellent pieces by a modern hand. He published nothing in English before the twenty-second year of his age; when there appeared a short copy of verses written by him, and addressed to Mr Dryden, which procured him great reputation from the best judges. This was soon followed by a translation of the Fourth Georgic of Virgil, (omitting the story of Aristæus), much commended by Mr Dryden. He wrote also the Essay on the Georgics, prefixed to Mr Dryden's translation. There are several other pieces written by him about this time; amongst the rest, one dated the 3d of April 1694, addressed to H. S. that is, Dr Sacheverel, who became afterwards so famous, and with whom Mr Addison lived once in the greatest friendship; but their intimacy was some time after broken off by their disagreement in political principles. In the year 1695, he wrote a poem to king William on one of his campaigns, addressed to Sir John Somers lord keeper of the great seal. This gentleman received it with great pleasure, took the author into the number of his friends, and bestowed on him many marks of his favour.

Mr Addison had been closely pressed, while at the university, to enter into holy orders; and had once resolved upon it: but his great modesty, his natural diffidence, and an uncommonly delicate sense of the importance of the sacred function, made him afterwards alter his resolution; and having expressed an inclination to travel, he was encouraged thereto by his patron above-mentioned, who by his interest procured him from the crown a pension of *L.300 per annum* to support him in his travels. He accordingly made a tour to Italy in the year 1699; and, in 1701, he wrote a poetical epistle from Italy to the earl of Halifax, which has been universally esteemed as a most excellent performance. It was translated into Italian verse by the abbot Antonia Maria Salvini, Greek professor at Florence. In the year 1705, he published an account of his travels, dedicated to lord Somers; which, though at first but indifferently received, yet in a little time met with its deserved applause.

In the year 1702, he was about to return to England, when he received advice of his being appointed to attend prince Eugene, who then commanded for the emperor in Italy: but the death of king William happening soon after, put an end to this affair as well as his pension; and he remained for a considerable time unemployed. But an unexpected incident at once raised him, and gave him an opportunity of exerting his fine talents to advantage: for in the year 1704, the lord treasurer Godolphin happened to complain to lord Halifax, that the duke of Marlborough's victory at Blenheim had not been celebrated in verse in the manner it deserved; and intimated, that he would take it kindly, if his lordship, who was the known patron of the poets, would name a gentleman capable of doing justice to so elevated a subject. Lord Halifax replied, somewhat hastily, that he did know such a person, but would not mention him; adding, that long had he seen, with indignation, men of no merit maintained in luxury at the public expence, whilst those of real worth and modesty were suffered to languish in obscurity. The treasurer answered very coolly, that he was sorry there should be occasion for such an observation, but that he would do his endeavour to wipe off such reproaches for the

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A taste for operas beginning at this time to prevail in England, and many persons having solicited Mr Addison to write one, he complied with their request, and composed his Rosamond. This, however, whether from the defect of the music, or from the prejudices in favour of the Italian taste, did not succeed upon the stage; but the poetry of it has, and always will be, justly admired. About this time, Sir Richard Steele composed his comedy of the Tender Husband, to which Mr Addison wrote a prologue. Sir Richard surprised him with a dedication of this play, and acquainted the public, that he was indebted to him for some of the most excellent strokes in the performance. The marquis of Wharton, being appointed Lord Lieutenant of Ireland in 1709, took Mr Addison with him as his secretary. Her majesty also made him keeper of the records of Ireland, and, as a farther mark of her favour, considerably augmented the salary annexed to that place. Whilst he was in this kingdom, the Tatler was first published; and he discovered his friend Sir Richard Steele to be the author, by an observation on Virgil, which he had communicated to him. He afterwards assisted considerably in carrying on this paper, which the author acknowledges. The Tatler being laid down, the Spectator was set on foot, and Mr Addison furnished great part of the most admired papers. The Spectator made its first appearance in March 1711, and was brought to a conclusion in September 1712.

His celebrated Cato appeared in 1713. He formed the design of a tragedy upon this subject when he was very young, and wrote it when on his travels; he retouched it in England, without any intention of bringing it on the stage; but his friends being persuaded it would serve the cause of liberty, he was prevailed on by their solicitations, and it was accordingly exhibited on the theatre, with a prologue by Mr Pope, and an epilogue by Dr Garth. It was received with the most uncommon applause, having run thirty-five nights without interruption. The Whigs applauded

every line in which liberty was mentioned, as a satire on the Tories; and the Tories echoed every clap, to show that the satire was unfeelt. When it was printed, notice was given that the Queen would be pleased if it was dedicated to her; "but as he had designed that compliment elsewhere, he found himself obliged," says Tickell, "by his duty on the one hand, and his honour on the other, to send it into the world without any dedication." It was no less esteemed abroad, having been translated into French, Italian, and German; and it was acted at Leghorn, and several other places, with vast applause. The Jesuits of St Omers made a Latin version of it, and the students acted it with great magnificence.

About this time, another paper called the Guardian was published by Steele, to which Addison was a principal contributor. It was a continuation of the Spectator, and was distinguished by the same elegance and the same variety; but in consequence of Steele's propensity to politics, was abruptly discontinued in order to write the Englishman.

The papers of Addison are marked in the Spectator by one of the letters in the name of *Clio*, and in the Guardian by a *Hand*. Many of these papers were written with powers truly comic, with nice discrimination of characters, and accurate observation of natural or accidental deviations from propriety: but it was not supposed that he had tried a comedy on the stage, till Steele, after his death, declared him the author of "The Drummer." This, however, he did not know to be true by any cogent testimony: for when Addison put the play into his hands, he only told him it was the work of a gentleman in the company; and when it was received, as is confessed, with cold disapprobation, he was probably less willing to claim it. Tickell omitted it in his collection; but the testimony of Steele, and the total silence of any other claimant, has determined the public to assign it to Addison, and it is now printed with his other poetry. Steele carried "The Drummer" to the play-house, and afterwards to the press, and sold the copy for 50 guineas. To Steele's opinion may be added the proof supplied by the play itself, of which the characters are such as Addison would have delineated, and the tendency such as Addison would have promoted.

It is said that Mr Addison intended to have composed an English dictionary upon the plan of the Italian (*Della Crusca*), but, upon the death of the queen, being appointed secretary to the lords justices, he had not leisure to carry on such a work. When the earl of Sunderland was appointed lord lieutenant of Ireland, Mr Addison was again made secretary for the affairs of that kingdom; and upon the earl's being removed from the lieutenancy, he was chosen one of the lords of trade.

Not long afterwards an attempt was made to revive the Spectator, at a time indeed by no means favourable to literature, when the succession of a new family to the throne filled the nation with anxiety, discord, and confusion; and either the turbulence of the times or the satiety of the readers put a stop to the publication, after an experiment of 80 numbers, which were afterwards collected into an eighth volume, perhaps more valuable than any of those that went before it: Addison produced more than a fourth part.

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Before the arrival of king George he was made secretary to the regency, and was required by his office to send notice to Hanover that the queen was dead, and that the throne was vacant. To do this would not have been difficult to any man but Addison, who was so overwhelmed with the greatness of the event, and so distracted by choice of expression, that the lords, who could not wait for the niceties of criticism, called Mr Southwell, a clerk in the house, and ordered him to dispatch the message. Southwell readily told what was necessary, in the common style of business, and valued himself upon having done what was too hard for Addison.

In 1716, he married the countess dowager of Warwick, whom he had solicited by a very long and anxious courtship. He is said to have first known her by becoming tutor to her son. The marriage, if uncontradicted report can be credited, made no addition to his happiness; it neither found them nor made them equal. She always remembered her own rank, and thought herself intitled to treat with very little ceremony the tutor of her son. It is certain that Addison has left behind him no encouragement for ambitious love. The year after, 1717, he rose to his highest elevation, being made secretary of state; but is represented as having proved unequal to the duties of his place. In the house of commons he could not speak, and therefore was useless to the defence of the government. In the office he could not issue an order without losing his time in quest of fine expressions. At last, finding by experience his own inability for public business, he was forced to solicit his dismissal, with a pension of 1500*l.* a-year. Such was the account of those who were inclined to detract from his abilities; but by others his relinquishment was attributed to declining health, and the necessity of recess and quiet.

In his retirement, he applied himself to a religious work,\* which he had begun long before; part of which, scarce finished, has been printed in his works. He intended also to have given an English paraphrase of some of David's psalms. But his ailments increased, and cut short his designs. He had for some time been oppressed by an asthmatic disorder, which was now aggravated by a dropsy, and he prepared to die conformably to his precepts and professions. He sent, as Pope relates, a message by the earl of Warwick to Mr Gay, desiring to see him: Gay, who had not visited him for some time before, obeyed the summons, and found himself received with great kindness. The purpose for which the interview had been solicited was then discovered: Addison told him, that he had injured him; but that, if he recovered, he would recompense him. What the injury was he did not explain, nor did Gay ever know; but supposed that some preferment designed for him had by Addison's intervention been withheld.—Another death-bed interview, of a more solemn nature, is recorded: Lord Warwick was a young man of very irregular life, and perhaps of loose opinions. Addison, for whom he did not want respect, had very diligent-

ly endeavoured to reclaim him; but his arguments and expostulations had no effect: One experiment, however, remained to be tried. When he found his life near its end, he directed the young lord to be called; and when he desired, with great tenderness, to hear his last injunctions, told him, "I have sent for you that you may see how a Christian can die." What effect this awful scene had on the earl's behaviour is not known: he died himself in a short time. Having given directions to Mr Tickell for the publication of his works, and dedicated them on his death-bed to his friend Mr Craggs, he died June 17, 1719, at Holland-house, leaving no child but a daughter who is still living.

Addison's course of life before his marriage has been detailed by Pope. He had in the house with him Budgell, and perhaps Philips. His chief companions were Steele, Budgell, Philips, Carey, Davenant, and Colonel Brett. With one or other of these he always breakfasted. He studied all morning; then dined at a tavern, and went afterwards to Button's. From the coffeehouse he went again to the tavern, where he often sat late, and drank too much wine.

Dr Johnson, in delineating the character of Addison, observes with Tickell, that he employed wit on the side of virtue and religion. He not only made the proper use of wit himself, but taught it to others; and from his time it has been generally subservient to the cause of reason and truth. He has dissipated the prejudice that had long connected gaiety with vice, and easiness of manners with laxity of principles. He has restored virtue to its dignity, and taught innocence not to be ashamed. This is an elevation of literary character, "above all Greek, above all Roman fame." No greater felicity can genius attain than that of having purified intellectual pleasure, separated mirth from indecency, and wit from licentiousness; of having taught a succession of writers to bring elegance and gaiety to the aid of goodness; and, to use expressions yet more awful, of having "turned many to righteousness." As a describer of life and manners, he must be allowed to stand perhaps the first of the first rank. His humour, which, as Steele observes, is peculiar to himself, is so happily diffused as to give the grace of novelty to domestic scenes and daily occurrences. He never "outsteps the modesty of nature," nor raises merriment or wonder by the violation of truth. His figures neither divert by distortion, nor amaze by aggravation. He copies life with so much fidelity, that he can be hardly said to invent; yet his exhibitions have an air so much original, that it is difficult to suppose them not merely the product of imagination. As a teacher of wisdom he may be confidently followed. His religion has nothing in it enthusiastic or superstitious; he appears neither weakly credulous nor wantonly sceptical; his morality is neither dangerously lax nor impracticably rigid. All the enchantment of fancy and all the cogency of argument are employed to recommend to the reader his real interest, the care of pleasing the author of his being. Truth is shown sometimes as the phantom of a vision, sometimes appears half-veiled in an allegory; sometimes attracts regard in the robes of fancy, and sometimes steps forth in the confidence of reason. She wears a thousand dresses, and in all is pleasing.

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The Doctor, however, has related the following anecdote, which every admirer of Addison, every man of feeling, must be reluctant to believe. "Steele (says the Doctor), whose imprudence of generosity, or vanity of profusion, kept him always incurably necessitous, upon some pressing exigence, in an evil hour, borrowed an hundred pounds of his friend, probably without much purpose of repayment; but Addison, who seems to have had other notions of a hundred pounds, grew impatient of delay, and reclaimed his loan by an execution. Steele felt, with great sensibility, the obduracy of his creditor; but with emotions of sorrow rather than of anger." It is much to be wished, says Dr Kippis, that Dr. Johnson had produced his authority for this narration. It is very possible, that it may be only a story the Doctor had somewhere heard in conversation, and which is entirely groundless: "and this I am the rather inclined to believe, as I have been assured, by one of the most respectable characters in the kingdom, that the fact hath no foundation in truth." Mr Potter, in a late publication, hath informed us, that he is told by the best authority, that the story is an absolute falshood.

Mr Tyers, in "An historical Essay on Mr. Addison," printed, but not published, has mentioned some facts concerning him, with which we were not before acquainted. These are, that he was laid out for dead as soon as he was born: that, when he addressed his verses on the English poets to Henry Sacheverell, he courted that gentleman's sister: that, whenever Jacob Tonson came to him for the Spectator, Bayle's French Historical and Critical Dictionary lay always open before him: that, upon his return to England, after his travels, he discharged some old debts he had contracted at Oxford, with the generosity of good interest: that he was put into plentiful circumstances by the death of a brother in the East Indies: that, having received encouragement from a married lady, of whom he had been formerly enamoured, he had the integrity to resist the temptation: that he refused a gratification of a three hundred pounds bank-note, and afterwards a diamond-ring of the same value, from a Major Dunbar, whom he had endeavoured to serve in Ireland by his interest with lord Sunderland: and that his daughter by lady Warwick is still alive and unmarried, residing at Bilton near Rugby, and possessing an income of more than twelve hundred a-year.

The following letter, which probably relates to the case of Major Dunbar, reflects great honour on Mr Addison's integrity. "June 26. 1715. SIR, I find there is a very strong opposition formed against you; but I shall wait on my lord lieutenant this morning, and lay your case before him as advantageously as I can, if he is not engaged in other company. I am afraid what you say of his grace does not portend you any good. And now, Sir, believe me, when I assure you I never did, nor ever will, on any pretence whatsoever, take more than the stated and customary fees of my office. I might keep the contrary practice concealed from the world, were I capable of it, but I could not from myself; and I hope I shall always fear the reproaches of my own heart more than those of all mankind. In the mean time, if I can serve a gentleman of merit, and such a character as you bear in the world, the satisfaction I meet with on

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such an occasion is always a sufficient, and the only reward to, Sir, your most obedient, humble servant, J. ADDISON."—The anecdote which follows was told by the late Dr Birch. Addison and Mr Temple Stanyan were very intimate. In the familiar conversations which passed between them, they were accustomed freely to dispute each other's opinions. Upon some occasion, Mr Addison lent Stanyan five hundred pounds. After this, Mr Stanyan behaved with a timid reserve, deference, and respect; not conversing with the same freedom as formerly, or canvassing his friend's sentiments. This gave great uneasiness to Mr Addison. One day they happened to fall upon a subject, on which Mr Stanyan had always been used strenuously to oppose his opinion. But, even upon this occasion, he gave way to what his friend advanced, without interposing his own view of the matter. This hurt Mr Addison so much, that he said to Mr Stanyan, "Either contradict me, or pay me the money."

In Tickell's edition of Mr Addison's works there are several pieces hitherto unmentioned, viz. The Dissertation on Medals; which, though not published till after his death, yet he had collected the materials, and began to put them in order, at Vienna, in 1702. A pamphlet, intitled, The present State of the War, and the Necessity of an Augmentation, considered. The late Trial and Conviction of Count Tariff. The Whig Examiner came out on the 14th of September 1716: there were five of these papers attributed to Mr Addison, and they are the severest pieces he ever wrote. He is said also to have been the author of a performance intitled *Dissertatio de insignioribus Romanorum Poetis*, and of a Discourse on Ancient and Modern Learning.

ADDITAMENT, something added to another. Thus physicians call the ingredients added to a medicine already compounded, *additaments*.

ADDITION, is the joining together or uniting two or more things, or augmenting a thing by the accession of others thereto.

ADDITION, in ARITHMETIC, ALGEBRA, &c. See these articles.

ADDITION, in music, a dot marked on the right side of a note, signifying that it is to sound or lengthened half as much more as it would have been without such mark.

ADDITION, in law, is that name or title which is given to a man over and above his proper name and surname, to show of what estate, degree, or mystery he is; and of what town, village or country.

ADDITIONS of Estate or Quality, are Yeoman, Gentleman, Esquire, and such like.

ADDITIONS of Degree, are those we call names of dignity: as Knight, Lord, Earl, Marquis, and Duke.

ADDITIONS of Mystery, are such as scrivener, painter, mason, and the like.

ADDITIONS of Place, are, of Throp, of Dale, of Woodstock.—Where a man hath household in two places, he shall be said to dwell in both; so that his addition in either may suffice. Knave was anciently a regular addition. By stat. 1 Hen. V. cap. 5. it was ordained, that in such suits or actions where process of outlawry lies, such addition should be made to the name of the defendant, to show his estate, mystery, and place where he dwells; and that the writs not ha-

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ving such additions shall abate if the defendant take exception thereto; but not by the office of the court. The reason of this ordinance was, that one man might not be troubled by the outlawry of another; but by reason of the certain addition, every person might bear his own burden.

ADDITIONS, in distilling, a name given to such things as are added to the wash, or liquor, while in a state of fermentation, in order to improve the vinosity of the spirit, procure a larger quantity of it, or give it a particular flavour. All things, of whatever kind, thus added in the time of fermentation, are called by those of the business who speak most intelligently *additions*; but many confound them with things of a very different nature, under the name of *ferments*. See DISTILLING.

ADDITIONS, in heraldry, some things added to a coat of arms, as marks of honour; and therefore directly opposite to abatements. Among additions we reckon BORDURE, QUARTER, CANTON, GYRON, PILE, &c. See these articles.

ADDRESS, in a general sense, is used for skill and good management, and of late has been adopted from the French. It is used also in commerce, as synonymous with direction to a person or place. The word is formed of the French verb *adresser*, *To direct any thing to a person*.

ADDUCENT MUSCLES, or ADDUCTORS, in anatomy, those muscles which pull one part of the body towards another. See ANATOMY, *Table of the Muscles*.

ADEB, in commerce, the name of a large Egyptian weight, used principally for rice, and consisting of 210 okes, each of three rotolos, a weight of about two drams less than the English pound. But this is no certain weight; for at Rosetto the adeb is only 150 okes.

ADEL, a kingdom on the eastern coast of Africa, which reaches as far as the straits of Babelmandel, which unite the Red Sea to the Sea of Arabia. This country produces corn, and feeds a great number of cattle. The inhabitants carry on a trade in gold, silver, ivory, oil, frankincense, a sort of pepper, and other merchandises of Arabia and the Indies. The king was formerly a vassal to the grand negus of Abyssinia: but being Mahometans, and the Abyssinians a sort of Christians, they could not agree; and in 1535 came to an open rupture, when the Adelines threw off the yoke, seeking protection from the Grand Signior. The principal places are, Adela, seated in the centre of the country, and is the town where the king resides: Zeila, near the Arabian Sea, is a rich town, and has a good trade: Barbora, near the sea-coast, is an ancient trading town. It rains very seldom in this country.

ADELIA, a genus of the monadelphia order, belonging to the diœcia class of plants; the characters of which are; The *MALE calyx* is a perianthium one-leaved, three-parted; the florets subblanced and concave: No *corolla*: The *stamina* consist of many capillary filaments the length of the calyx, conjoined at the base in a cylinder; the antheræ are roundish. The *FEMALE calyx* is a five-leaved perianthium; the leaflets subblanced, concave, persistent: No *corolla*: The *pistillum* has a roundish germen; the styli are three, short, and divaricated; the stigmata lacerated: The *perianthium* is a three-grained, roundish, three-celled capsule: The *seeds* are solitary and roundish. In the natural

method, this genus belongs to the 38th order, Tricoccæ. Of this genus there are three species; the *bernardia*, the *ricinella*, and *acidoton*, for which we have no proper names in English. They are natives of Jamaica, and are akin to the ricinus or croton, and may be propagated in hot-beds from seeds procured from Jamaica.

ADELME, or ALDHELM, son to Kenred, nephew to Ina king of the West-Saxons; after having been educated abroad, was abbot of Malmesbury 30 years. He was the first Englishman who wrote in Latin, the first who brought poetry into England, and the first bishop of Sherburn. He lived in great esteem till his death, which happened in 709. He was canonized, and many miracles were told of him. He is mentioned with great honour by Camden and Bayle, and his life was written by William of Malmesbury.

ADELPHIANI, in church-history, a sect of ancient heretics, who fasted always on Sundays.

ADELSCALC, in ancient customs, denotes a servant of the king. The word is also written *adelscalche*, and *adelscalcus*. It is compounded of the German *adel*, or *edel*, "noble," and *scalc*, "servant." Among the Bavarians, *adelscales* appear to have been the same with royal *thanes* among the Saxons, and those called *ministri regis* in ancient charters.

ADEMPATION, in the civil law, implies the revocation of a grant, donation, or the like.

ADEN, formerly a rich and considerable town of Arabia the Happy. It is seated by the sea-side, a little eastward of the straits of Babelmandel.

ADENANTHERA, BASTARD FLOWER-FENCE, a genus of the monogynia order, belonging to the decandria class of plants. In the natural method, it belongs to the 33d order, *Lomentacæ*. The characters are: The *calyx* is a perianthium consisting of one very small five-toothed leaf. The *corolla* consists of five bell-shaped lanceolate sessile petals, convex within and concave under. The *stamina* have ten erect subulated filaments shorter than the corolla; the antheræ are roundish, incumbent, bearing a globular gland on the exterior top. The *pistillum* has a long gibbous germen; the stylus subulated the length of the stamina; the stigma simple. The *pericarpium* is a long compressed membranous legumen. The *seeds* are very numerous, roundish, and remote.

Only one species of this plant is known in Britain: but there is a variety, with scarlet seeds; which, however, is rare, and grows very slowly. It is a native of India, and rises to a considerable height. It is as large as the tamarind tree; spreads its branches wide on every side, and makes a fine shade; for which reason, it is frequently planted by the inhabitants in their gardens or near their habitations. The leaves of this tree are doubly winged, the flowers of a yellow colour, and disposed in a long bunch. These are succeeded by long twisted membranaceous pods, inclosing several hard compressed seeds, of a beautiful scarlet, or shining black, colour. This plant must be raised in a hot-bed, and kept during the winter in a stove.

ADENBURG, or ALDENBURG, a town of Westphalia, and in the duchy of Burg, subject to the Elector Palatine. It is 12 miles N. E. of Cologne, and 17 W. of Bonn; E. long. 7. 25. lat. 51. 2.

ADENOGRAPHY, that part of anatomy which treats of the glandular parts. See ANATOMY.

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*Adenoides*, ADENOIDES, glandulous, or of a glandular form; an epithet applied to the PROSTATÆ.

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*Adhatoda*. ADENOLOGY, the same with Adenography.

ADENOS, a kind of cotton, otherwise called *marine cotton*. It comes from Aleppo by the way of Marfeilles, where it pays 20 per cent. duty.

ADEONA, in mythology, the name of a goddess invoked by the Romans when they set out upon a journey.

ADEPHAGIA, in mythology, the goddess of gluttony, to whom the Sicilians paid religious worship.

ADEPS, in anatomy, the fat found in the abdomen. It also signifies animal fat of any kind.

ADEPTS, a term among alchemists for those who pretended to have found the panacea or philosopher's-stone.

ADERBIJAN, a province of Persia, bounded on the N. by Armenia Proper, on the S. by Irac-Agemi, on the E. by Ghilan, and on the W. by Curdistan. The principal town is Tauris; from 42. to 48. E. long. from 36. to 39. lat.

ADERNO, a small place in the Val Di Demona in the kingdom of Sicily: E. long. 15. 25. lat. 28. 5. The ancient ADRANUM.

ADES, or HADES, denotes the invisible state. In the heathen mythology, it comprehends all those regions that lie beyond the river Styx, viz. Erebus, Tartarus, and Elysium. See HELL.

ADESSENARIANS, ADESSENARII, in church-history, a sect of Christians who hold the real presence of Christ's body in the Eucharist, though not by way of transubstantiation. They differ considerably as to this presence; some holding that the body of Christ is in the bread; others that it is about the bread; and others that it is under the bread.

ADFILIATION, a Gothic custom, whereby the children of a former marriage are put upon the same footing with those of the second. This is also called *unio prolium*, and still retained in some parts of Germany.

AD FINES (Antonine), a town of Switzerland, supposed to be the modern *Pfin*, in the north of the district of Turgow, on the rivulet Thur, not far from the borders of Suabia, about half-way between Constance and Frauenfeld. So called, because when Cæcina, general of the emperor Vitellius, with the auxiliary Rhetians, defeated the Helvetii, the former extended their borders thus far, their territory ending here; and, in time of the Romans, it was the last town in this quarter, and of some repute.

ADHA, a festival which the Mahometans celebrate on the 10th day of the month *Dhoulhegiat*, which is the 12th and last of their year. This month being particularly destined for the ceremonies which the pilgrims observe at Mecca, it takes its name from thence, for the word signifies *the month of Pilgrimage*. On that day they sacrifice with great solemnity, at Mecca, and no where else, a sheep, which is called by the same name as the festival itself. The Turks commonly call this festival the *Great Bairam*, to distinguish it from the lesser, which ends their fast, and which the Christians of the Levant call the *Easter of the Turks*. The Mahometans celebrate this festival, out of the city of Mecca, in a neighbouring valley; and sometimes they sacrifice there a camel. See BAIRAM.

ADHATODA, in botany. See JUSTICIA.

ACTION OF ADHERENCE, in Scots law; an action competent to a husband or wife, to compel either party to adhere in case of desertion. Action of adherence

ADHESION, in a general sense, implies the sticking or adhering of bodies together. Adjazzo.

ADHESION, in philosophy. See COHESION.

ADHESION, in anatomy, a term for one part sticking to another, which in a natural state are separate. For the most part, if any of those parts in the thorax or belly lie in contact, and inflame, they grow together. The lungs very frequently adhere to the pleura.

ADHIL, in astronomy, a star of the sixth magnitude, upon the garment of Andromeda, under the last star in her foot.

ADHOA, in ancient customs, denotes what we otherwise call *relief*. In which sense we sometimes also find the word written *adoha*, *adhoamentum*, and *adho-gamentum*.

ADIANTHUM, MAIDEN-HAIR; a genus of the order of filices, belonging to the cryptogamia class of plants. The fructifications are collected in oval spots under the reflected tops of the fronds.

*Species.* Of this genus botanical writers enumerate fifteen species; the most remarkable are the following. 1. The capillus veneris, or true maiden-hair, is a native of the southern parts of France, from whence it is sent to Britain; though it is likewise said to grow plentifully in Cornwall, and the Trichomanes has been almost universally substituted for it. 2. The pedatum, or American maiden-hair, is a native of Canada; and grows in such quantities, that the French send it from thence in package for other goods, and the apothecaries of Paris use it for maiden-hair in the compositions wherein that is ordered. 3. The trapeziforme, or black American maiden-hair, is a native of Jamaica; and has shining black stalks, and leaves of an odd shape, which make an agreeable variety among other plants, so is sometimes cultivated in gardens.

*Culture.* The first species grows naturally out of the joints of walls, and fissures of rocks. It ought therefore to be planted in pots filled with gravel and lime-rubbish; where it will thrive much better than in good earth. It must also be sheltered under a frame during the winter.—The second is to be treated in the same manner; but the third will not thrive in Britain, unless kept in a stove during the winter.

*Properties.* The true maiden-hair has been greatly celebrated in disorders of the breast proceeding from a thinness and acrimony of the juices; and likewise for opening obstructions of the viscera, and promoting the expectoration of tough phlegm. But modern practice pays little regard to it; the asplenium trichomanes, or English maiden-hair, supplying its place. See ASPLENIUM.

ADIAPHORISTS, in church-history, a name importing lukewarmness, given, in the 16th century, to the moderate Lutherans, who embraced the opinions of Melancthon, whose disposition was vastly more pacific than that of Luther.

ADIAPHOROUS, ADIAPHORUS, a name given by Mr Boyle to a kind of spirit distilled from tartar and some other vegetable bodies; and which is neither acid, vinous, nor urinous; but in many respects different from any other sort of spirit.

ADJAZZO, ADRAZZO, or AJACCIO, in geography,

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a handsome town and castle of Corsica in the Mediterranean, with a bishop's see, and a good harbour. It is populous, and fertile in wine. It is 27 miles S. W. of Corte. E. long. 41. 54. lat. 38. 5.

ADJECTIVE, in grammar, a kind of noun joined with a substantive, either expressed or implied, to show its qualities or accidents. See GRAMMAR.

ADIGE, a river in Italy, which taking its rise south of the lake Glace among the Alps, runs south by Trent, then east by Verona in the territory of Venice, and falls into the gulph of Venice, north of the mouth of the Po.

ADJOURNMENT, the putting off a court, or other meeting to another day. In England, there is a difference between the adjournment and the prorogation of the parliament; the former being not only for a shorter time, but also done by the house itself; whereas the latter is an act of royal authority.

ADIPOSE, a term used by anatomists for any cell, membrane, &c. that is remarkable for its fatness.

ADIRBEITSAN, in geography, a province of Persia, in Asia, and part of the ancient Media. It is bounded on the N. by the province of Shirvan, on the S. by Irac-Agemi and Curdistan, on the E. by Gilan and the Caspian sea, and on the W. by Turcomania.

ADIT, in a general sense, the passage to, or entrance of, any thing.

*ADIT of a Mine*, the hole, or aperture, whereby it is entered and dug, and by which the water and ores are carried away. The term amounts to the same with *cuniculus* or *drift*, and is distinguished from *air-shaft*. The adit is usually made on the side of a hill, towards the bottom thereof, about four, five, or six feet high, and eight wide, in form of an arch; sometimes cut in the rock, and sometimes supported with timber, so constructed as that the sole or bottom of the adit may answer to the bottom of the shaft, only somewhat lower, that the water may have a sufficient current to pass away without the use of the pump. Damps and the impurity of the air are the great impediments against driving adits above 20 or 30 fathoms, by reason of the necessity, in this case, of letting down air-shafts from the day to meet the adit, which are often very expensive, both on account of the great depth of mines, and the hardness of the mineral strata to be cut through. The best remedies against this is that practised in the coal-mines near Liege, where they work their adits without air-shafts: the manner of which is described by Sir Robert Moray. Vid. Phil. Trans. N<sup>o</sup>. 5.

*ADIT of a Mine* is sometimes used for the air-shaft itself, being a hole driven perpendicularly from the surface of the earth into some part of a mine to give entrance to the air. To draw off the standing water in winter, in deep mines, they drive up an adit, or air-shaft, upon which the air disengages itself from the water, when it begins to run with such violence as produces a noise equal to the bursting of a cannon, dashes every thing in the way against the sides of the mine, and loosens the very rocks at a distance. Ibid. N<sup>o</sup>. 26.

ADJUDICATION, implies the act of adjudging, or determining, a cause in favour of some person.

ADJUDICATION, in Scots law, the name of that action by which a creditor attaches the heritable estate of his debtor, or his debtor's heir, in order to appropriate it to himself, either in payment or security of his

debt; or that action by which the holder of an heritable right, labouring under any defect in point of form, may supply that defect.

ADJUNCT, among philosophers, signifies something added to another, without being any necessary part of it. Thus water absorbed by cloth or a sponge, is an adjunct, but no necessary part of either of these substances.

ADJUNCT, in metaphysics, some quality belonging to either the body or mind, whether natural or acquired. Thus thinking is an adjunct of the mind, and growth an adjunct of the body.

ADJUNCT, in music, a word which is employed to denominate the connection or relation between the principal mode and the modes of its two-fifths, which, from the intervals that constitute the relation between them and it, are called its *adjuncts*.

ADJUNCT is also used to signify a colleague, or some person associated with another as an assistant.

*ADJUNCT Gods*, or *ADJUNCTS of the Gods*, among the Romans, were a kind of inferior deities, added as assistants to the principal ones, to ease them in their functions. Thus, to Mars was adjoined Bellona, and Nemesis to Neptune, Salacia; to Vulcan, the Cabiri; to the Good Genius, the Lares; to the Evil, the Lemures, &c.

ADJUNCTS, in rhetoric and grammar, signify certain words or things added to others, to amplify or augment the force of the discourse.

ADJUNCTS or ADJOINTS, in the royal academy of sciences at Paris, denote a class of members, attached to the pursuit of particular sciences. The class of *Adjuncts* was created in 1716, in lieu of the *Eleves*: they are twelve in number; two for geometry, two for mechanics, two for astronomy, two for anatomy, two for chemistry, and two for botany. The *Eleves* not taken into this establishment were admitted on the foot of supernumerary *Adjuncts*.

ADJUTANT, in the military art, is an officer whose business it is to assist the major. Each battalion of foot and regiment of horse has an adjutant, who receives the orders every night from the brigade-major; which, after carrying them to the colonel, he delivers out to the serjeants. When detachments are to be made, he gives the number to be furnished by each company or troop, and assigns the hour and place of rendezvous. He also places the guards; receives, and distributes the ammunition to the companies, &c.; and, by the major's orders, regulates the prices of bread, beer, and other provisions. The word is sometimes used by the French for an *aid-du-camp*.

*ADJUTANTS-general*, among the jesuits, a select number of fathers, who resided with the general of the order, each of whom had a province or country assigned him, as England, Holland, &c. and their business was to inform the father-general of state-occurrences in such countries. To this end they had their correspondents delegated, emissaries, visitors, regents, provincials, &c.

ADJUTORIUM, a term used by physicians for any medicine in a prescription but the capital one.

ADLE-EGGS, such as have not received an impregnation from the semen of the cock.

ADLEGATION, in the public law of the German empire, a right claimed by the states of the empire of adjoin-

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Adlegation

**Adlocution** adjoining plenipotentiaries, in public treaties and negotiations, to those of the emperor, for the transaction of matters which relate to the empire in general. In which sense *adlegation* differs from *legation*, which is the right of sending ambassadors on a person's own account.—Several princes and states of the empire enjoy the right of *legation*, who have not that of *adlegation*, and *vice versa*. The bishops, for instance, have the right of *adlegation* in the treaties which concern the common interest, but no right of *legation* for their own private affairs. The like had the duke of Mantua.—The emperor allows the princes of Germany the privilege of *legation*, but disputes that of *adlegation*. They challenge it as belonging to them *jure regni*, which they enjoy in common with the emperor himself.

**ADLOCUTION**, **ADLOCUTIO**, in antiquity, is chiefly understood of speeches made by Roman generals to their armies, to encourage them before a battle. We frequently find these adlocutions expressed on medals by the abbreviature **ADLOCUT. CON.**—The general is sometimes represented as seated on a tribunal, often on a bank or mount of turf, with the cohorts ranged orderly round him, in *manipuli*, and *turmae*. The usual formula in adlocutions was, *Fortis esset ac fidus*.

**ADMANUENSES**, in ancient law books, denote persons who swore by laying their hands on the book.—In which sense *admanuenses* amount to the same with laymen; and stand opposed to clerks, who were forbid to swear on the book, their word being to be reputed as their oath; whence they were also denominated *fide digni*.

**ADMEASUREMENT**, **ADMENSURATIO**, in law, a writ which lies for the bringing those to reason, or mediocrity, who usurp more of any thing than their share. This writ lies in two cases; termed,

*ADMEASUREMENT of Dower*, *Admensuratio dotis*, where the widow of the deceased holds more from the heir, or his guardian, on account of her dower, than of right belongs to her. And

*ADMEASUREMENT of Pasture*, *Admensuratio pasturæ*; this lies between those who have common of pastures appendant to their freehold, or common by vicinage, in case any of them surcharge the common with more cattle than they ought.

**ADMINICLE**, a term used chiefly in old law-books, to imply an aid, help, assistance, or support. The word is Latin, *adminiculum*; and derived from *adminiculator*, to prop or support.

**ADMINICLE**, in Scots law, signifies any writing or deed referred to by a party, in an action of law, for proving his allegations.

**ADMINICULATOR**, an ancient officer of the church, whose business it was to attend to and defend the cause of the widows, orphans, and others destitute of help.

**ADMINISTRATION**, in general, the government, direction, or management of affairs, and particularly the exercise of distributive justice; among ecclesiastics, it is often used to express the giving or dispensing the sacraments, &c.

**ADMINISTRATION**, is also the name given by the Spaniards in Peru to the staple magazine, or warehouse, established at Callao, a small town on the S. Sea, which is the port of Lima, the capital of that part of South America, and particularly of Peru. The foreign ships,

which have leave to trade along that coast, are obliged to unload here, paying 13 *per cent.* of the price they sell for, if the cargo be entire, and even 16 *per cent.* if otherwise; besides which, they pay 3 *per 1000*, duty, for consulship and some other small royal rights and claims.

**ADMINISTRATOR**, in law, he to whom the ordinary commits the administration of the goods of a person deceased, in default of an executor.—An action lies for, or against an administrator, as for, or against an executor; and he shall be accountable to the value of the goods of the deceased, and no farther:—unless there be waste, or other abuse chargeable on him. If the administrator die, his executors are not administrators; but the court is to grant a new administration.—If a stranger, who is neither administrator nor executor, takes the goods of the deceased, and administers, he shall be charged, and sued as an executor, not as an administrator. The origin of administrators is derived from the civil law. Their establishment in England is owing to a statute made in the 31st year of Edw. III. Till then, no office of this kind was known beside that of executor: in case of a want of which, the ordinary had the disposal of goods of persons intestate, &c.

**ADMINISTRATOR**, in Scots law, a person legally empowered to act for another whom the law presumes incapable of acting for himself. Thus tutors or curators are sometimes styled *administrators in law* to pupils, minors, or fatuous persons. But more generally the term is used to imply that power which is conferred by the law upon a father over the persons and estates of his children during their minority. See **LAW**, N° clxi.

**ADMINISTRATOR**, is sometimes used for the president of a province; for a person appointed to receive, manage, and distribute, the revenues of an hospital or religious house; for a prince who enjoys the revenues of a secularized bishopric; and for the regent of a kingdom during a minority of the prince, or a vacancy of the throne.

**ADMIRABILIS SAL**, the same with **GLAUBER'S** salt. See **CHEMISTRY**, N° 124.

**ADMIRAL**, a great officer or magistrate, who has the government of a navy, and the hearing of all maritime causes.

Authors are divided with regard to the origin and denomination of this important officer, whom we find established in most kingdoms that border on the sea. But the most probable opinion is that of Sir Henry Spelman, who thinks, that both the name and dignity were derived from the Saracens, and, by reason of the holy wars, brought into Europe; for *admiral*, in the Arabian language, signifies a prince, or chief ruler, and was the ordinary title of the governors of cities, provinces, &c. and therefore they called the commander of the navy by that name, as a name of dignity and honour. And indeed there are no instances of admirals in any part of Europe before the year 1284, when Philip of France, who had attended St Lewis in the wars against the Saracens, created an admiral. Du Cange assures us, that the Sicilians were the first, and the Genoese the next, who gave the denomination of *Admiral* to the commander of their naval armaments; and that they took it from the Saracen or Arabic *Emir*, a general name for every commanding officer. As for the exact time when the word was introduced in England, it is uncertain; some think it was in the reign of Edward I.

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Admiral. Edward I. Sir Henry Spelman is of opinion that it was first used in the reign of Henry III. because neither the laws of Oleron made in 1266, nor Bracton, who wrote about that time, make any mention of it; and that the term *admiral* was not used by a charter in the eighth of Henry III. wherein he granted this office to Richard de Lacey, by these words *Maritiman Angliæ*; but in the 56th year of the same reign, not only the historians, but the charters themselves, very frequently mention the word *admiral*.

Anciently there were generally three or four admirals appointed in the English seas, all of them holding the office *durante bene placito*; and each of them having particular limits under their charge and government; as admirals of the fleet of ships, from the mouth of the Thames northward, southward, or westward. Besides these, there were admirals of the Cinque Ports, as in the reign of Edward III. when one William Latimer was styled *admiralis quinque portuum*; and we sometimes find that one person has been admiral of the fleets to the southward, northward, and westward: but the title of *admiralis Angliæ* was not frequent till the reign of Henry IV. when the king's brother had that title given him, which in all commissions afterwards was granted to the succeeding admirals. It may be observed, that there was a title above that of admiral of England, which was *locum-tenens regis super mare*, the king's lieutenant-general of the sea; this title we find mentioned in the reign of Richard II.—Before the use of the word *admiral* was known, the title of *custos maris* was made use of.

*Lord High ADMIRAL of England*, in some ancient records called *capitanus maritimarum*, an officer of great antiquity and trust, as appears by the laws of Oleron, so denominated from the place they were made at by Richard I. The first title of *Admiral of England*, expressly conferred upon a subject, was given by patent of Richard II. to Richard Fitz-Allen, jun. earl of Arundel and Surry; for those who before enjoyed this office were simply termed *admirals*, though their jurisdiction seems as large, especially in the reign of Edward III. when the court of admiralty was first erected.

This great officer has the management of all maritime affairs, and the government of the royal navy, with power of decision in all maritime cases both civil and criminal: he judges of all things done upon or beyond the sea, in any part of the world; upon the sea-coasts, in all ports and havens, and upon all rivers below the first bridge from the sea. By him, vice-admirals, rear-admirals, and all sea-captains, are commissioned; all deputies for particular coasts, and coroners to view dead bodies found on the sea-coasts, or at sea: he also appoints the judges for his court of admiralty, and may imprison, release, &c. All ports and havens are *infra corpus comitatus*, and the admiral hath no jurisdiction of any thing done on them. Between high and low water-mark, the common-law and the high-admiral have jurisdiction by turns, one upon the water, and the other upon the land.

The lord-admiral has power, not only over the seamen serving in his ships of war, but over all other seamen, to arrest them for the service of the state; and, if any of them run away, without leave of the admiral, he hath power to make a record thereof, and certify the same to the sheriffs, mayors, bailiffs, &c. who shall cause them to be apprehended and imprisoned.

To the lord high-admiral belong all penalties and amercements of all transgressions at sea, on the sea-shore, in ports and havens, and all rivers below the first bridge from the sea; the goods of pirates and felons condemned or enslaved, sea-wrecks, goods floating on the sea, or cast on the shore (not granted to lords of manors adjoining to the sea), and a share of lawful prizes; also all great fishes, commonly called *royal fishes*, except whales and sturgeons: to which add, a salary of 7000*l.* a-year.

In short, this is so great an office, in point of trust, honour, and profit, that it has been usually given to princes of the blood, or the most eminent persons among the nobility. There has been no high admiral for some years; the office being put in commission, or under the administration of the lords commissioners of the admiralty, who by statute have the same power and authority as the lord high admiral.

*Lord High ADMIRAL of Scotland*, one of the great officers of the crown, and supreme judge in all maritime cases within that part of Britain. See LAW, Part III. N<sup>o</sup> clvii. 15.

ADMIRAL, also implies the commander in chief of any single fleet or squadron; or, in general, any flag-officer whatever. The commander of a fleet carries his flag at the main-top-mast head.

*Vice ADMIRAL*, is the commander of the second squadron, and carries his flag at the fore-top-mast head.

*Rear ADMIRAL*, is the commander of the third squadron, and carries his flag at the mizen-top-mast head.

*Vice ADMIRAL*, is also an officer appointed by the lords commissioners of the admiralty. There are several of these officers established in different parts of Great Britain, with judges and marshals under them, for executing jurisdiction within their respective limits. Their decrees, however, are not final, an appeal lying to the court of admiralty in London.

ADMIRAL is also an appellation given to the most considerable ship of a fleet of merchant-men, or of the vessels employed in the cod-fishery of Newfoundland. This last has the privilege of choosing what place he pleases on the shore to dry his fish; gives proper orders, and appoints the fishing-places to those who come after him; and as long as the fishing season continues, he carries a flag on his main-mast.

ADMIRAL, in zoology, the English name of a species of the voluta, a shell-fish belonging to the order of vermes testacea. See VOLUTA.

ADMIRALTY properly signifies the office of lord high-admiral, whether discharged by one single person, or by joint commissioners called *lords of the admiralty*.

*Court of ADMIRALTY*, is a sovereign court held by the lord high-admiral, or lords of the admiralty, where cognizance is taken in all maritime affairs, whether civil or criminal.—All crimes committed on the high-seas, or on great rivers below the first bridge next the sea, are cognizable in this court only, and before which they must be tried by judge and jury. But in civil cases the mode is different, the decisions being all made according to the civil law. From the sentences of the admiralty-judge an appeal always lay, in ordinary course, to the king in chancery, as may be collected from statute 25 Henry VIII. c. 19. which directs the appeal from the archbishop's courts to be determined by persons named in the king's commission, "like as in  
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**Admiralty** "case of appeal from the admiral-court." But this is also expressly declared by statute 8 Eliz. c. 5. which enacts, that upon an appeal made to the chancery, the sentence definitive of the delegates appointed by commission shall be final.

Appeals from the vice-admiralty courts in America, and other plantations and settlements, may be brought before the courts of admiralty in England, as being a branch of the admiral's jurisdiction, tho' they may also be brought before the king in council. But in case of prize-vessels, taken in time of war, in any part of the world, and condemned in any courts of admiralty or vice-admiralty as lawful prize, the appeal lies to certain *commissioners of appeals* consisting chiefly of the privy council, and not to judges delegates. And this by virtue of divers treaties with foreign nations, by which particular courts are established in all the maritime countries of Europe for the decision of this question, Whether lawful prize or not? for this being a question between subjects of different states, it belongs entirely to the law of nations, and not to the municipal laws of either country, to determine it.

*Court of ADMIRALTY* in Scotland. See LAW, Part III. N<sup>o</sup> clvii. 15.

*ADMIRALTY Islands*, lie in about 2° 18' S. Lat. and 146° 44' E. Long. There are between 20 and 30 islands said to be scattered about here, one of which alone would make a large kingdom. Captain Carteret, who first discovered them, was prevented touching at them, although their appearance was very inviting, on account of the condition of his ship, and of his being entirely unprovided with the articles of barter which suit an Indian trade. He describes them as clothed with a beautiful verdure of woods, lofty and luxuriant, interspersed with spots that have been cleared for plantations, groves of cocoa nut-trees, and houses of the natives, who seem to be very numerous. The largest of these islands is 18 leagues long in the direction of east and west. The discoverer thinks it highly probable that these islands produce several valuable articles of trade, particularly spices, as they lie in the same climate and latitude as the Moluccas.

**ADMONITION**, in ecclesiastical affairs, a part of discipline much used in the ancient church. It was the first act, or step, towards the punishment or expulsion of delinquents. In case of private offences, it was performed according to the evangelical rule, privately: in case of public offence, openly, before the church. If either of those sufficed for the recovery of the fallen person, all further proceedings in the way of censure ceased; if they did not, recourse was had to excommunication.

*ADMONITIO Fustium*, among the Romans, a military punishment, not unlike our whipping, only it was performed with vine-branches.

**ADMORTIZATION**, in the fental customs, the reduction of the property of lands or tenements to mortmain. See **MORTMAIN**.

**ADNATA**, in anatomy, one of the coats of the eye, which is also called *conjunctiva* and *albuginea*.

**ADNATA**, is also used for any hair, wool, or the like, which grows upon animals or vegetables.

**ADNATA**, or *Adnascentia*, among gardeners, denote those off-sets, which, by a new germination under the earth, proceed from the lily, narcissus, hyacinth, and other flowers, and after wards grow to true roots. The

French call them *cayoux*, "stalks."

**ADNOUN**, is used by some grammarians to express what we more usually call an Adjective. The word is formed by way of analogy to adverb; in regard adjectives have much the same office and relation to nouns that adverbs have to verbs. Bishop Wilkins uses the word *adname* in another sense, viz: for what we otherwise call a preposition.

**ADOLESCENCE**, the state of growing youth; or that period of a person's age commencing from his infancy, and terminating at his full stature or manhood. The word is formed of the Latin *adolescere*, to grow.—The state of adolescence lasts so long as the fibres continue to grow, either in magnitude or firmness. The fibres being arrived at the degree of firmness and tension sufficient to sustain the parts, no longer yield or give way to the efforts of the nutritious matter to extend them; so that their farther accretion is stopped, from the very law of their nutrition. Adolescence is commonly computed to be between 15 and 25, or even 30 years of age; though in different constitutions its terms are very different.—The Romans usually reckoned it from 12 to 25 in boys; and to 21 in girls, &c. And yet, among their writers, *juvenis* and *adolescens* are frequently used indifferently for any person under 45 years.

**ADOLLAM**, or **ODOLLAM** (anc. geog.), a town in the tribe of Judah, to the east of Eleutheropolis. David is said to have hid himself in a cave near this town, (Bible.)

**ADON**, a populous village in the province of Stuhl-Weissenberg, belonging to Hungary. It lies in a fruitful country, towards the river Danube. Long, 19. 20. Lat. 47. 30.

**ADONAI**, one of the names of the Supreme Being in the scriptures. The proper meaning of the word is *my lords*, in the plural number; as *Adoni* is *my lord*, in the singular. The Jews, who either out of respect, or superstition, do not pronounce the name of *Jehovah*, read *Adonai* in the room of it, as often as they meet with *Jehovah* in the Hebrew text. But the ancient Jews were not so scrupulous; nor is there any law which forbids them to pronounce the name of God. Calmet.

**ADONIA**, in antiquity, solemn feasts in honour of Venus, and in memory of her beloved Adonis. The Adonia were observed with great solemnity by most nations; Greeks, Phœnicians, Lycians, Syrians, Egyptians, &c. From Syria, they are supposed to have passed into India. The prophet Ezekiel\* is understood \* Ch. viii. to speak of them. They were still observed at Alexan- 14. dria in the time of St Cyril; and at Antioch in that of Julian the apostate, who happened to enter that city during the solemnity, which was taken for an ill omen. The Adonia lasted two days: on the first of which certain images of Venus and Adonis were carried, with all the pomp and ceremonies practised at funerals; the women wept, tore their hair, beat their breasts, &c. imitating the cries and lamentations of Venus for the death of her paramour. This lamentation they called *Adoniaσμος*. The Syrians were not contented with weeping, but gave themselves discipline, shaved their heads, &c. Among the Egyptians, the queen herself used to carry the image of Adonis in procession. St Cyril mentions an extraordinary ceremony practised by the Alexandrians: A letter was written to the women of Bybulas, to inform them that Adonis,

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**Adonides, Adonis.** Adonis was found again: this letter was thrown into the sea, which (it was pretended) did not fail punctually to convey it to Bybulus in seven days; upon the receipt of which, the Byblian women ceased their mourning, sung his praises, and made rejoicings as if he were raised to life again: Or rather, according to Meursius, the two officers of mourning and rejoicing made two distinct feasts, which were held at different times of the year, the one six months after the other; Adonis being supposed to pass half the year with Proserpine, and half with Venus.—The Egyptian Adonia are said to have been held in memory of the death of Osiris; by others, of his sickness and recovery. Bishop Patrick dates their origin from the slaughter of the first-born under Moses.

**ADONIDES**, in botany, a name given to botanists who described or made catalogues of plants cultivated in any particular place.

**ADONIS**, son to Cinyras king of Cyprus, the darling of the goddess Venus: being killed by a wild boar in the Indian woods, he was turned into a flower of a blood-colour, supposed to be the Anemone. Venus was inconsolable; and no grief was ever more celebrated than this, most nations having perpetuated the memory of it by a train of anniversary ceremonies.\* Among Shakespeare's poems, is a long one on the subject of Venus's affection for Adonis.

\* See *Adonia*.

The text of the vulgate in Ezekiel, viii. 14. says, that this prophet saw women sitting in the temple, and weeping for Adonis: but according to the reading of the Hebrew text, they are said to weep for Tammuz, or the *hidden one*. Among the Egyptians, Adonis was adored under the name of Osiris the husband of Isis. But he was sometimes called by the name of Ammuz, or Tammuz, *the concealed*, to denote probably his death or burial. The Hebrews, in derision, call him sometimes the *dead*, Psal. cvi. 28. and Lev. xix. 28. because they wept for him, and represented him as one dead in his coffin; and at other times, they call him the image of jealousy, Ezek. viii. 3. 5. because he was the object of the god Marr's jealousy. The Syrians, Phœnicians, and Cyprians called him Adonis, and F. Calmet is of opinion, that the Ammonites and Moabites gave him the name of Baal-peor. See BAAL-PEOR.

**ADONIS, Adonius**, (anc. geog.); a river of Phœnicia, rising in mount Lebanon, and falling into the sea, after a north-west course, at Bybulus; famous in fable, as a beautiful shepherd youth, (Virgil); son of Cynaras, king of the Cyprians, loved by Venus, slain by a boar, and turned into a river. Theocritus laments him dead in an idyllion, or rather ode, as did the women yearly, when in flood-time, the river rolled down a red earth, which tinged its waters, deemed to be his wound bleeding afresh. In the Phœnician language Adan signifies a willow, and Adon lord, with the same radical letters. Hence *Ἰταῖος Ἀδωνίς*, Salignus, and *Κυπρίος*, or *Κυπρίος Ἀδωνίς*, for *Κυπρίος*. Adonidis horti, are gardens beautifully arranged, but more adapted for pleasure than profit.

**ADONIS, Birds-eye, or Pheasants-eye**; a genus of the polyandria order, belonging to the polygynia class of plants. It is associated with the *Multiflora*, or 26th Nat. Order.—The characters are: The *calyx* is a perianthium, consisting of five obtuse concave leaves, somewhat coloured, and deciduous. The *corolla*

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has from five to fifteen oblong petals obtuse and glossy. The *stamina* consist of very numerous, short, subulated filaments; the antheræ are oblong and inflected. The *pistillum* has numerous germina collected in a head; no styli; the stigmata acute and reflected. There is no *pericarpium*; the receptacle is oblong and spiked. The *seeds* are numerous, irregular, angular, gibbous at the base, reflected at the top, somewhat prominent, and awnless.

**Species.** The most remarkable species are the following: 1. The annua, or common adonis, is a native of Kent, where it is found in great plenty in the fields sown with wheat. Its flowers are of a beautiful scarlet colour, and appear in the beginning of June; the seeds ripening in August and September. Great quantities of these flowers are sold in London under the name of Red Morocco. 2. The *æstivalis*, or annual adonis, with yellow flowers, grows much taller than the first, has its leaves thinner set, and of a lighter colour. 3. The *vernalis*, or perennial adonis, grows naturally on the mountains of Bohemia, Prussia, and other parts of Germany. It flowers the latter end of March, or beginning of April; the stalks rise about a foot and a half high; and when the roots are large, and have stood unremoved for some years, they will put out a great number of stalks from each root; on the top of each of these grows one large yellow flower. 4. The *apennina*, is a native of Siberia and the Appenines.

**Culture.** The first two species, being annual, must be propagated from seeds, which ought to be sown in autumn, soon after they are ripe, or they will be in danger of not growing up that year. They thrive best in a light soil. The third and fourth species are likewise to be propagated from seeds, which must be sown in autumn, or they seldom succeed. When the plants come up, they must be carefully kept clear from weeds; and in very dry weather their growth will be promoted by being now and then watered. They should remain in the place where they are sown till the second year; and be transplanted thence in autumn, to the place where they are to remain.

**ADONISTS**, a sect or party, among Divines and Critics, who maintain that the Hebrew points ordinarily annexed to the consonants of the word Jehovah, are not the natural points belonging to that word, nor express the true pronunciation of it; but are the vowel-points, belonging to the words *Adonai* and *Elohim*, applied to the consonants of the ineffable name Jehovah; to warn the readers, that instead of the word Jehovah, which the Jews were forbid to pronounce, and the true pronunciation of which had been long unknown to them, they are always to read *Adonai*. They are opposed to *Jehovists*; of whom the principal are Drusius, Capellus, Buxtorf, Altling, and Reland, who has published a collection of their writings on this subject.

**ADOPTIANI**, in church-history, a sect of ancient heretics, followers of Felix of Urgel, and Elipand of Toledo, who, towards the end of the eighth century, advanced the notion, that Jesus Christ, in his human nature, is the son of God, not by nature, but by adoption.

**ADOPTION**, an act by which any one takes another into his family, owns him for his son, and appoints him for his heir.

The custom of adoption was very common among the ancient Greeks and Romans: yet it was not practised,

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Among the Greeks it was called *υιοτης*, *filiation*. It was allowed to such as had no issue of their own; excepting those who were not *κυριοι εαυτων*, *their own masters*, e. g. slaves, women, madmen, infants, or persons under twenty years of age; who being incapable of making wills, or managing their own estates, were not allowed to adopt heirs to them. Foreigners being incapable of inheriting at Athens, if any such were adopted, it was necessary first to make them free of the city. The ceremony of adoption being over, the adopted had his name inrolled in the tribe and ward of his new father; for which entry a peculiar time was allotted, viz. the festival *θαρρηλια*. To prevent rash and inconsiderate adoptions, the Lacedæmonians had a law, that adoptions should be transacted, or at least confirmed, in the presence of their kings. The children adopted were invested with all the privileges, and obliged to perform all the duties, of natural children: and being thus provided for in another family, ceased to have any claim of inheritance, or kindred, in the family which they had left, unless they first renounced their adoption; which, by the laws of Solon, they were not allowed to do, unless they had first begotten children, to bear the name of the person who had adopted them: thus providing against the ruin of families, which would otherwise have been extinguished by the desertion of those who had been adopted to preserve them. If the children adopted happened to die without children, the inheritance could not be alienated from the family into which they had been adopted, but returned to the relations of the adopter. It should seem, that by the Athenian law, a person, after having adopted another, was not allowed to marry without permission from the magistrate: in effect, there are instances of persons, who being ill used by their adoptive children, petitioned for such leave. However this be, it is certain some men married after they had adopted sons: in which case, if they begat legitimate children, their estates were equally shared between the begotten and adopted.

The Romans had two forms of adoption; one before the prætor; the other at an assembly of the people, in the times of the commonwealth, and afterwards by a rescript of the Emperor. In the former, the natural father addressed himself to the prætor, declaring that he emancipated his son, resigned all his authority over him, and consented he should be transferred into the family of the adopter. The latter was practised, where the party to be adopted was already free; and this was called *adrogation*. The person adopted changed all his names: assuming the prename, name, and surname, of the person who adopted him.

Besides the formalities prescribed by the Roman law, Adoption. various other methods have taken place; which have given denominations to different species of adoption, among the Gothic nations, in different ages. As,

*ADOPTION by arms*, was when a prince made a present of arms to a person, in consideration of his merit and valour. Thus it was that the king of the Heruli was adopted by Theodoric; Athalaric by the emperor Justinian; and Cosroes, nephew of the king of Persia, by the emperor Justin.—The obligation here laid on the adoptive son was, to protect and defend the father from injuries, affronts, &c. And hence, according to Selden, the ceremony of dubbing knights took its origin as well as name.

*ADOPTION by baptism*, is that spiritual affinity which is contracted by god-fathers and god-children in the ceremony of baptism. This kind of adoption was introduced into the Greek church, and came afterwards into use among the ancient Franks, as appears by the *Capitulars of Charlemagne*.

In reality, the god-father was so far considered as adoptive father, that his god-children were supposed to be intitled to a share in the inheritance of his estate.

*ADOPTION by hair*, was performed by cutting off the hair of a person, and giving it to the adoptive father. It was thus that pope John VIII. adopted Boson king of Arles; which, perhaps, is the only instance in history, of adoption, in the order of the ecclesiastics; a law that professes to imitate nature, not daring to give children to those in whom it would be thought a crime to beget any.

*ADOPTION by matrimony*, is the taking the children of a wife or husband, by a former marriage, into the condition of proper or natural children; and admitting them to inherit on the same footing with those of the present marriage. This is a practice peculiar to the Germans; among whom, it is more particularly known by the name of *einkindschaft*; among their writers in Latin, by that of *unio prolium*, or *union of issues*. But the more accurate writers observe, that this is no adoption. See *ADFILIAION*.

*ADOPTION by testament*, that performed by appointing a person heir by will, on condition of his assuming the name, arms, &c. of the adopter. Of which kind we meet with several instances in the Roman history.

Among the Turks, the ceremony of adoption is performed by obliging the person adopted to pass through the shirt of the adopter. Hence, among that people, to adopt is expressed by the phrase, *to draw another through my shirt*. It is said, that something like this has also been observed among the Hebrews; where the prophet Elijah adopted Elisha for his son and successor, and communicated to him the gift of prophecy, by letting fall his cloak or mantle on him. But adoption, properly so called, does not appear to have been practised among the ancient Jews; Moses says nothing of it in his laws; and Jacob's adoption of his two grandsons, Ephraim and Manasseh, is not so properly an adoption, as a kind of substitution, whereby those two sons of Joseph were allotted an equal portion in Israel with his own sons.

*ADOPTION* is also used, in theology, for a federal act of God's free grace; whereby those who are regenerated by faith, are admitted into his household, and

Adoption, intitled to a share in the inheritance of the kingdom of heaven.

Adoration. ADOPTION is sometimes also used, in speaking of the ancient clergy, who had a custom of taking a maid or widow into their houses, under the denomination of an *adoptive*, or *spiritual sister* or *niece*.

ADOPTION is also used in speaking of the admission of persons into certain hospitals, particularly that of Lyons; the administrators whercof have all the power and rights of parents over the children admitted.

ADOPTION is also used for the reception of a new academy into the body of an old one.—Thus

The French academy at Marseilles was adopted by that of Paris; on which account, we find a volume of speeches extant, made by several members of the academy of Marseilles, deputed to return thanks to that of Paris for the honour.

In a similar sense, adoption is also applied by the Greeks, to the admitting a monk, or brother into a monastic community; sometimes called *spiritual adoption*.

ADOPTIVE, denotes a person or thing adopted by another.

Adoptive children, among the Romans, were on the same footing with natural ones; and accordingly were either to be instituted heirs, or expressly disinherited, otherwise the testament was null. The emperor Adrian preferred adoptive children to natural ones; because we choose the former, but are obliged to take the latter at random.

M. Menage has published a book of eloges, or verses addressed to him; which he calls *Liber Adoptivus*, an adoptive book; and adds it to his other works.—Heinsius, and Furstemburg of Munster, have likewise published adoptive books.

In ecclesiastical writers we find adoptive women, or sisters, (*adoptivæ feminae*, or *sorores*;) used for those handmaids of the ancient clergy, otherwise called *sub-introductæ*.

*Adoptive arms* are those which a person enjoys by the gift or concession of another, and to which he was not otherwise intitled. They stand contradistinguished from arms of alliance.

We sometimes meet with adoptive hair, by way of opposition to natural hair; and adoptive gods, by way of contradistinction to domestic ones. The Romans, notwithstanding the number of their domestic, had their adoptive gods, taken chiefly from the Egyptians: such were Isis, Osiris, Anubis, Apis, Harpocrates, and Canopus.

ADORATION, the act of rendering divine honours; or of addressing a being, as supposing it a god. The word is compounded of *ad*, “to;” and *os*, *oris*, “mouth;” and literally signifies, to apply the hand to the mouth; *Manum ad os admovere*, *q. d.* “to kiss the hand;” this being, in the eastern countries, one of the great marks of respect and submission.—The Romans practised adoration at sacrifices, and other solemnities; in passing by temples, altars, groves, &c.; at the sight of statues, images or the like, whether of stone or wood, wherein any thing of divinity was supposed to reside. Usually there were images of the gods placed at the gates of cities, for those who went in or out, to pay their respects to.—The ceremony of adoration among the ancient Romans was thus: The devotee having his head *covered*, applied his right hand

to his lips, the fore-finger resting on his thumb, which was erect, and thus bowing his head, turned himself round from left to right. The kiss thus given was called *osculum labratum*; for ordinarily they were afraid to touch the images of their gods themselves with their profane lips. Sometimes, however, they would kiss their feet, or even knees, it being held an incivility to touch their mouths; so that the affair passed at some distance. Saturn, however, and Hercules, were adored with the head *bare*; whence the worship of the last was called *institutum peregrinum*, and *ritus Græcanicus*, as departing from the customary Roman method, which was to sacrifice and adore with the face veiled, and the cloaths drawn up to the ears, to prevent any interruption in the ceremony by the sight of unlucky objects.—The Jewish manner of adoration was by prostration, bowing, and kneeling.—The Christians adopted the Grecian rather than the Roman method, and adored always *uncovered*. The ordinary posture of the ancient Christians was kneeling, but on Sundays standing: and they had a peculiar regard to the East, to which point they ordinarily directed their prayers.

ADORATION is more particularly used for the act of praying, or preferring our requests or thanksgiving, to Almighty God.

ADORATION is also used for certain extraordinary civil honours or respects which resemble those paid to the deity, yet are given to men.

The Persian manner of *Adoration*, introduced by Cyrus, was by bending the knee, and falling on the face at the prince's feet, striking the earth with the forehead, and kissing the ground. This ceremony, which the Greeks called *προσκύνησις*, Conon refused to perform to Artaxerxes, and Calisthenes to Alexander the great, as reputing it impious and unlawful.

The *Adoration* performed to the Roman and Grecian emperors consisted in bowing or kneeling at the prince's feet, laying hold of his purple robe, and presently withdrawing the hand and clapping it to the lips. Some attribute the origin of this practice to Constantius. It was only persons of some rank or dignity that were intitled to the honour. Bare kneeling before the emperor to deliver a petition, was also called *adoration*.

The practice of *adoration* may be said to be still subsisting in England, in the ceremony of kissing the king's or queen's hand, and in serving them at table, both being performed kneeling.

ADORATION is more particularly used for kissing one's hand in presence of another, as a token of reverence.—The Jews adored by kissing their hands and bowing down their heads; whence, in their language, *kissing* is properly used for *adoration*.

ADORATION is also used among Roman writers for a high species of applause given to persons, who had spoken or performed well in public. (See ACCLAMATION.) We meet with adoration paid to orators, actors, musicians, &c. The method of expressing it was, by rising, putting both hands to their mouth, and then returning them towards the person intended to be honoured.

ADORATION is also used, in the court of Rome, for the ceremony of kissing the Pope's feet.—The introduction of adoration among the Romans is ascribed to the low flattery of Vitellius, who, upon the return of C. Cæsar from Syria, would not approach him otherwise than



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than with his head covered, turning himself round, and then falling on his face. Heliogabulus restored the practice, and Alexander Severus again prohibited it. Dioclesian redemanded it; and it was, in some measure, continued under the succeeding princes, even after the establishment of Christianity, as Constantine, Constantius, &c. It is particularly said of Dioclesian, that he had gems fastened to his shoes, that divine honours might be more willingly paid him, by kissing his feet. The like usage was afterwards adopted by the popes, and is observed to this day. These prelates, finding a vehement disposition in the people to fall down before them and kiss their feet, procured crucifixes to be fastened on their slippers; by which stratagem, the adoration intended for the pope's person is supposed to be transferred to Christ. Divers acts of this adoration we find offered even by princes to the pope.

ADORATION is also used for a method of electing a pope. The election of popes is performed two ways; by *adoration*, and by *scrutiny*. In election by adoration, the cardinals rush hastily, as if agitated by some spirit, to the adoration of some one among them, to proclaim him pope. When the election is carried by scrutiny, they do not adore the new pope till he is placed on the altar.

*Barbarous ADORATION* is a term used, in the laws of king Canute, for that performed after the manner of the heathens who adored idols. The Romish church is charged with the adoration of saints, martyrs, images, crucifixes, relics, the virgin, and the host; all which by Protestants are generally aggravated into idolatry, on a supposition, that the honour thus paid to them is absolute and supreme, called by way of distinction *Latria*, which is due only to God. Roman-catholics, on the contrary, explain them, as only a relative or subordinate worship, called *Dulia* and *Hyperdulia*, which terminates ultimately in God alone. But may not the same be said of the idol-worship of the heathens? The Phœnicians adored the winds, on account of the terrible effects produced by them; the same was adopted by most of the other nations, Persians, Greeks, Romans, &c. The Persians chiefly paid their adorations to the sun and fire; some say also to rivers, the wind, &c. The motive of adoring the sun was the benefits they received from that glorious luminary, which of all creatures has doubtless the best pretensions to such homage.

ADOREA, in Roman antiquity, a word used in different senses; sometimes for all manner of grain, sometimes for a kind of cakes made of fine flour, and offered in sacrifice; and finally for a dole or distribution of corn, as a reward for some service; whence by metonymy it is put for praise or rewards in general.

ADOSCUATION, a term used by Dr Grew, to imply a kind of impregnation, without intromission; and in this matter he supposes the impregnation of plants is effected by the falling of the farina fecundans on the pistil.

ADOSEE, in heraldry, signifies two figures or bearings being placed back to back.

ADOUR, the name of a river of France, which rises in the mountains of Bigorre, and running N. by Tarbes through Gascony, afterwards turns E. and, passing by Dax, falls into the bay of Biscay, below Bayonne.

ADOXA, TUBEROUS MOSCHATEL, HOLLOW-

ROOT, or INGLORIOUS; a genus of the tetragynia order, belonging to the octandria class of plants. In the natural method it belongs to the 13th order, or *Succulentæ*.—The characters of this genus are: The *calyx* is a perianthium beneath, divided into two segments, flat, persistent. The *corolla* is composed of one flat petal, divided into four ovate acute segments longer than the calyx. The *stamina* consist of eight subulated filaments the length of the calyx; with roundish antheræ. The *pistillum* has a germen beneath the receptacle of the corolla; four simple, erect, persistent styli, the length of the stamina; and simple stigmata. The *pericarpium* is a globular four-celled berry between the calyx and corolla. The *seeds* are solitary and compressed.

There is but one species, which is a native of the woods in Britain, and several parts of Europe: it is a very low plant, seldom rising more than four or five inches high; the leaves resemble those of bulbous fumitory; the flower-stalk arises immediately from the root, on the top of which grow four or five small flowers of an herbaceous white colour, which appear in the beginning of April, and the berries ripen in May; soon after which, the leaves decay. The herb may be procured by transplanting the roots any time after the leaves decay, till winter. They must be planted in the shade, under shrubs; for they will not thrive if exposed to the sun. The leaves and flowers smell like musk, from whence it has by some been called *musk-crowfoot*.

AD PONDUS OMNIUM, among physicians, an abbreviation in their prescriptions, signifying that the last mentioned ingredient is to weigh as much as all the rest together.

*AD Quod Damnum*, in the English law, a writ directed to the sheriff, commanding him to inquire into the damage which may befall from granting certain privileges to a place, as a fair, a market, or the like.

ADRACHNE, in botany, a species of the strawberry-tree. See ARBUTUS.

ADRAMMELECH, one of the gods of the inhabitants of Sepharvaim, who were settled in the country of Samaria, in the room of those Israelites who were carried beyond the Euphrates. The Sepharvaites made their children pass through the fire, in honour of this idol and another called *Anamelech*. It is supposed, that Adrammelech meant the sun, and Anamelech the moon: the first signifies *the magnificent king*; the second *the gentle king*.

ADRAMYTTIUM, (anc. geog.), now *Andramitti*; a town of Mysia Major, at the foot of mount Ida, an Athenian colony, with a harbour and dock near the Caicus. *Adramyttenus* the epithet; as, *Adramyttenus Sinus*, a part of the Egean Sea, on the coast of Mysia; *Adramyttenus Conventus*, sessions or assizes. The eighth in order of the nine *Conventus Juridici* of the province of Asia.

ADRANA, a river of Germany, (Polybius); now the Eder, rising on the borders of the county of Nassau, to the north-east of, and not far from Dillenburg, running through the landgraviate of Hesse, the county of Waldeck, by Fritzlar, and then again through the landgraviate, and, together with the Fulda, falling into the Weser, to the south of, and not far from Cassel.

ADRANUM, or HADRANUM, (anc. geog.), now *Aderno*; a town of Sicily, built by the elder Dionysius,

*Adraſtea* at the foot of mount *Ætna*, (Diodorus Siculus), four hundred years before Chriſt. So called from the temple of *Adranus*, or *Hadranus*, a god much worſhipped by the Sicilians; with a river of the ſame name, (Stephanus,) now *Fiume d' Aderno*. The inhabitants, *Hadranitani*, and *Adranitæ*.

*ADRASTEIA*, in antiquity, an epithet given to the goddeſs *Nemefis*, or *Revenge*. It was taken from king *Adraſtus*, who firſt erected a temple to that deity.

*ADRASTIA Certamina*, in antiquity, a kind of Pythian games, inſtituted by *Adraſtus* king of *Argos*, in the year of the world 2700, in honour of *Apollo*, at *Sicyon*. Theſe are to be diſtinguiſhed from the Pythian games celebrated at *Delphi*.

*ADRASTUS*, king of *Argos*, ſon of *Talaus* and *Lyſianiffa*, daughter of *Polybius* king of *Sicyon*, acquired great honour in the famous war of *Thebes*, in ſupport of *Polynices* his ſon-in-law, who had been excluded the ſovereignty of *Thebes* by *Eteocles* his brother, notwithſtanding their reciprocal agreement. *Adraſtus*, followed by *Polynices* and *Tydeus* his other ſon-in-law, by *Capaneus* and *Hippomedon* his ſiſter's ſons, by *Amphiaraus* his brother-in-law, and by *Parthenopæus*, marched againſt the city of *Thebes*; and this is the expedition of the *Seven Worthies*, which the poets have ſo often ſung. They all loſt their lives in this war, except *Adraſtus*, who was ſaved by his horſe called *Arion*. This war was revived ten years after by the ſons of thoſe deceased warriors, which was called the war of the *Epigones*, and ended with the taking of *Thebes*. None of them loſt their lives except *Ægialeus* ſon of *Adraſtus*; which afflicted him ſo much that he died of grief in *Megara*, as he was leading back his victorious army.

*ADRAZZO*, or *AJACCIO*. The ſame with *ADJAZZO*.

*ADRIA*, or *HADRIA* (anc. geog.), the name of two towns in Italy. One in the country of the *Veneti*, on the river *Tartarus*, between the *Padus* and the *Atheſis*, called *Atria* by *Pliny* and *Ptolemy*, but *Adrias* by *Strabo*. Another on the river *Vomanus*, in the territory of the *Piceni*, (to which *Antonine's Itinerary* from *Rome* is directed), the country of the anceſtors of the emperor *Adrian*. From which of theſe the *Adriatic ſea* is denominatèd, is matter of doubt. A third opinion is, that it is ſo called from *Adrias* the ſon of *Joan*, of Italian origin; (*Euſtathius* in *Dionyſium*.)

*ADRIANUM* (or *ADRIATICUM*) *MARE* (anc. geog.), now the gulph of *Venice*, a large bay in the *Mediterranean*, between *Dalmatia*, *Sclavonia*, *Greece*, and *Italy*. It is called by the *Greeks*, *Αδριας Κόλπος*; and *Adria* by the *Romans*, (as *Arbiter Adriæ Notus*, *Hor.*) *Cicero* calls it *Hadrianum Mare*; *Virgil* has *Hadriaticas Undas*. It is commonly called *Mare Adriaticum*, without any aſpiration; but whether it ought to have one, is a diſpute: if the appellation is from *Hadria*, the town of the *Piceni*, it muſt be written *Hadriaticum*, becauſe the emperor's name, who thence derives his o-

origin, is on coins and ſtones *Hadrianus*; but if from the town in the territory of *Venice*, as the more ancient, and of which that of the *Piceni* is a colony, this will juſtify the common appellation *Adriaticum*.

*ADRIAN*, or *HADRIAN*, (*Publius Ælius*), the Roman emperor. He was born at *Rome* the 24th of *January*, in the 76th year of Chriſt. His father left him an orphan, at ten years of age, under the guardianship of *Trajan*, and *Cœlius Tatianus* a Roman knight. He began to ſerve very early in the armies, having been tribune of a legion before the death of *Domitian*. He was the perſon choſen by the army of *Lower Mœſia*, to carry the news of *Nerva's* death to *Trajan*, ſucceſſor to the empire. He accompanied *Trajan* in moſt of his expeditions, and particularly diſtinguiſhed himſelf in the ſecond war againſt the *Daci*; and having before been quæſtor, as well as tribune of the people, he was now ſucceſſively prætor, governor of *Pannonia*, and conſul. After the ſiege of *Atra* in *Arabia* was raiſed, *Trajan*, who had already given him the government of *Syria*, left him the command of the army: and at length, when he found death approaching, it is ſaid he adopted him. *Adrian*, who was then in *Antiochia*, as ſoon as he received the news thereof, and of *Trajan's* death, declared himſelf emperor, on the 11th of *Auguſt*, 117. No ſooner had he arrived at the imperial dignity, than he made peace with the *Persians*, to whom he yielded up a great part of the conqueſts of his predeceſſors; and from generoſity, or policy, he remitted the debts of the Roman people, which, according to the calculation of thoſe who have reduced them to modern money, amounted to 22,500,000 golden crowns; and he burnt all the bonds and obligations relating to thoſe debts, that the people might be under no apprehenſions of being called to an account for them afterwards. There are medals in commemoration of this fact, in which he is repreſented holding a flambeau in his hand, to ſet fire to all thoſe bonds which he had made void. He went to viſit all the provinces; and did not return to *Rome* till the year 118, when the ſenate decreed him a triumph, and honoured him with the title of *Father of his country*; but he reſuſed both, and deſired that *Trajan's* image might triumph. No prince travelled more than *Adrian*; there being hardly one province in the empire which he did not viſit. In 120 he went into *Gaul*; from thence he went over to *Britain*, in order to ſubdue the *Caledonians*, who were making continual inroads into the provinces. Upon his arrival they retired towards the north: he advanced however as far as *York*, where he was diverted from his intended conqueſt by the deſcription ſome old ſoldiers he found there, who had ſerved under *Agricola*, gave him of the country. In hopes, therefore, of keeping them quiet by enlarging their bounds, he delivered up to the *Caledonians* all the lands lying between the two *Friths* and the *Tyne*; and at the ſame time, to ſecure the Roman province from their future incuſions, built the famous wall which ſtill bears his name (A). Having thus ſet-

Adrian.

(A) This work, though called by the Roman hiſtorians *murus*, which ſignifies a wall of ſtone, was only compoſed of earth covered with green turf. It was carried on from the *Solway Frith*, a little weſt of the village of *Burgh on the Sands*, in as direct a line as poſſible, to the river *Tyne* on the eaſt, at the place where the

**Adrian.** tled matters in Britain, he returned to Rome, where he was honoured with the title of Restorer of Britain, as appears by some medals. He soon after went into Spain, to Mauritania, and at length into the East, where he quieted the commotions raised by the Parthians. After having visited all the provinces of Asia, he returned to Athens in 125, where he passed the winter, and was initiated in the mysteries of Eleusinian Ceres. He went from thence to Sicily, chiefly to view mount *Ætna*, contemplate its phenomena, and enjoy the beautiful and extensive prospect afforded from its top. He returned to Rome the beginning of the year 129; and, according to some, he went again, the same year, to Africa; and, after his return from thence, to the East. He was in Egypt in the year 132, revisited Syria the year following, returned to Athens in 134, and to Rome in 135. The persecution against the Christians was very violent under his reign; but it was at length suspended, in consequence of the remonstrances of *Quadrat* bishop of Athens, and *Aristides*, two Christian philosophers, who presented the emperor with some books in favour of the Christian religion. He conquered the Jews; and, by way of insult, erected a temple to Jupiter on Calvary, and placed a statue of Adonis in the manger of Bethlehem; he caused also the images of swine to be engraven on the gates of Jerusalem. At last he was seized with a dropsy, which vexed him to such a degree, that he became almost raving mad. A great number of physicians were sent for, and to the multitude of them he ascribed his death. He died at *Baiæ* in the 63d year of his age, having reigned 21 years. The Latin verses (B) he addressed to his soul have been much criticised and variously interpreted. There are some fragments of his Latin poems extant, and there are Greek verses of his in the *Anthology*. He also wrote the history of his own life: to which, however, he did not chuse to put his name; but that of *Phlegon*, one of his freed-men, a very learned person, was prefixed to it\*. He had great wit, and an extensive me-

\*Vide *Spartian*, in *Adriano*.

**Adrian.** mory. He understood the sciences perfectly well; but was very jealous of others who excelled in them. He was also cruel, envious, and lascivious. *Antoninus* his successor obtained his apotheosis; and prevented the rescission of his acts, which the senate once intended.

**ADRIAN IV.** (Pope), the only Englishman who ever had the honour of sitting in the papal chair. His name was *Nicholas Brekespere*; and he was born at *Langley*, near *St Alban's*, in *Hertfordshire*. His father having left his family, and taken the habit of the monastery of *St Alban's*, *Nicholas* was obliged to submit to the lowest offices in that house for daily support. After some time, he desired to take the habit in that monastery, but was rejected by the abbot *Richard*. Upon this he resolved to try his fortune in another country, and accordingly went to *Paris*; where, though in very poor circumstances, he applied himself to his studies with great assiduity, and made a wonderful proficiency. But having still a strong inclination to a religious life, he left *Paris*, and removed to *Provence*, where he became a regular clerk in the monastery of *St Rufus*. He was not immediately allowed to take the habit; but passed some time, by way of trial, in recommending himself to the monks by a strict attention to all their commands. This behaviour, together with the beauty of his person, and prudent conversation, rendered him so acceptable to those religious, that after some time they intreated him to take the habit of the canonical order. Here he distinguished himself so much by his learning and strict observance of the monastic discipline, that, upon the death of the abbot, he was chosen superior of that house; and we are told that he rebuilt that convent. *Pope Eugenius III.* being apprised of the great merit of *Nicholas*, and thinking he might be serviceable to the church in a higher station, created him cardinal-bishop of *Alba* in 1146. In 1148, his Holiness sent him legate to *Denmark* and *Norway*; where, by his fervent preaching and diligent instructions, he converted those barbarous nations to the Christian faith; and erected *Upfal*

the town of *Newcastle* now stands; so that it must have been above 60 English, and near 70 Roman miles in length. It consisted of four parts: 1. The principal *agger*, mound of earth, or rampart, on the brink of the ditch. 2. The ditch on the north side of the rampart. 3. Another rampart on the south side of the principal one, about five paces distant from it. 4. A large rampart on the north side of the ditch.—This last was probably the military way to the line of forts on this work: it was so to those formerly built by *Agricola*; and if it did not serve the same purpose in this, there must have been no military way attending it.—The south rampart might serve for an inner defence in case the enemy should beat them from any part of the principal rampart, or it might be designed to protect the soldiers from any sudden attack of the provincial Britons.—For many ages, this work hath been in so ruinous a condition, that it is impossible to discover its original dimensions with certainty. From their appearance, it seems probable that the principal rampart was at least 10 or 12 feet high, and the south one not much less; but the north one was considerably lower. From the dimensions of the ditch taken as it passes through a lime-stone quarry near *Harlow hill*, it appears to have been 9 feet deep, and 11 wide at the top, but somewhat narrower at the bottom. The north rampart was about 20 feet distant from the ditch.

(B) The verses are these:

Animula vagula, blandula,  
Hospcs, comesque corporis,  
Quæ nunc abibis in loca  
Pallidula, rigida, nudula,  
Nec, ut soles, dabis jocos?

Thus translated by Mr Pope:

Ah! fleeting spirit! wand'ring fire,  
That long has warm'd my tender breast,  
Must thou no more this frame inspire?  
No more a pleasing cheerful guest?  
Whither, ah whither art thou flying?  
To what dark undiscover'd shore?  
Thou seem'st all trembling, shiv'ring, dying,  
And wit and humour are no more!

**Adrian.** fal into an archiepiscopal fee. When he returned to Rome, he was received by the pope and cardinals with great marks of honour : and Pope Anastafius, who fucceeded Eugenius, happening to die at this time, Nicholas was unanimously chosen to the holy fee, in November 1154, and he took the name of *Adrian*. When the news of his promotion reached England, King Henry II. fent Robert abbot of St Alban's, and three bishops, to Rome, to congratulate him on his election; upon which occasion Adrian granted very confiderable privileges to the monastery of St Alban's, particularly an exemption from all epifcopal jurisdiction, excepting to the fee of Rome. Adrian in the beginning of his pontificate, boldly withftood the attempts of the Roman people to recover their ancient liberty under the confuls, and obliged thofe magiftrates to abdicate their authority, and leave the government of the city to the pope. In 1155, he drove the heretic Arnaud of Bresse, and his followers, out of Rome. The fame year he excommunicated William king of Sicily, who ravaged the territories of the church, and absolved that prince's fubjects from their allegiance. About the fame time, Frederic king of the Romans, having entered Italy with a powerful army, Adrian met him near Sutrium, and concluded a peace with him. At this interview, Frederic confented to hold the pope's ftirrup whilst he mounted on horfeback. After which, his holinefs conducted that prince to Rome, and in St Peter's church placed the imperial crown on his head, to the great mortification of the Roman people, who affembled in a tumultuous manner, and killed feveral of the Imperialifts. The next year a reconciliation was brought about between the pope and the Sicilian king, that prince taking an oath to do nothing farther to the prejudice of the church, and Adrian granting him the title of *king of the two Sicilies*. He built and fortified feveral caftles, and left the papal dominions in a more flourishing condition than he found them. But notwithstanding all his fuccefs, he was extremely fenfible of the difquietudes attending fo high a ftation; and declared to his countryman John of Salisbury, that all the former hardfhips of his life were mere amufement to the misfortunes of the popedom : that he looked upon St Peter's chair to be the moft uneasy feat in the world; and that his crown feemed to be clapped burning on his head\*.

\* Baroniuf Annal. tom xii. an. 1154  
 He died September 1, 1159, in the fourth year and tenth month of his pontificate; and was buried in St Peter's church, near the tomb of his predecessor Eugenius. There are extant feveral letters, and fome homilies, written by Pope Adrian.

ADRIAN, cardinal-priest, of the title of St Chryfogonus, was a native of Cornetto in Tuscany. Innocent VIII. fent him nuncio into Scotland and into France; and after he had been clerk and treasurer of the apoftolic chamber, pope Alexander VI. whose fecretary he had been, honoured him with the cardinal's hat. His life was a continued fcene of odd alterations. He narrowly efcaped death the day Alexander VI. poisoned himself by miftake. Afterward he drew upon himself the hatred of Julius II. fo that he was obliged to go and hide himself in the mountains of Trent. Having been recalled by Leo X. he was fo ungrateful, that he engaged in a confpiracy againft him. The pope pardoned this fault: but the cardinal not caring to truft to

this, made his efcape, and it could never be known exactly what was become of him. He was one of the first that effectually reformed the Latin ftyle. He ftudied Cicero with great fuccefs, and made many excellent observations on the propriety of the Latin tongue. The treatife he composed *De fermone Latino*, is a proof of this. He had begun a Latin tranflation of the Old Testament. He wrote *De vera philofophia*: This treatife was printed at Cogn 1548.

ADRIAN VI. (Pope), was born at Utrecht in 1459. His father was not able to maintain him at fchool, but he got a place at Louvain, in a college in which a certain number of fcholars were maintained *gratis*. It is reported that he ufed to read in the night-time by the light of the lamps in the churches or ftreets. He made a confiderable progrefs in all the fcience; led an exemplary life; and there never was a man lefs intriguing and forward than he was. He took his degree of doctor of divinity at Louvain; was foon after made canon of St Peter's, and professor of divinity at Utrecht, and then dean of St Peters and vice-chancellor of the univerfity. He was obliged to leave an academic life, to be tutor to the archduke Charles. This young prince made no great progrefs under him: however, never was a tutor more confiderably rewarded; for it was by Charles V's credit he was raifed to the papal throne. Leo X. had given him the cardinal's hat in 1517. After this pope's death, feveral cabals in the conclave ended in the election of Adrian, with which the people of Rome were very much difpleafed. He would not change his name, and in every thing he fhewed a great diflike for all ostentation and fenfual pleasures, though fuch an averfion had been long ago out of date. He was very partial to Charles V. and did not enjoy much tranquillity under the triple crown. He lamented much the wicked morals of the clergy, and wifhed to eftablifh a reformation of manners among them. He died Sept. 14. 1523.

ADRIANI (Joanni Battista), was born of a patrician family at Florence, in 1511. He wrote a History of his own Times in Italian; which is a continuation of Guicciardini, beginning at the year 1536; to which Thuanus acknowledges himself greatly indebted: befides which, he composed fix funeral orations, on the emperor Charles V. and other noble perfonages; and is thought to have been the author of a long letter on ancient painters and fculptors, prefixed to the third volume of Vafari. He died at Florence in 1579.

ADRIANISTS, in ecclefiaftical history, a feft of heretics divided into two branches; the first were difciples of Simon Magus, and flourifhed about the year 34. Theodoret is the only perfon who has preferved their name and memory; but he gives us no account of their origin. Probably this feft, and the fix others which fprang from the Simonians, took their name from the particular difciples of Simon. The fecond were the followers of Adrian Hamstead, the anabaptift; and held fome particular errors concerning Chrif.

ADRIANOPLE, a city of Turkey in Europe, in the province of Romania, and the fee of an archbifhop under the patriarch of Constantinople. It is about fix or feven miles in circumference, including the old city and fome gardens. The mosques and other public buildings are built of ftone, and are very elegant: but

Adria  
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 Adrianople

**Adrogation** — but private houses in general are meanly built; and the streets are exceeding dirty. The walls and towers are in a great measure fallen to decay. However, there is a beautiful bazar, or market, half a mile long, called Ali Bassa. It is a vast arched building, with six gates, and 365 well-furnished shops, kept by Turks, Armenians, and Jews, who pay five crowns a-month for each shop. The number of inhabitants of all nations and religions may be about 100,000: provisions are plenty, and living cheap. The air is wholesome, and the country very pleasant in the summer-time, on account of the river and streams that run near and about the city; the chief of which is the Mariza. These promote and preserve the verdure of the gardens, meadows, and fields, for a considerable part of the year. In the winter there is plenty of game. Near the principal bazar there is another, about a mile in length, covered with boards, with holes on each side to let in the light. It is full of good shops, which contain all kinds of commodities. Sultan Selim's mosque stands on the side of a hill, in the midst of the city; and hence this magnificent structure may be seen on all sides. Every thing made of gold and silver, jewels, pistols, scimitars, &c. are sold in another part of the city, called by travellers the *bizestein*, though it differs little from a bazar. This contains about 200 shops, and is covered like the former: but the covering is supported by two rows of large pillars. The grand visier's palace is nothing more than a convenient house, after the Turkish manner of building. The emperor's seraglio is a regular structure, in a plain near the river Tungia. It is two miles in compass, and has seven gates, besides those of the gardens, which are several miles in circumference. The city is governed by a mullahcadi, who has an absolute authority both in civil and criminal matters. In the time of the plague, or war, the grand signior has sometimes resided here. The Turks took this city from the Greeks in 1362, and made it the capital of the empire, till Mahomet II. took Constantinople in 1453. E. Long. 26. 27. Lat. 41. 41.

**ADROGATION**, in Roman antiquities, a species of adoption, whereby a person who was capable of choosing for himself was admitted by another into the relation of a son. The word is compounded of *ad*, "to," and *rogare*, "to ask;" on account of a question put in the ceremony of it, Whether the adopter would take such a person for his son? and another to the adoptive, Whether he consented to become such a person's son?

**ADSIDELLA**, in antiquity, the table at which the flames fat during the sacrifices.

**ADSTRICTION**, among physicians, a term used to denote the rigidity of any part.

**ADUACA**, or **ATUACA**, anciently a large and famous city of the Tungri; now a small and inconsiderable village, called *Tongerren*, in the bishopric of Liege, to the north-west of the city of Liege, in the territory of Haspengow, on the rivulet Jecker, that soon after falls into the Maese. E. Long. 5. 52. Lat. 50. 54.

**ADVANCE**, in the mercantile line, denotes money paid before goods are delivered, work done, or business performed.

**ADVANCED**, in a general sense, denotes something posted or situated before another. Thus,

**ADVANCED Ditch**, in fortification, is that which surrounds the glacis or esplanade of a place.

**ADVANCED Guard**, or *Vanguard*, in the art of war, the first line or division of an army, ranged or marching in order of battle; or, it is that part which is next the enemy, and marches first towards them.

**Advanced Guard**, is more particularly used for a small party of horse stationed before the main-guard.

**ADVANCER**, among sportsmen, one of the starts or branches of a buck's attire, between the back antler and the palm.

**ADUAR**, in the Arabian and Moorish customs, a kind of ambulatory village, consisting of tents, which these people remove from one place to another, as suits their conveniency.

**ADVENT**, in the calendar, properly signifies the approach of the feast of the nativity. It includes four Sundays, which begin on St Andrew's day, or on the Sunday before or after it. During advent, and to the end of the octaves of epiphany, the solemnizing of marriage is forbid without a special license. It is appointed to employ the thoughts of Christians on the first advent or coming of Christ in the flesh, and his second advent or coming to judge the world. The primitive Christians practised great austerity during this season.

**AD VENTREM INSPICIENDUM**, in law, a writ by which a woman is to be searched whether she be with child by a former husband, on her withholding of lands from the next, failing issue of her own body.

**ADVENTURE**, in a general sense, some extraordinary or accidental event. It also denotes a hazardous or difficult undertaking.

**Bill of ADVENTURE**, among merchants, a writing signed by a merchant, testifying the goods mentioned in it to be shipped on board a certain vessel belonging to another person, who is to run all hazards; the merchant only obliging himself to account to him for the produce.

**ADVENTURE-Bay**, in Van Diemen's land. There is a beautiful sandy beach,\* about two miles long, at the bottom of Adventure Bay, formed to all appearance by the particles which the sea washes from a fine white sand-stone. This beach is very well adapted for hauling a seine. Behind it is a plain, with a brackish lake, out of which we caught, by angling, some bream and trout. The parts adjoining the bay are mostly hilly, and are an entire forest of tall trees, rendered almost impassable by brakes of fern, shrubs, &c. The soil on the flat land, and on the lower part of the hills, is sandy, or consists of a yellowish earth, and in some parts of a reddish clay; but further up the hills, it is of a grey tough cast. This country, upon the whole, bears many marks of being very dry, and the heat appears to be great. No mineral bodies, nor stones of any other kind than the white sand-stone, were observed by us: nor could we find any vegetables that afforded subsistence for man. The forest-trees are all of one-kind, and generally quite straight: they bear clusters of small white flowers. The principal plants observed, are wood-sorrel, milk-wort, cudweed, bell-flower, gladiolus, samphire, and several kinds of fern: the only quadruped, a species of opossum, about twice the size of a large rat. The kangaroo, found further northward in New Holland, may also be supposed to inhabit here, as some of the inhabitants had pieces of the skin of that animal.

Advanced  
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Adventure-Bay.

\* Cook's  
last voyage,  
B. i. ch. 6.

Adventurer  
||  
Adversative.

The principal sorts of birds in the woods are brown hawks or eagles, crows, large pigeons, yellowish paroquets, and a species which we called *motacilla cyanea*, from the beautiful azure colour of its head and neck. On the shore were several gulls, black oystercatchers, or sea-pies, and plovers of a stone colour.

The inhabitants seemed mild and cheerful, with little of that wild appearance that savages in general have. They are almost totally devoid of personal activity or genius, and are nearly upon a par with the wretched natives of Terra del Fuego. They display, however, some contrivance in their method of cutting their arms and bodies in lines of different directions, raised above the surface of the skin. Their indifference for presents, their general inattention, and want of curiosity, were very remarkable, and testified no acuteness of understanding. Their complexion is a dull black, which they sometimes heighten by smutting their bodies, as was supposed, from their leaving a mark behind on any clean substance. Their hair is perfectly woolly, and is clotted with grease and red ochre, like that of the Hottentots. Their noses are broad and full, and the lower part of the face projects considerably. Their eyes are of a moderate size, and though they are not very quick or piercing, they give the countenance a frank, cheerful, and pleasing cast. Their teeth are not very white, nor well set, and their mouths are too wide: they wear their beards long, and clotted with paint. They are, upon the whole, well proportioned, though their belly is rather protuberant. Their favourite attitude is to stand with one side forward, and one hand grasping, across the back, the opposite arm, which, on this occasion, hangs down by the side that projects.

ADVENTURER, in a general sense, denotes one who hazards something.

ADVENTURERS, is particularly used for an ancient company of merchants and traders, erected for the discovery of lands, territories, trades, &c. unknown. The society of adventurers had its rise in Burgundy, and its first establishment from John duke of Brabant, in 1248, being known by the name of *The brotherhood of St Thomas à Becket*. It was afterwards translated into England, and successively confirmed by Edward III. and IV. Richard III. Henry IV. V. VI. and VII. who gave it the appellation of *Merchant Adventurers*.

ADVERB, in grammar, a particle joined to a verb, adjective, or participle, to explain their manner of acting or suffering; or to mark some circumstance or quality signified by them. The word is formed from the preposition *ad*, "to," and *verbum*, "a verb;" and signifies literally a word joined to a verb, to show how, when, or where, one is, does, or suffers; as, the boy paints *neatly*, writes *ill*: the house stands *there*, &c. See GRAMMAR.

ADVERSARIA, among the ancients, a book of accounts, not unlike our journals or day-books. It is more particularly used for a kind of common-place-book.— See COMMON-PLACE-BOOK.

ADVERSATIVE, in grammar, a word expressing some difference between what goes before and what follows it. Thus, in the phrase, *he is an honest man, but a great enthusiast*, the word *but* is an adversative conjunction.

ADVERSATOR, in antiquity, a servant who attended the rich in returning from supper, to give them notice of any obstacles in the way, at which they might be apt to stumble.

Adversator  
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Adultation.

ADVERTISEMENT, in a general sense, denotes any information given to persons interested in an affair; and is more particularly used for a brief account of an affair inserted in the public papers, for the information of all concerned.

ADULA (anc. geog.), a mountain in Rhætia, or the country of the Grisons, part of the Alps, in which are the fountains of the Rhine; now *St Godhards*.

ADULE, or ADULIS, (anc. geog.) a town of Egypt, built by fugitive slaves, distant from its port on the Red Sea 20 stadia. Pliny calls the inhabitants *Adulitae*. The epithet is either *Adulitanus*; as, *Monumentum Adulitanum*, on the pompous inscription of the statue of Ptolemy Euergetes, published by Leo Alatus at Rome in 1631, and to be found in Spon and Thevenot: Or, *Adulicus*; as *Adulicus Sinus*, a part of the Red Sea.

ADULT, an appellation given to any thing that is arrived at maturity; Thus we say, an adult person, an adult plant, &c. Among civilians, it denotes a youth between 14 and 25 years of age.

ADULTERER, a man who commits adultery.— See ADULTERY.

ADULTERESS, a woman guilty of adultery. An adulteress, by the English law, undergoes no temporal punishment whatever, except the loss of her dower; and she does not lose even that, if her husband is weak enough to be reconciled to her, and cohabit with her after the offence committed. 13 Ed. I. cap. 34.

But it is to be observed, that adulteresses are such either by the canon or civil law. According to the former, a woman is an adulteress who, either being herself married, converses carnally with another man; or being single herself, converses with a man that is married. According to the latter, she is not an adulteress, if she be not herself in the married state, though she converses with a man that is. The crime, in this case, was more properly called *stuprum* than *adulterium*. Hence, among the Romans, the word *adultera*, "adulteress," differed from *pellex*, which denoted a single woman who cohabited with a married man: and *pellex* differed from *concubina*, which signified her who had only intercourse with an unmarried man. The former was reputed infamous, and the latter innocent.

ADULTERATION, the act of debasing, by an improper mixture, something that was pure and genuine.

The word is Latin, formed of the verb *adulterare*, "to corrupt," by mingling something foreign to any substance. There are laws in England against the adulteration of coffee, tea, tobacco, snuff, wine, beer, bread, wax, hair-powder, &c.

ADULTERATION of Coin, properly imports the making, or casting of a wrong metal, or with too base or too much alloy.

Adulterations of coins are effected divers ways; as, by forging another stamp or inscription; by mixing impure metals with the gold or silver; most properly, by making use of a wrong metal, or an undue alloy, or too great an admixture of the baser metals with gold or silver. Counterfeiting the stamp, or clipping  
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Adulterine, and lessening the weight, do not so properly come under Adultery. the denomination of *adulterating*.—Evelyn gives rules and methods, both of adulterating and detecting adulterated metals, &c.—*Adulterating* is somewhat less extensive than *debasing*, which includes diminishing, clipping, &c.

To adulterate or debase the current coin, is a capital crime in all nations.—The ancients punished it with great severity : among the Egyptians both hands were cut off ; and by the civil law, the offender was thrown to wild beasts. The emperor Tacitus enacted, that counterfeiting the coin should be capital ; and under Constantine it was made treason, as it is also among us. The adulterating of gems is a curious art, and the methods of detecting it no less useful. Nicholas Lapid. p. 18.

ADULTERINE, in the civil law, is particularly applied to a child issued from an adulterous amour or commerce. Adulterine children are more odious than the illegitimate offspring of single persons.—The Roman law even refuses them the title of natural children ; as if nature disowned them.—Adulterine children are not easily dispensed with for admission to orders. Those are not deemed adulterine, who are begotten of a woman openly married, through ignorance of a former wife being alive.—By a decree of the parliament of Paris, adulterine children are declared not legitimated by the subsequent marriage of the parties, even though a papal dispensation be had for such marriage, wherein is a clause of legitimation.

*ADULTERINE Marriages*, in St Augustin's sense, denote second marriages, contracted after a divorce.

ADULTERY, an unlawful commerce between one married person and another, or between a married and unmarried person.

Punishments have been annexed to adultery in most ages and nations, though of different degrees of severity. In many it has been capital ; in others venial, and attended only with slight pecuniary mulcts. Some of the penalties are serious, and even cruel ; others of a jocular and humorous kind. Even contrary things have been enacted as punishments for adultery. By some laws, the criminals are forbid marrying together, in case they became single ; by others, they are forbid to marry any besides each other ; by some, they are incapacitated from ever committing the like crime again ; by others, they are glutted with it till it becomes downright nauseous.

Among the rich Greeks, adulterers were allowed to redeem themselves by a pecuniary fine ; the woman's father, in such cases, returned the dower he had received from her husband, which some think was refunded by the adulterer. Another punishment among those people was, putting out the eyes of adulterers.

The Athenians had an extraordinary way of punishing adulterers, called *παρὰ τὸ μὲν ἀρὰ φωνιδωσις*, practised at least on the poorer sort who were not able to pay the fines. This was an awkward sort of empalement, performed by thrusting one of the largest radishes up the anus of the adulterer, or, in defect thereof, a fish with a large head, called *mugil*, "mullet." Alcæus is said to have died this way, though it is doubted whether the punishment was reputed mortal. Juvenal and Catullus speak of this custom, as received also among the Romans, though not authorised by an express law, as it was among the Greeks.

There are various conjectures concerning the ancient punishment of adultery among the Romans. Some will have it to have been made capital by a law of Romulus, and again by the twelve tables. Others, that it was first made capital by Augustus ; and others, not before the emperor Constantine. The truth is, the punishment in the early days was very various, much being left to the discretion of the husband and parents of the adulterous wife, who exercised it differently, rather with the silence and countenance of the magistrate than any formal authority from him. Thus we are told, the wife's father was allowed to kill both parties, when caught in the fact, provided he did it immediately, killed both together, and as it were with one blow. The same power ordinarily was not indulged the husband, except the crime were committed with some mean or infamous person ; tho', in other cases, if his rage carried him to put them to death, he was not punished as a murderer. On many occasions, however, revenge was not carried so far ; but mutilating, castrating, cutting off the ears, noses, &c. served the turn. The punishment allotted by the *lex Julia*, was not, as many have imagined, death ; but rather banishment, or deportation, being interdicted fire and water : though Octavius appears, in several instances, to have gone beyond his own law, and to have put adulterers to death. Under Macrinus, many were burnt at a stake. Constantine first by law made the crime capital. Under Constantine and Constans, adulterers were burnt, or sewed in sacks and thrown into the sea. Under Leo and Marcian, the penalty was abated to perpetual banishment, or cutting off the nose. Under Justinian, a further mitigation was granted, at least in favour of the wife, who was only to be scourged, lose her dower, and be shut up in a monastery : after two years, the husband was at liberty to take her back again ; if he refused, she was shaven, and made a nun for life : But it still remained death in the husband. The reason alleged for this difference is, that the woman is the weaker vessel. Matthæus declaims against the empress Theodora, who is supposed to have been the cause of this law, as well as of others procured in favour of that sex from the emperor.

Under Theodosius, women convicted of this crime were punished after a very singular manner, viz. by a public constupration ; being locked up in a narrow cell, and forced to admit to their embraces all the men that would offer themselves. To this end, the gallants were to dress themselves on purpose, having several little bells fastened to their clothes, the tinkling of which gave notice to those without of every motion. The custom was again abolished by the same prince.

By the Jewish law, adultery was punished by death in both parties, where they were both married, or only the woman. The Jews had a particular method of trying, or rather purging, an adulteress, or a woman suspected of the crime, by making her drink the bitter waters of jealousy ; which, if she were guilty, made her swell.

Among the Mingrelians, according to Chardin, adultery is punished with the forfeiture of a hog, which is usually eaten in good friendship between the gallant, the adulteress, and the cuckold. In some parts of the Indies, it is said any man's wife is permitted to prostitute herself to him who will give an elephant for the use of her ; and it is reputed no small glory to her to

Adultery. have been rated so high. Adultery is said to be so frequent at Ceylon, that not a woman but practises it, notwithstanding its being punishable with death. Among the Japanese, and divers other nations, adultery is only penal in the woman. Among the Abyssinians, the crime of the husband is said to be only punished on the innocent wife. In the Marian islands, on the contrary, the woman is not punishable for adultery; but if the man go astray he pays severely: the wife and her relations waste his lands, turn him out of his house, &c. Among the Chinese, there is reason to conclude that adultery is not capital; for it is said that fond parents will make a contract for their daughters future husbands to allow them the indulgence of a gallant.

In Spain, they punished adultery in men by cutting off that part which had been the instrument of the crime. In Poland, before Christianity was established, they punished adultery and fornication in a very particular manner: the criminal they carried to the market-place, and there fastened him by the testicles with a nail; laying a razor within his reach, and leaving him under the necessity, either of doing justice upon himself or of perishing in that condition.

The Saxons formerly burnt the adulterers, and over her ashes erected a gibbet, whereon the adulterer was hanged. In England, likewise, adultery, by the ancient laws, was severely punished. King Edmund the Saxon ordered adultery to be punished in the same manner as homicide; and Canute the Dane ordered that a man who committed adultery should be banished, and that the woman should have her nose and ears cut off. In the time of Henry I. it was punished with the loss of eyes and genitals.

In Britain, adultery is reckoned a spiritual offence, that is, cognizable by the spiritual courts, where it is punished by fine and penance. The common law takes no farther notice of it, than to allow the party grieved an action and damages. This practice is often censured by foreigners, as making too light of a crime, the bad consequences of which, public as well as private, are so great. It has been answered, that perhaps this penalty, by civil action, is more wisely calculated to prevent the frequency of the offence, which ought to be the end of all laws, than a severe punishment. He that by a judgment of law is, according to circumstances, stripped of great part of his fortune, thrown into prison till he can pay it, or forced to fly his country, will, no doubt, in most cases, own that he pays dearly for his amusement.

As to the moral turpitude of this offence, some have vainly endeavoured to deny or explain it away by various arguments, and even by an appeal to scripture. On the part of the *man* who solicits the chastity of a married woman, it certainly includes the crime of SEDUCTION, and is attended with mischief still more complicated and extensive: It creates a new sufferer, the injured husband, upon whose simplicity and affection is inflicted a wound the most painful and incurable that human nature knows. The infidelity of the *woman* is aggravated by cruelty to her children, who are generally involved in their parent's shame, and always made unhappy by their quarrel.

It has been argued, that these consequences ought less to be attributed to the crime than to the discovery. But, in the first place, the crime could not be disco-

vered unless it were committed, and the commission is never secure from discovery. *2dly*, If adulterous connections were allowable whenever the parties could hope to escape detection, which is the conclusion to which this argument leads, the husband would be left no other security for his wife's chastity, than in her want of opportunity of temptation: which would probably deter most men from marrying; or render marriage a state of continual jealousy and alarm to the husband, which would end in the slavery and confinement of the wife.

The marriage-vow is "witnessed before God," and accompanied with circumstances of solemnity and religion which approach to the nature of an oath. The married offender, therefore, incurs a crime little short of perjury, and the seduction of a married woman is little less than subornation of perjury:—and this guilt is independent of the discovery.

But the usual apology for adultery is the prior transgression of the other party: and so far, indeed, as the bad effects of adultery are anticipated by the conduct of the husband or wife who offends first, the guilt of the second offender is extenuated. But this can never amount to a justification; unless it could be shown that the obligation of the marriage-vow depends upon the condition of reciprocal fidelity; a construction which appears founded neither in expediency, nor in the terms of the vow, nor in the design of the legislature which prescribed the marriage-rite. The way of considering the offence upon the footing of *provocation* and *retaliation*, is a childish trifling with words.

"Thou shalt not commit adultery," was an interdiction delivered by God himself; yet scripture has been adduced as giving countenance to the crime. As Christ told the woman taken in adultery, "Neither do I condemn thee," we must believe, it is said, that he deemed her conduct either not criminal, or at least not a crime of the heinous nature we represent it to be. But from a more attentive examination of the case, it will be evident that nothing can be concluded from it favourable to such an opinion. The transaction is thus related\*: 'Early in the morning Jesus came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down and taught them: and the Scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, they say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act; now Moses in the law commanded that such should be stoned, but what sayest thou? This they said tempting him, that they might have to accuse him: but Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not. So when they continued asking him, he lift up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin amongst you, let him first cast a stone at her; and again he stooped down and wrote on the ground: and they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last; and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had lift up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? Hath no man condemned thee? She said unto him, No man, Lord: and he said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee; go and sin no more.'

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\* St John's Gospel, ch. viii.

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' This they said tempting him, that they might have to accuse him;' that is, to draw him into an exercise of judicial authority, that they might have to accuse him before the Roman governor of usurping or intermeddling with the civil government.

Paley's  
Moral and  
Political  
Philosophy,  
Philad. ed.  
p. 203.

" This was their design; and Christ's behaviour throughout the whole affair proceeded from a knowledge of this design, and a determination to defeat it. He gives them at first a cold and sullen reception, well suited to the insidious intention with which they came: ' he stooped down, and with his finger wrote on ' the ground as though he heard them not.' ' When ' they continued asking him,' when they teased him to speak, he dismissed them with a rebuke, which the impertinent malice of their errand, as well as the secret character of many of them, deserved: ' he that is ' without sin (that is, this sin) among you, let him ' first cast a stone at her.' This had its effect. Stung with the reproof, and disappointed of their aim, they stole away one by one, and left Jesus and the woman alone. And then follows the conversation, which is the part of the narrative most material to our present subject. ' Jesus saith unto her, Woman, where are ' those thine accusers?' 'Hath no man condemned thee?' ' She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, ' Neither do I condemn thee; go and sin no more.' Now, when Christ asked the woman, ' Hath no man ' condemned thee?' he certainly spoke, and was understood by the woman to speak, of a legal and judicial condemnation; otherwise her answer, ' No man, Lord,' was not true. In every other sense of condemnation, as blame, censure, reproof, private judgment, and the like, many had condemned her; all those, indeed, who brought her to Jesus. If then a judicial sentence was what Christ meant by *condemning* in the question, the common use of language requires us to suppose that he meant the same in his reply, ' Neither do I condemn thee: ' *i. e.* I pretend to no judicial character or authority over thee; it is no office or business of mine to pronounce or execute the sentence of the law. When Christ adds, ' Go and sin no more,' he in effect tells her that she had sinned already; but as to the degree or quality of the sin, or Christ's opinion concerning it, nothing is declared, or can be inferred, either way."

It has been controverted, whether adultery may be lawfully committed in war, with the enemies wives? The answer is in the negative, and the authorized practice of civilized nations is agreeable to this. It has also been a famous question, whether it be lawful for a woman to commit adultery with the consent of her husband, and for the procuring some great good to him? St Austin apparently allows of it; at least, does not condemn it\*.

\* De Serm.  
Dom. in  
Mont. lib. i  
cap. 16.  
§ 59. et De  
Civ. Dei,  
lib. xvi.  
cap. 25.

It has likewise been a dispute, whether it be lawful for one of the parties married to commit adultery, with the consent of the other, for the sake of having children? Of which we have instances in Abraham, who, on this account, conversed with Hagar; and likewise among the Greeks and Romans. Pollman, a German professor, has a dissertation on the husband's right to alienate his wife's body to another's use.

It is much disputed, whether adultery dissolves the bond of matrimony, and be a sufficient cause of divorce, so that the parties may marry again. This was

allowed in the ancient church, and is still continued in the Greek, as well as in the Lutheran and Calvinist churches. Romanists, however, disallow of it, and the council of Trent even anathematized those who maintain it; though the canon of anathematization was mitigated in deference to the republic of Venice, in some of whose dominions, as Zant, Cephalonia, &c. the contrary usage obtains. The ecclesiastical courts in England so far agree with those of Rome, that they only grant a divorce *à mensa et thoro*, in case of adultery; so that a complete divorce, to enable the parties to marry again, cannot be had without an act of parliament.

ADULTERY is also used in ancient customs, for the punishment or fine imposed for that offence, or the privilege of prosecuting for it. In which sense, *adulterium* amounts to the same with what the Saxons call *legerwita*.

ADULTERY is sometimes used, in a more extensive sense, for any species of impurity or crime, against the virtue of chastity; and in this sense divines understand the seventh commandment.

ADULTERY is also used, especially in scripture, for idolatry, or departing from the true God, to the worship of a false one.

ADULTERY is also used, in ecclesiastical writers, for a person's invading or intruding into a bishopric during the former bishop's life. The reason of the appellation is, that a bishop is supposed to contract a kind of spiritual marriage with his church. The translation of a bishop from one see to another was also reputed a species of adultery; on the supposition of its being a kind of second marriage, which, in those days, was esteemed a degree of adultery. This conclusion was founded on that text of St Paul, *Let a bishop be the husband of one wife*, by a forced construction of church for wife and of bishop for husband. Du-Cange.

ADULTERY is also used, in ancient naturalists, for the act of ingrafting one plant upon another. In which sense, Pliny speaks of the adulteries of trees, *arborum adulteria*, which he represents as contrary to nature, and a piece of luxury, or needless refinement.

ADVOCATE, among the Romans, a person skilled in their law, who undertook the defence of causes at the bar. The Roman advocates answered to one part of the office of a barrister in England, viz. the pleading part; for they never gave counsel, that being the business of the *jurisconsulti*.

The Romans, in the first ages of their state, held the profession of an advocate in great honour; and the seats of the bar were crowded with senators and consuls; they, whose voices commanded the people, thinking it an honour to be employed in defending them. They were styled *comites, honorati, clarissimi*, and even *patroni*; as if their clients were not less obliged to them than freedmen to their masters. The bar was not at that time venal. Those who aspired to honours and offices took this way of gaining an interest in the people, and always pleaded *gratis*. But no sooner were luxury and corruption introduced into the commonwealth, than the bar became a sharer in them. Then it was that the senators let out their voices for pay, and zeal and eloquence were sold to the highest bidder. To put a stop to this abuse, the

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*Advocates.* tribune Cincius procured a law to be passed, called from him *Lex Cincia*, whereby the advocates were forbid to take any money of their clients. It had before this been prohibited the advocates to take any presents or gratuities for their pleading. The emperor Augustus added a penalty to it: notwithstanding which, the advocates played their parts so well, that the emperor Claudius thought it an extraordinary circumstance, when he obliged them not to take above eight great sesterces, which are equivalent to about 64l. Sterling, for pleading each cause.

ADVOCATE is still used, in countries and courts where the civil law obtains, for those who plead and defend the causes of clients entrusted to them.

ADVOCATE of a City, in the German polity, a magistrate appointed in the emperor's name to administer justice.

ADVOCATE is more particularly used, in church history, for a person appointed to defend the rights and revenues of a church or religious house. The word *advocatus*, or *advowee*, is still retained for what we usually call the *patron*, or he who has the advowson, or right of presentation, in his own name.

Consistorial ADVOCATES; officers of the consistory at Rome, who plead in all oppositions to the disposal of benefices in that court: they are ten in number.

Elective ADVOCATES, those chosen by the abbot, bishop, or chapter; a particular licence being had from the king, or prince, for that purpose. The elections were originally made in the presence of the count of the province.

Feudal ADVOCATES. These were of the military kind, who, to make them more zealous for the interest of the church, had lands granted them in fee, which they held of the church, and did homage, and took an oath of fidelity to the bishop or abbot. These were to lead the vassals of the church to war, not only in private quarrels of the church itself, but in military expeditions for the king's service, in which they were the standard-bearers of their churches.

Fiscal ADVOCATE, *fisci advocatus*, in Roman antiquity, an officer of state under the Roman emperors, who pleaded in all causes wherein the *fiscus*, or private treasury, was concerned.

Juridical ADVOCATES, in the middle age, were those who from attending causes in the court of the comes, or count of the province, became judges themselves, and held courts of their vassals thrice a-year, under the name of the *tria placita generalia*. In consideration of this further service, they had a particular allowance of one third part of all fines, or mulcts, imposed on defaulters, &c. besides a proportion of diet for themselves and servants.

Matricular ADVOCATES, were the advocates of the mother or cathedral churches.

Military ADVOCATES, those appointed for the defence of the church, rather by arms and authority than by pleading and eloquence. These were introduced in the times of confusion, when every person was obliged to maintain their own property by force; bishops and abbots not being permitted to bear arms, and the scholastic or gowned advocates being equally unacquainted with them, recourse was had to knights, noblemen, soldiers, or even to princes.

Nominative ADVOCATES, those appointed by king

or pope. Sometimes the churches petitioned kings, &c. to appoint them an advocate; at other times this was done of their own accord. By some regulations, no person was capable of being elected advocate, unless he had an estate in land in the same county.

Regular ADVOCATES, those duly formed and qualified for their profession, by a proper course of study, the requisite oath, subscription, licence, &c.

Subordinate ADVOCATES, those appointed by other superior ones, acting under them, and accountable to them. There were various reasons for the creation of these subordinate advocates; as, the superior quality of the principal advocate, his being detained in war, or being involved in other affairs; but chiefly the too great distance of some of the church-lands, and their lying in the dominions of foreign princes.

Supreme or Sovereign ADVOCATES, were those who had the authority in chief; but acted by deputies or subordinate advocates. These were called also *principal*, *greater*, and sometimes *general* advocates. Such in many cases were kings, &c. when either they had been chosen advocates, or became such by being founders or endowers of churches. Princes had also another title to advocateship, some of them pretending to be *advocati nati* of the churches within their dominions.

ADVOCATES, in the English courts, are more generally called *counsel*. See COUNSEL.

Faculty of ADVOCATES, in Scotland, a respectable body of lawyers, who plead in all causes before the Courts of Session, Justiciary, and Exchequer. They are also intitled to plead in the house of peers, and other supreme courts in England.

In the year 1660, the faculty founded a library upon a very extensive plan, suggested by that learned and eminent lawyer Sir George M'Kenzie of Rosehaugh, advocate to king Charles II. and king James VII. who enriched it with many valuable books. It has been daily increasing since that time, and now contains not only the best collection of law-books in Europe, but a very large and select collection of books on all subjects. Besides, this library contains a great number of original manuscripts, and a vast variety of Jewish, Grecian, Roman, Scots, and English coins and medals.

A candidate for the office of an advocate undergoes three several trials: The first is in Latin, upon the civil law and Greek and Roman antiquities; the second, in English, upon the municipal law of Scotland; and, in the third he is obliged to defend a Latin thesis, which is impugned by three members of the faculty. Immediately before putting on the gown, the candidate makes a short Latin speech to the lords, and then takes the oaths to the government and *de fidei*.

The faculty at present consists of above 200 members. As an advocate or lawyer is esteemed the gentlest profession in Scotland, many gentlemen of fortune take the degree of advocate, without having any intention of practising at the bar. This circumstance greatly increases their number, gives dignity to the profession, and enriches their library and public fund. It is from this respectable body that all vacancies on the bench are generally supplied.

Lord ADVOCATE, or King's Advocate, one of the eight great officers of state in Scotland, who as such

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fat in parliament without election. He is the principal crown-lawyer in Scotland. His business is to act as a public prosecutor, and to plead in all causes that concern the crown; but particularly in such as are of a criminal nature. The office of king's advocate is not very ancient: it seems to have been established about the beginning of the 16th century. Originally he had no power to prosecute crimes without the concurrence of a private party: but, in the year 1597, he was empowered to prosecute crimes at his own instance. He has the privilege of pleading in court with his hat on. This privilege was first granted to Sir Thomas Hope; who having three sons lords of session, it was thought indecent that the father should plead uncovered before the sons, who as judges sat covered.

**BILL OF ADVOCATION**, in Scots law, a writing drawn up in the form of a petition; whereby a party, in an action before an inferior court, applies to the supreme court, or court of Session, for calling the action from the inferior court before itself.

*Letters of ADVOCATION*, in Scots law, the decree or warrant of the court of Session upon cognizance of the facts set forth in the bill, drawn up in the form of a summons, and passing under the signet, discharging the inferior judge and all others from further procedure in the cause, and advocating it to itself.

**ADVOWEE**, in ancient customs and law books, denotes the advocate of a church, religious house, or the like. There were advowees of cathedrals, abbeys, monasteries, &c. Thus, Charlemagne had the title of advowee of St Peter's; king Hugh, of St Riquier; and Bolandus mentions some letters of pope Nicholas, by which he constituted king Edward the Confessor, and his successors, advowees of the monastery at Westminster, and of all the churches in England. These advowees were the guardians, protectors, and administrators of the temporal concerns of the churches, &c. and under their authority were passed all contracts which related to them. It appears also, from the most ancient charters, that the donations made to churches were conferred on the persons of the advowees. They always pleaded the causes of the churches in court, and distributed justice for them, in the places under their jurisdiction. They also commanded the forces furnished by their monasteries, &c. for the war: and even were their champions, and sometimes maintained duels for them.

This office is said to have been first introduced in the fourth century, in the time of Stilico; though the Benedictines do not fix its origin before the eighth century. By degrees, men of the first rank were brought into it, as it was found necessary either to defend with arms or to protect with power and authority. In some monasteries they were only called *conservators*; but these, without the name, had all the functions of advowees. There were also sometimes several sub-advowees, or sub-advocates, in each monastery, who officiated instead of the advowees themselves; which, however, proved the ruin of monasteries; those inferior officers running into great abuses.

Hence also, husbands, tutors, and every person in general, who took upon him the defence of another, were denominated *advowees*, or advocates. Hence several cities had their advowees; which were established long after the ecclesiastical ones, and doubtless from

their example. Thus we read in history of the advowees of Augsburg, of Arras, &c.

The *vidames* assumed the quality of advowees; and hence it is, that several historians of the eighth century confound the two functions together. Hence also it is, that several secular lords in Germany bear mitres for their crests, as having anciently been advowees of the great churches.

Spelman distinguishes two kinds of ecclesiastical advowees.—The one, of causes or processes, *advocati causarum*; the other, of territory or lands, *advocati soli*. The former were nominated by the king, and were usually lawyers, who undertook to plead the causes of the monasteries. The other, which still subsist, and are sometimes called by their primitive name, *advowees*, though more usually *patrons*, were hereditary; as being the founders and endowers of churches, &c. or their heirs.

Women were sometimes advowees, *advocatiſſæ*. And, in effect, the canon law mentions some who had this title, and who had the same right of presentation, &c. in their churches which the advowees themselves had. In a stat. 25 Edw. III. we meet with *advowee paramount* for the highest patron; that is, the king.

**ADVOWSON**, or **ADVOWZEN**, in common law, signifies a right to present to a vacant benefice. Advowson is so called, because the right of presenting to the church was first gained by such as were founders, benefactors, or maintainers of the church.

Though the nomination of fit persons to officiate in every diocese was originally in the bishop, yet they were content to let the founders of churches have the nomination of the persons to the churches so founded, reserving to themselves a right to judge of the fitness of the persons so nominated.

Advowsons formerly were most of them appendant to manors, and the patrons were parochial barons: the lordship of the manor and patronage of the church were seldom in different hands, until advowsons were given to religious houses. But of late times the lordship of the manor and advowson of the church have been divided.

Advowsons are *presentative*, *collative*, or *donative*: *presentative*, where the patron presents or offers his clerk to the bishop of the diocese, to be instituted in his church; *collative*, where the benefice is given by the bishop, as original patron thereof, or by means of a right he has acquired by lapse; *donative*, as where the king or other patron does, by a single donation in writing, put the clerk into possession, without presentation, institution, or induction.

Sometimes, anciently, the patron had the sole nomination of the prelate, abbot, or prior; either by investiture (*i. e.* delivery of a pastoral staff), or by direct presentation to the diocesan; and if a free election was left to the religious, yet a *conge d'elire*, or a licence of election, was first to be obtained of the patron, and the person elected was confirmed by him. If the founder's family became extinct, the patronage of the convent went to the lord of the manor. Unless the several colleges in the universities be restrained in the number of advowsons they may receive, it is argued they will in time acquire such a stock as to frustrate the design of their foundation (which is the education of youth, by creating too quick a succession of fellows;

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lows; so that there will not be in the colleges a sufficient number of persons of competent age, knowledge, and experience, to instruct and form the minds of the youth.—In some colleges the number of advowsons is said to be already two thirds, or more, of the number of fellows. It is objected, on the other side, that the succession of fellows may be too slow as well as too quick; whereby persons well qualified may be detained so long in colleges as not to have strength or activity enough left for the discharge of parochial functions.

Colleges holding more advowsons in number than a moiety of the fellows, are not capable of purchasing more. Grants of advowsons by papists are void. 9 Geo. II. c. 36. § 5. 11 Geo. II. c. 17. § 5.

Advowsons are temporal inheritances and lay fees; they may be granted by deed or will, and are assets in the hands of heirs or executors. Presentations to advowsons for money, or other reward, are void. 31 Eliz. cap. 6.

In Scotland, this right is called *patronage*. See PATRONAGE.

ADUST, ADUSTUS, among physicians, &c. is applied to such humours as by long heat become of a hot and fiery nature. Such is cholera supposed to be. Melancholy is usually considered as black and adust bile. Blood is said to be adust, when, by reason of some extraordinary heat, its more subtle parts are all evaporated, leaving the grosser, with all the impurities therein, half torried.

ADY, in natural history, a name given to the palm-tree of the island of St Thomas. It is a tall tree, with a thick, bare, upright stem, growing single on its root, of a thin light timber, and full of juice. The head of this tree shoots into a vast number of branches, which being cut off, or an incision being made therein, afford a great quantity of sweet juice, which fermenting supplies the place of wine among the Indians. The fruit of this tree is called by the Portuguese *Caryoces* and *Carioffe*; and by the black natives, *Abanga*. This fruit is of the size and shape of a lemon; and contains a kernel, which is good to eat. The fruit itself is eat roasted, and the raw kernels are often mixed with mandioc meal. These kernels are supposed very cordial. An oil is also prepared from this fruit, which answers the purpose of oil or butter. This oil is also used for anointing stiff and contracted parts of the body.

ADYNAMIA, in medicine, debility, or weakness, from sickness.

ADYNAMON, among ancient physicians, a kind of weak factitious wine, prepared from must boiled down with water; to be given to patients to whom genuine wine might be hurtful.

ADYTUM, in pagan antiquity, the most retired and sacred place of their temples, into which none but the priests were allowed to enter. The *Sanctum Sanctorum* of the temple of Solomon was of the nature of the pagan adytum, none but the high priest being admitted into it, and he but once a-year.

ADZE, or ADDICE, a cutting tool of the ax kind; having its blade made thin and arching, and its edge at right angles to the handle; chiefly used for taking off thin chips of timber or boards, and for paring away certain irregularities which the ax cannot come at. The adze is used by carpenters, but more by coopers, as being convenient for cutting the hollow sides of

boards; &c. It is ground from a base on its inside to its outer edge; so that, when it is blunt, they cannot conveniently grind it without taking its helve out of the eye.

ÆE, or Æ, a diphthong compounded of A and E. Authors are by no means agreed as to the use of the *æ* in English words.—Some, out of regard to etymology, insist on its being retained in all words, particularly technical ones, borrowed from the Greek and Latin; while others, from a consideration that it is no proper diphthong in our language, its sound being no other than that of the simple *e*, contend that it ought to be entirely disused; and, in fact, the simple *e* has of late been adopted instead of the Roman *æ*, as in the word *equator*, &c.

ÆACEA, in Grecian antiquity, solemn festivals and games celebrated at Ægina, in honour of Æacus.

ÆACUS, the son of Jupiter by Ægina. When the isle of Ægina was depopulated by a plague, his father, in compassion to his grief, changed all the ants upon it into men and women, who were called *Myrmidons*, from *μυρμηξ*, an ant. The foundation of the fable is said to be, that when the country had been depopulated by pirates, who forced the few that remained to take shelter in caves, Æacus encouraged them to come out, and by commerce and industry, recover what they had lost. His character for justice was such, that, in a time of universal drought, he was nominated by the Delphic oracle to intercede for Greece, and his prayer was answered. See the article ÆGINA. The Pagans also imagined that Æacus, on account of his impartial justice, was chosen by Pluto one of the three judges of the dead: and that it was his province to judge the Europeans.

ÆBURA (anc. geog.), a town of Spain, in Estremadura, on the river Guadiana, to the west of Merida, now called *Talavera*. W. Long. 7. 15. Lat. 38. 40.

ÆCHMALOTARCHA, in Jewish antiquity, a title given to the principal leader or governor of the Hebrew captives residing in Chaldea, Assyria, and the neighbouring countries. This magistrate was called by the Jews *rosch-galath*, i. e. the chief of the captivity: but the above term, of like import in the Greek, is that used by Origen and others who wrote in the Greek tongue.

The Jewish writers assure us, that the *æchmalotarchæ* were only to be chosen out of the tribe of Judah. The eastern Jews had their princes of the captivity, as the western Jews their patriarchs. The Jews are still said to have an *æchmalotarcha* at Babylon, but without the authority of the ancient ones. Basnage Hist. Jews, and Prideaux's Connection.

ÆCULANUM (anc. geog.), a town of the Hirpini in Italy, at the foot of the Appenine, to the east of Abellinum, contracted *Æclanum*, situate between Beneventum and Tarentum. The inhabitants are called *Æculani* by Pliny; and *Æclanenses*, in an ancient inscription, (Gruter). The town is now called *Fricento*, Cluverius, 43 miles east of Naples. E. Long. 15. 38. Lat. 41. 15.

ÆDES, in Roman antiquity, besides its more ordinary signification of a house, likewise signified an inferior kind of temple, consecrated to some deity.

ÆDICULA, a term used to denote the inner part of

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Ædilate, of the temple, where the altar and statue of the deity stood.  
Ædile.

ÆDILATE, the office of ædile, sometimes called *Ædilitia*. See the next article.

ÆDILE (*ædilis*), in Roman antiquity, a magistrate whose chief business was to superintend buildings of all kinds, but more especially public ones, as temples, aquæducts, bridges, &c. To the ædiles likewise belonged the care of the highways, public places, weights and measures, &c. They also fixed the prices of provisions, took cognizance of debauches, punished lewd women, and such persons as frequented gaming houses. The custody of the plebiscita, or orders of the people, was likewise committed to them. They had the inspection of comedies and other pieces of wit; and were obliged to exhibit magnificent games to the people, at their own expence, whereby many of them were ruined. To them also belonged the custody of the plebiscita, and the censure and examination of books. They had the power, on certain occasions, of issuing edicts; and, by degrees, they procured to themselves a considerable jurisdiction, the cognizance of various causes, &c. This office ruined numbers by its expensiveness; so that, in Augustus's time, even many senators declined it on that account.

All these functions which rendered the ædiles so considerable belonged at first to the ædiles of the people, *ædiles plebeii*, or *minores*: these were only two in number, and were first created in the same year as the tribunes: for the tribunes, finding themselves oppressed with the multiplicity of affairs, demanded of the senate to have officers, with whom they might intrust matters of less importance; and accordingly two ædiles were created; and hence it was that the ædiles were elected every year at the same assembly as the tribunes. But these plebeian ædiles having refused, on a signal occasion, to treat the people with shows, as pleading themselves unable to support the expence thereof, the patricians made an offer to do it, provided they would admit them to the honor of the *ædilate*. On this occasion there were two new ædiles created, of the number of the patricians, in the year of Rome 388; they were called *ædiles curules*, or *majores*; as having a right to sit on a curule chair, enriched with ivory, when they gave audience; whereas the plebeian ædiles only sat on benches.—Besides that the curule ædiles shared all the ordinary functions with the plebeian, their chief employ was, to procure the celebration of the grand Roman games, and to exhibit comedies, shews of gladiators, &c. to the people; and they were also appointed judges in all cases relating to the selling or exchanging estates.

To ease these four first ædiles, Cæsar created a new kind, called *ædiles cereales*, as being deputed chiefly to take care of the corn, which was called *donum cereris*; for the Heathens honoured Ceres as the goddess who presided over corn, and attributed to her the invention of agriculture. These ædiles cereales were also taken out of the order of patricians. In the municipal cities there were ædiles, and with the same authority as at Rome.

We also read of an *ædiles alimentarius*, expressed in abbreviation by *Ædil. alim.* whose business seems to have been to provide diet for those who were maintained at the public charge, though others assign him a

different office.—In an ancient inscription we also meet *Ædilitium* with *ædile* of the camp, *ædilis castrorum*.

ÆDILITIUM EDICTUM, among the Romans, was that whereby a remedy was given a buyer, in case a vicious or unsound beast, or slave, was sold him. It was called *ædilitium*, because the preventing of frauds in sales and contracts belonged especially to the curule ædiles.

ÆDITUUS, in Roman antiquity, an officer belonging to the temple, who had the charge of the offerings, treasure, and sacred utensils. The female deities had a woman officer of this kind called *Æditua*.

ÆGAGROPILA, a ball composed of a substance resembling hair, generated in the stomach of the chamois-goat. This ball is of the same nature with those found in cows, hogs, &c.

ÆGÆ, or ÆGÆA, (anc. geog.), the name of *Ædessa*, so called from the following adventure: Caranus, the first king of Macedonia, being ordered by the oracle to seek out a settlement in Macedonia, under the conduct of a flock of goats, surpris'd the town of *Ædessa*, during a thick fog and rainy weather, in following the goats that fled from the rain; which goats ever after, in all his military expeditions, he caused to precede his standard; and in memory of this he called *Ædessa Ægea*, and his people *Ægeadae*. And hence probably, in the prophet Daniel, the he-goat is the symbol of the king of Macedon.

ÆGEAN SEA (anc. geog.) now the *Archipelago*, a part of the Mediterranean, separating Europe from Asia and Africa; washing, on the one hand, Greece and Macedonia; on the other, Caria and Ionia. The origin of the name is greatly disputed. Festus advances three opinions: one, that it is so called from the many islands therein, at a distance appearing like so many goats: another, because *Ægea* queen of the Amazons perished in it: a third opinion is, because *Ægeus*, the father of Theseus, threw himself headlong into it.

ÆGEUS, in fabulous history, was king of Athens, and the father of Theseus. The Athenians having basely killed the son of Minos king of Crete, for carrying away the prize from them, Minos made war upon the Athenians; and being victorious, imposed this severe condition on *Ægeus*, that he should annually send into Crete seven of the noblest of the Athenian youths, chosen by lot, to be devoured by the Minotaur. On the fourth year of this tribute, the choice fell on Theseus; or, as others say, he himself intreated to be sent. The king, at his son's departure, gave orders, that as the ship sailed with black sails, it should return with the same in case he perished; but, if he became victorious, he should change them into white. When Theseus returned to Crete, after killing the Minotaur, and forgot to change the sails in token of his victory, according to the agreement with his father; the latter, who watched the return of the vessel, supposing by the black sails that his son was dead, cast himself headlong into the sea, which afterwards obtained the name of the *Ægean Sea*. The Athenians decreed *Ægeus* divine honours; and sacrificed to him as a marine deity, the adopted son of Neptune.

ÆGIAS, among physicians, a white speck on the pupil of the eye, which occasions a dimness of sight.

ÆGIDA, (Pliny); now *Capo d'Istria*, the principal

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pal town on the north of the territory of Istria, situated in a little island, joined to the land by a bridge. In an inscription, (Gruter), it is called *Ægidis Insula*. E. Long. 14. 20. Lat. 45. 50. It was afterwards called *Justinopolis*, after the emperor Justinus.

ÆGILOPS, the name of a tumor in the great angle of the eye; either with, or without, an inflammation. The word is compounded of *αιξ*, goat, and *ωψ*, eye; as goats are supposed extremely liable to this distemper.

Authors frequently use the words *ægilops*, *anchilops*, and *fistula lachrymalis*, promiscuously; but the more accurate, after Ægineta, make a difference.—The tumor, before it becomes ulcerous, is properly called *anchilops*; and, after it has got into the lachrymal passages, and has rendered the os lachrymale carious, *fistula lachrymalis*.

If the ægilops be accompanied with an inflammation, it is supposed to take its rise from the abundance of blood which a plethoric habit discharges on the corner of the eye. If it be without an inflammation, it is supposed to proceed from a viscous pituitous humour, thrown upon this part.

The method of cure is the same as that of the ophthalmia. But before it has reached the lachrymal passages, it is managed like other ulcers. If the ægilops be neglected, it bursts, and degenerates into a fistula, which eats into the bone.

ÆGILOPS, *Wild Festuc*; a genus of the monœcia order, belonging to the polygamia class of plants, and ranking under the 4th natural order, *Gramina*.—The characters are: The *hermaphrodite calyx* is a two-valved glume, triflorous; the corolla a two-valved glume, the exterior valvalet terminated by three aristæ or awns, the interior awnless: *Stamina*, three capillary filaments; style, two: *Seed*, one, oblong. *Male calyx* and *corolla*, each a glume as in the former; the *stamina* the same number.—There are seven species, natives of Italy and some other parts of Europe; one of them, the *incurvata*, a native of Britain, grows by the sea-shore, and is vulgarly called *sea-hard-grass*.

ÆGILOPS is also the trivial name of a species of QUERCUS.

ÆGIMURUS (anc. geog.), an island on the bay of Carthage, about 30 miles distant from that city, (Livy); now the *Galetta*: This island being afterwards sunk in the sea, two of its rocks remained above water, which were called *Aræ*, and mentioned by Virgil, because the Romans and Carthaginians entered into an agreement or league to settle their mutual boundaries at these rocks.

ÆGINA, in fabulous history, the daughter of Æsopus, king of Bœotia, was beloved by Jupiter, who debauched her in the similitude of a lambent flame, and then carried her from Epidaurus to a desert island called *Oenope*, which afterwards obtained her own name.

ÆGINA (anc. geog.), an island on the Saronic Bay, or Bay of Engia, 20 miles distant from the Piræus, formerly vying with Athens for naval power, and at the sea-fight of Salamin disputing the palm of victory with the Athenians. It was the country and kingdom of Æacus, who called it *Ægina* from his mother's name, it being before called *Oenopia*, (Ovid). The inhabitants were called *Æginetæ*, and *Æginenses*. The Greeks

had a common temple dedicated to Jupiter in Ægina. The Æginetæ applied to commerce; and were the first who coined money, called *Νομισμα Αγναιον*: hence *Ægineticum æs*, formerly in great repute. The inhabitants were called *Myrmydones*, or a nation of ants, from their great application to agriculture. See ÆACUS.

This island was surrounded by Attica, the territory of Megara, and the Peloponnesus, each distant about 100 stadia, or 12 miles and a half. In circumference it was reckoned 180 stadia, or 22 miles and a half. It was washed on the east and south by the Myrtoan and Cretan seas.

It is now called *Egina*, or *Egina*, the *g* soft and the *i* short. The temple above-mentioned is situated upon the summit of a mountain called *Panhellenius*, about an hour distant from the shore. The Æginetans affirmed it was erected by ÆACUS; in whose time Hellas being terribly oppressed by drought, the Delphic oracle was consulted; and the response was, That Jupiter must be rendered propitious by Æacus. The cities intreated him to be their mediator: He sacrificed and prayed to Jupiter Panhellenius, and procured rain.

The temple was of the Doric order, and had six columns in front. Twenty-one of the exterior columns are yet standing, with two in the front of the pronaos and of the posticum, and five of the number which formed the ranges of the cell. The entablature, except the architrave, is fallen. The stone is of a light brownish colour, much eaten in many places, and indicating a very great age. Some of the columns have been injured by boring to their centres for the metal. In several, the junction of the parts is so exact, that each seems to consist of one piece. This ruin Mr Chandler considers as scarcely to be paralleled in its claim to a remote antiquity. The situation on a lonely mountain, at a distance from the sea, has preserved it from total demolition, amid all the changes and accidents of numerous centuries.

Near the shore is a barrow, raised, it is related, for Phocus, upon the following occasion. Telamon and Peleus, sons of Æacus, challenged their half-brother Phocus to contend in the Pentathlon. In throwing the stone, which served as a quoit, Peleus hit Phocus, who was killed; when both of them fled. Afterwards, Telamon sent a herald to assert his innocence. Æacus would not suffer him to land, or to apologize, except from the vessel; or, if he chose rather, from a heap cast up in the water. Telamon, entering the private port by night, raised a barrow, as a token, it is likely, of a pious regard for the deceased. He was afterwards condemned, as not free from guilt; and sailed away again to Salamis. The barrow in the second century, when seen by Pausanias, was surrounded with a fence, and had on it a rough stone. The terror of some dreadful judgment to be inflicted from heaven had preserved it entire and unaltered to his time; and in a country depopulated and neglected, it may still endure for many ages.

The soil of this island is, as described by Strabo, very stony, especially the bottoms, but in some places not unfertile in grain. Besides corn, it produces olives, grapes, and almonds; and abounds in pigeons and partridges. It has been related, that the Æginetans annually wage war with the feathered race, carefully

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Æginhard. fully collecting or breaking their eggs, to prevent their multiplying, and in consequence a yearly famine. They have no hares, foxes, or wolves. The rivers in summer are all dry. The vaiwode or governor farms the revenue of the Grand Signior for 12 purses, or 6000 piastres. About half this sum is repaid yearly by the caratch-money, or poll-tax.

ÆGINA, the capital of the above island. Its site has been long forsaken. Instead of the temples mentioned by Pausanias, there are thirteen lonely churches, all very mean; and two Doric columns supporting their architrave. These stand by the sea-side toward the low cape; and, it has been supposed, are a remnant of a temple of Venus, which was situated by the port principally frequented. The theatre, which is recorded as worth seeing, resembled that of the Epidaurians both in size and workmanship. It was not far from the private port; the stadium, which, like that at Priene, was constructed with only one side, being joined to it behind, and each structure mutually sustaining and propping the other. The walls belonging to the ports and arsenal were of excellent masonry, and may be traced to a considerable extent, above, or nearly even with, the water. At the entrance of the mole, on the left, is a small chapel of St Nicholas; and opposite, a square tower with steps before it, detached, from which a bridge was laid across, to be removed on any alarm. This structure, which is mean, was erected by the Venetians, while at war with the Turks in 1693.

ÆGINETA (Paulus), a celebrated surgeon of the island of Ægina, from whence he derived his name. According to M. Le Clerc's calculation, he lived in the fourth century; but Abulpharagius the Arabian, who is allowed to give the best account of those times, places him with more probability in the seventh. His knowledge in surgery was very great, and his works are deservedly famous. Fabricius ab Aquapendente has thought fit to transcribe him in a great variety of places. Indeed the doctrine of Paulus Ægineta, together with that of Celsus and Albucaſis, make up the whole text of this author. He is the first writer who takes notice of the cathartic quality of rhubarb; and, according to Dr Milward, is the first in all antiquity who deserves the title of a man-midwife.

ÆGINHARD, the celebrated secretary and supposed son-in-law of Charlemagne. He is said to have been carried through the snow on the shoulders of the affectionate and ingenious Imma, to prevent his being tracked from her apartments by the emperor her father: a story which the elegant pen of Addison has copied and embellished from an old German chronicle, and inserted in the 3d volume of the Spectator.—This happy lover (supposing the story to be true) seems to have possessed a heart not unworthy of so enchanting a mistress, and to have returned her affection with the most faithful attachment; for there is a letter of Æginhard's still extant, lamenting the death of his wife, which is written in the tenderest strain of connubial affliction;—it does not, however, express that this lady was the affectionate princess, and indeed some late critics have proved that Imma was not the daughter of Charlemagne.—But to return to our historian: He was a native of Germany, and educated by the munificence of his imperial master, of which he has left the most grateful testimony, in his preface to the life of that monarch.

Æginhard, after the loss of his lamented wife, is supposed to have passed the remainder of his days in religious retirement, and to have died soon after the year 840. His life of Charlemagne, his annals from 741 to 839, and his letters, are all inserted in the 2d volume of Duchefne's *Scriptores Francorum*. But there is an improved edition of this valuable historian, with the annotations of Hermann Schminke, in 4to, 1711.

ÆGIPAN, in heathen mythology, a denomination given to the god Pan, because he was represented with the horns, legs, feet, &c. of a goat.

ÆGIPHILA, GOAT-FRIEND; a genus of the monogynia order, belonging to the tetandria class of plants; the characters of which are: The *calyx* is a single-leaved perianthium, bell-shap'd, four-tooth'd, loose, very short, and persistent: The *corolla* consists of one petal; the tube cylindrical, narrower and longer than the calyx; the border divided into four segments, flat and equal; the divisions oblong: The *stamina* consist of four erect capillary filaments; the antheræ are incumbent and squared: The *pistillum* has a germen above; a capillary, two-cleft, middle-sized stylus; and a simple stigma: The *pericarpium* is a roundish unilocular berry: The *seeds* are four. There is only one species, a native of Martinique.

ÆGIS, in ancient mythology, a name given to the shield or buckler of Jupiter and Pallas.

The goat Amalthea, which had suckled Jove, being dead, that god is said to have covered his buckler with the skin thereof; whence the appellation *ægis*, from *αἴξ*, *αἴγος*, *she-goat*. Jupiter afterwards restoring the beast to life again, covered it with a new skin, and placed it among the stars. As to his buckler, he made a present of it to Minerva; whence that goddess's buckler is also called *ægis*.

Minerva, having killed the Gorgon Medusa, nailed her head in the middle of the *ægis*, which henceforth had the faculty of converting into stone all those who looked thereon; as Medusa herself had done during her life.

Others take the *ægis* not to have been a buckler, but a cuirass, or breast-plate: and it is certain the *ægis* of Pallas, described by Virgil, *Æn. lib. viii. ver. 435*, must have been a cuirass; since that poet says expressly, that Medusa's head was on the breast of the goddess. But the *ægis* of Jupiter, mentioned a little higher, *ver. 354*, seems to have been a buckler: the words

*Cum sæpe nigrantem*

*Ægida concuteret dextra,*

agreeing very well to a buckler; but not at all to a cuirass or breast-plate.

Servius makes the same distinction on the two passages of Virgil; for on verse 354, he takes the *ægis* for the buckler of Jupiter, made, as above-mentioned, of the skin of the goat Amalthea; and on verse 455 he describes the *ægis* as the armour which covers the breast, which in speaking of men is called the *cuirass*, and *ægis* in speaking of the gods. Many authors have overlooked these distinctions for want of going to the sources.

ÆGISTHUS, in ancient history, was the son of Thyestes by his own daughter Pilopecia, who, to conceal her shame, exposed him in the woods: some say he was taken up by a shepherd, and suckled by a goat, whence he was called *Ægisthus*. He corrupted Clytemnestra

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mos. tennestra the wife of Agamemnon ; and with her assistance slew her husband, and reigned seven years in Mycenæ. He was, together with Clytemnestra, slain by Orestes. Pompey used to call Julius Cæsar *Ægisthus*, on account of his having corrupted his wife Mutia, whom he afterwards put away, though he had three children by her.

ÆGITHALLUS (anc. geog.), a promontory and citadel of Sicily, between Drepanum and the Emporium Aegistanum, afterwards called *Acellus*; corruptly written *Aegitharfos*, in Ptolemy; situate near mount Eryx, and now called *Capo di Santo Teodoro*.

ÆGIUM (anc. geog.), a town of Achaia Propria, five miles from the place where Helice stood, and famous for the council of the Achæans, which usually met there, on account either of the dignity or commodious situation of the place. It was also famous for the worship of *Ὀμαρτυρῆς Ζεὺς*, *Conventional Jupiter*, and of *Πανθηῶν Κερες*. The territory of Ægium was watered by two rivers, viz. the Phoenix and Meganitas. The epithet is *Ægiensis*. There is a coin in the cabinet of the king of Prussia, with the inscription ΑΓΓΙ, and the figure of a tortoise, which is the symbol of Peloponnesus, and leaves no doubt as to the place where it was struck.

ÆGOBOLIUM, in antiquity, the sacrifice of a goat offered to Cybele. The ægobolium was an expiatory sacrifice, which bore a near resemblance to the taurobolium and criobolium, and seems to have been sometimes joined with them.

ÆGOPODIUM, SMALL WILD ANGELICA, GOATWORT, GOATSFOOT, HERB GERARD, or ASHWEED; a genus of the digynia order, belonging to the pentandria class of plants; the characters of which are: The universal *calyx* is a manifold convex umbel; the partial one, consimilar and flat; there is no involucre; and the proper perianthium is scarcely discernible: The universal *corolla* is uniform, the florets all fertile; the proper one has five inverse-ovate, concave, equal petals, inflexed at the top: The *stamina* consist of five simple filaments twice the length of the corolla; the antheræ roundish: The *pistillum* has a germen beneath; two purple erect styli the length of the corolla; the stigmata are headed: No *pericarpium*: The fruit is ovate, striated, and bipartite: The *seeds* are two, ovate, on one side convex and striated, and flat on the other. There is but one species, a native of Britain and other parts of Europe. It is very common under hedges and about gardens; the leaves resemble those of Angelica, and it carries small white flowers. Its roots run so fast, as to render it a very troublesome weed.

ÆGOPRICORN, a genus of the monœcia order, belonging to the diandria class of plants; the characters of which are: The *calyx* both of the male and female is a tubular perianthium of one leaf divided into three segments: *Corolla* wanting in both: The *stamina* consist of a single erect filament longer than the calyx, with an ovate anthera: The *pistillum* has an ovate germen, three divaricated styli, and simple persistent stigmata: The *pericarpium* is a globular berry, three-grained within; and three-cell'd: The *seeds* are solitary, and angular on one side.—There is but one species, a native of Surinam.

ÆGOSPOTAMOS (anc. geog.), a river in the Thracian Chersonesus, falling with a south-east course

into the Hellespont, to the north of Cestos; also a town, station, or road for ships, at its mouth. Here the Athenians, under Conon, through the fault of his colleague Isocrates received a signal overthrow from the Lacedæmonians under Lysander, which was followed by the taking of Athens, and put an end to the Peloponnesian war. The Athenian fleet having followed the Lacedæmonians, anchored in the road, over against the enemy, who lay before Lampfacus. The Hellespont is not above two thousand paces broad in that place. The two armies seeing themselves so near each other, expected only to rest that day, and were in hopes of coming to a battle on the next.

But Lysander had another design in his view. He commanded the seamen and pilots to go on board their galleys, as if they were in reality to fight the next morning at break of day, to hold themselves in readiness, and to wait his orders with profound silence. He commanded the land-army in like manner to draw up in battle upon the coast, and to wait the day without noise. On the morrow, as soon as the sun was risen, the Athenians began to row towards them with their whole fleet in one line, and to bid them defiance. Lysander, though his ships were ranged in order of battle, with their heads towards the enemy, lay still without making any movement. In the evening, when the Athenians withdrew, he did not suffer his soldiers to go ashore, till two or three galleys, which he had sent out to observe them, were returned with advice that they had seen the enemy land. The next day passed in the same manner, as did the third and fourth. Such a conduct, which argued reserve and apprehension, extremely augmented the security and boldness of the Athenians, and inspired them with an extreme contempt for an army, which fear, in their sense, prevented from showing themselves, and attempting any thing.

Whilst this passed, Alcibiades, who was near the fleet, took horse, and came to the Athenian generals; to whom he represented, that they kept upon a very disadvantageous coast, where there were neither ports nor cities in the neighbourhood; that they were obliged to bring their provisions from Cestos with great danger and difficulty; and that they were very much in the wrong to suffer the soldiers and mariners of the fleet, as soon as they were ashore, to straggle and disperse themselves at their own pleasure, whilst they were faced in view by the enemy's fleet, accustomed to execute the orders of their general with the readiest obedience, and upon the slightest signal. He offered also to attack the enemy by land with a strong body of Thracian troops, and to force them to a battle. The generals, especially Tydeus and Menander, jealous of their command, did not content themselves with refusing his offers, from the opinion, that if the event proved unfortunate, the whole blame would fall on them, and if favourable, that Alcibiades alone would have the honour of it; but rejected also with insult his wife and salutary counsel, as if a man in disgrace lost his sense and abilities with the favour of the commonwealth. Alcibiades withdrew.

The fifth day the Athenians presented themselves again, and offered battle; retiring in the evening according to custom with more insulting airs than the days before. Lysander, as usual, detached some galleys to observe them, with orders to return with the utmost

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Ægyptos-utmost diligence when they saw the Athenians landed, and to put up a brazen buckler at each ship's head as soon as they reached the middle of the channel. Himself in the mean time ran through the whole line in his galley, exhorting the pilots and officers to hold the seamen and soldiers in readiness to row and fight on the first signal.

As soon as the bucklers were put up in the ships heads, and the admiral-galley had given the signal by the sound of trumpet, the whole fleet set forward in good order. The land-army at the same time made all possible haste to the top of the promontory to see the battle. The strait that separates the two continents in this place is about fifteen stadia, or three quarters of a league in breadth; which space was presently cleared through the activity and diligence of the rowers. Conon the Athenian general was the first who perceived from shore, the fleet advance in good order to attack him; upon which he immediately cried out for the troops to embark. In the height of sorrow and trouble, some he called to by their names, some he conjured, and others he forced to go on board their galleys; but all his endeavours and emotion were ineffectual, the soldiers being dispersed on all sides. For they were no sooner come on shore, than some ran to the sutlers, some to walk in the country, some to sleep in their tents, and others had begun to dress their suppers. This proceeded from the want of vigilance and experience in their generals, who, not suspecting the least danger, indulged themselves in taking their repose, and gave their soldiers the same liberty.

The enemy had already fallen on with loud cries and a great noise of their oars, when Conon, disengaging himself with nine galleys, of which number was the sacred ship called the *Paralian*, stood away for Cyprus, where he took refuge with Evagoras. The Peloponnesians, falling upon the rest of the fleet, took immediately the galleys which were empty, and disabled and destroyed such as begun to fill with men. The soldiers, who ran without order or arms to their relief, were either killed in the endeavour to get on board, or flying on shore were cut to pieces by the enemy, who landed in pursuit of them. Lyfander took 3000 prisoners, with all the generals, and the whole fleet. After having plundered the camp, and fastened the enemy's galleys to the stern of his own, he returned to Lampacus amidst the sound of flutes and songs of triumph. It was his glory to have achieved one of the greatest military exploits recorded in history with little or no loss, and to have terminated a war in the small space of an hour, which had already lasted 27 years, and which, perhaps, without him, had been of much longer continuance.

ÆGYPT. See EGYPT.

ÆGYPTIACUM, in pharmacy, the name of several detergent ointments; which are described under the article OINTMENT.

ÆGYPTILLA, in natural history, the name of a stone described by the ancients, and said, by some authors, to have the remarkable quality of giving water the colour and taste of wine. This seems a very imaginary virtue, as are indeed too many of those in former ages attributed to stones. The descriptions left us of this remarkable fossil tell us, that it was variegated

with, or composed of, veins of black and white, or black and blueish, with sometimes a plate or vein of whitish red. The authors of these accounts seem to have understood by this name the several stones of the onyx, sardonix, and camæa kind; all which we have at present common among us, but none of which possess any such strange properties.

ÆGYPTUS, (fab. hist.) was the son of Beleus, and brother of Danaus. See BELIDES.

ÆINATÆ, in antiquity, a denomination given to the senators of Miletus, because they held their deliberations on board a ship, and never returned to land till matters had been agreed on.

ÆLIAN (Claudius), born at Præneste in Italy. He taught rhetoric at Rome, according to Perizonius, under the emperor Alexander Severus. He was surnamed *Μελιγλωσσος*, *Honey-mouth*, on account of the sweetness of his style. He was likewise honoured with the title of Sophist, an appellation in his days given only to men of learning and wisdom. He loved retirement, and devoted himself to study. He greatly admired and studied Plato, Aristotle, Isocrates, Plutarch, Homer, Anacreon, Archilochus, &c. and, though a Roman, gives the preference to the writers of the Greek nation. His two most celebrated works are, his *Various History*, and *History of Animals*. He composed likewise a book on Providence, mentioned by Eustathius; and another on Divine Appearances, or The Declarations of Providence. There have been several editions of his *Various History*.

ÆLI PONS (anc. geog.), one of the fortresses near the wall or rampart, or, in the words of the Notitia, through the line of the hitler wall; built, as is thought, by Adrian\*. Now Porteland, (Camden), in Northumberland, between Newcastle and Morpeth.

\*See Adrian (emperor.)

ÆLIUS PONS, now *il Ponte S. Angelo*, a stone-bridge at Rome, over the Tyber, which leads to the Burgo and Vatican from the city, along Adrian's mole, built by the emperor Adrian.

ÆLFRED. See ALFRED.

ÆLURUS, in Egyptian mythology, the deity or god of cats; represented sometimes like a cat, and sometimes like a man with a cat's head. The Egyptians had so superstitious a regard for this animal, that the killing it, whether by accident or design, was punished with death: and Diodorus relates, that, in the time of extreme famine, they chose rather to eat one another than touch these sacred animals.

AEM, AM, or AME, a liquid measure used in most parts of Germany; but different in different towns; the aem commonly contains 20 vertils, or 80 masses; that of Heidelbergh is equal to 48 masses; and that of Wirtenbergh to 160 masses. See AAM.

ÆMILIUS (Paulus), the son of Lucius Paulus, who was killed at the battle of Cannæ, was twice consul. In his first consulate he triumphed over the Ligurians; and in the second subdued Perseus king of Macedonia, and reduced that country to a Roman province, on which he obtained the surname of Macedonicus. He returned to Rome loaded with glory, and triumphed for three days. He died 168 years before Christ.

ÆMILIUS (Paulus), a celebrated historian, born at Verona, who obtained such reputation in Italy, that he was invited into France by the cardinal of Bourbon, in

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Æneid.

the reign of Lewis XII. in order to write the history of the kings of France in Latin, and was given a canonry in the cathedral of Paris. He was near 30 years in writing that history, which has been greatly admired; and died at Paris on the 5th of May 1529.

ÆMOBOLIUM, in antiquity, the blood of a bull or ram offered in the sacrifices, called *taurobolia* and *criobolia*; in which sense the word occurs in ancient inscriptions.

ÆNARIA (anc. geog.), an island on the bay of Cumæ, or over-against Cumæ in Italy, (Pliny.) It is also called *Inarime*, (Virgil); and now *Ischia*: scarce three miles distant from the coast, and the promontory Misenus to the west; 20 miles in compass; called *Pitheculsa* by the Greeks. It is one of the Oenotrides, and fenced round by very high rocks, so as to be inaccessible but on one side; it was formerly famous for its earthen ware. See ISCHIA.

ÆNEAS (fab. hist.), a famous Trojan prince, the son of Anchises and Venus. At the destruction of Troy, he bore his aged father on his back, and saved him from the Greeks; but being too solicitous about his son and household-gods, lost his wife Creusa in the escape. Landing in Africa, he was kindly received by queen Dido: but quitting her coast, he arrived in Italy, where he married Lavinia the daughter of king Latinus, and defeated Turnus, to whom she had been contracted. After the death of his father-in-law, he was made king of the Latins, over whom he reigned three years: but joining with the Aborigines, he was slain in a battle against the Tuscans. Virgil has rendered the name of this prince immortal, by making him the hero of his poem. See ÆNEID.

ÆNEAS SYLVIUS, (Pope). See PIUS II.

ÆNEATORES, in antiquity, the musicians in an army, including those who played trumpets, horns, &c. The word is formed from *æneus*, on account of the brazen instruments used by them.

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ÆNEID, the name of Virgil's celebrated epic poem. The subject of the Æneid, which is the establishment of Æneas in Italy, is extremely happy. Nothing could be more interesting to the Romans than to look back to their origin from so famous a hero. While the object was splendid itself, the traditionary history of his country opened interesting fields to the poet; and he could glance at all the future great exploits of the Romans, in its ancient and fabulous state.

As to the unity of action, it is perfectly well preserved in the Æneid. The settlement of Æneas, by the order of the gods, is constantly kept in view. The episodes are linked properly with the main subject. The nodus, or intrigue of the poem, is happily managed. The wrath of Juno, who opposes Æneas, gives rise to all his difficulties, and connects the human with the celestial operations throughout the whole poem.

One great imperfection of the Æneid, however, is, that there are almost no marked characters in it. Achates, Cloanthus, Gyas, and other Trojan heroes who accompanied Æneas into Italy, are insipid figures. Even Æneas himself is without interest. The character of Dido is the best supported in the whole Æneid.

The principal excellency of Virgil is tenderness. His soul was full of sensibility. He must have felt himself all the affecting circumstances in the scenes he describes; and he knew how to touch the heart by a single

stroke. In an epic poem this merit is the next to sublimity. The second book of the Æneid is one of the greatest master-pieces that ever was executed. The death of old Priam, and the family-pieces of Æneas, Anchises, and Creusa, are as tender as can be conceived. In the fourth book, the unhappy passion and death of Dido are admirable. The episodes of Pallas and Evander, of Nisus and Euryalus, of Lausus and Mezentius, are all superlatively fine.

In his battles, Virgil is far inferior to Homer. But in the important episode, the descent into hell, he has outdone Homer by many degrees. There is nothing in antiquity to equal the sixth book of the Æneid.

ÆNGINA, one of the islands of the Archipelago. It lies in the bay of Engia, and the town of that name contains about 800 houses and a castle; and near it are the ruins of a magnificent structure, which was probably a temple.

ÆNIGMA, denotes any dark saying, wherein some well-known thing is concealed under obscure language. The word is Greek, *Αινιγμα*, formed of *αινιττεσθαι*, *obscure innuere*, to hint a thing darkly, and of *αινος*, an obscure speech or discourse. The popular name is *riddle*; from the Belgic *raeden*, or the Saxon *araethan*, to interpret. Fa. Bouhours, in the memoirs of Trevoux, defines an *ænigma*, A discourse of painting, including some hidden meaning, which is proposed to be guessed,

*Painted ÆNIGMAS*, are representations of the works of nature, or art, concealed under human figures, drawn from history, or fable.

*A Verbal ÆNIGMA*, is a witty, artful, and abstruse description of any thing.—In a general sense, every dark saying, every difficult question, every parable, may pass for an *ænigma*. Hence obscure laws are called *Ænigmata Juris*. The alchemists are great dealers in the *ænigmatic* language, their processes for the philosopher's stone being generally wrapped up in riddles: e. g. *Fac ex mare et fœmina circulum, inde quadrangulum, hinc triangulum, fac circulum, et habebis lapidem philosophorum*.—F. Menestrier has attempted to reduce the composition and resolution of *ænigmas* to a kind of art, with fixed rules and principles, which he calls the philosophy of *ænigmatic* images.

*The Subject of an ÆNIGMA*, or the thing to be concealed and made a mystery of, he justly observes, ought not to be such in itself; but, on the contrary, common, obvious, and easy to be conceived. It is to be taken, either from nature, as the heavens, or stars; or from art, as painting, the compass, a mirror, or the like.

*The Form of ÆNIGMAS* consists in the words, which, whether they be in prose or verse, contain either some description, a question, or a *protopopœia*. The last kind are the most pleasing, inasmuch as they give life and action to things which otherwise have them not. To make an *ænigma*, therefore, two things are to be pitched on, which bear some resemblance to each other; as the sun and a monarch; or a ship and a house: and on this resemblance is to be raised a superstructure of contrarieties to amuse and perplex. It is easier to find great subjects for *ænigmas* in figures than in words, inasmuch as painting attracts the eyes and excites the attention to discover the sense. The subjects of *ænigmas* in painting, are to be taken either from history or fable: the composition here is a kind of *metamorphosis*,

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Ænigma.

Ænigma. tamorphosis, wherein e. g. human figures are changed into trees, and rivers into metals. It is essential to ænigmas, that the history or fable, under which they are presented, be known to every body; otherwise it will be two ænigmas instead of one; the first of the history or fable, the second of the sense in which it is to be taken. Another essential rule of the ænigma is, that it only admits of one sense. Every ænigma which is susceptible of different interpretations, all equally natural, is so far imperfect. What gives a kind of erudition to an ænigma, is an invention of figures in situations, gestures, colours, &c. authorised by passages of the poets, the customs of artists in statues, basso relievos, inscriptions, and medals.—In foreign colleges,

*The Explication of ÆNIGMAS* makes a considerable exercise; and that one of the most difficult and amusing where wit and penetration have the largest field.—By explaining an ænigma, is meant the finding a motto corresponding to the action and persons represented in a picture, taken either from history or mythology. The great art of this exercise consists in the choice of a motto, which either by itself, or the circumstances of time, place, person who speaks, or those before whom he is speaking, may divert the spectators, and furnish occasions for strokes of wit; also in showing to advantage the conformities between the figure and thing figured, giving ingenious turns to the reasons employed to support what is advanced, and in artfully introducing pieces of poetry to illustrate the subject and awaken the attention of the audience.

As to the solution of ænigmas, it may be observed, that those expressed by figures are more difficult to explain than those consisting of words, by reason images may signify more things than words can; so that to fix them to a particular sense, we must apply every situation, symbol, &c. and without omitting a circumstance.—As there are few persons in history, or mythology, but have some particular character of vice or virtue, we are, before all things, to attend to this character, in order to divine what the figure of a person represented in a painting signifies, and to find what agreement this may have with the subject whereof we would explain it. Thus, if Proteus be represented in a picture, it may be taken to denote *inconstancy*, and applied either to a physical or a moral subject, whose character is to be changeable; e. g. an almanack, which expresses the weather, the seasons, heat, cold, storms, and the like. The colours of figures may also help to unriddle what they mean: *white*, for instance, is a mark of innocence, *red* of modesty, *green* of hope, *black* of sorrow, &c. When figures are accompanied with *symbols*, they are less precarious; these being, as it were, the soul of ænigmas, and the key that opens the mystery of them. Of all the kinds of symbols which may be met with in those who have treated professedly on the subject, the only truly ænigmatical are those of Pythagoras, which, under dark proverbs, hold forth lessons of morality; as when he says, *Stateram ne transflias*, to signify, Do no injustice.

But it must be added, that we meet with some ænigmas in history, complicated to a degree, which much transcends all rules, and has given great perplexity to the interpreters of them. Such is that celebrated ancient one, *Ælia Lælia Crispis*, about which many of the learned have puzzled their heads. There are two

exemplars of it: one found 140 years ago, on a marble near Bologna: the other in an ancient MS. written in Gothic letters, at Milan. It is controverted between the two cities, which is to be reputed the more authentic.

Ænigma.

The Bononian *Ænigma.*

D. M.

*Ælia Lælia Crispis,*

*Nec vir, nec mulier,*

*Nec androgyna;*

*Nec puella, nec juvenis,*

*Nec anus;*

*Nec casta, nec meretrix,*

*Nec pudica;*

*Sed omnia:*

*Sublata*

*Neque fame, neque ferro,*

*Neque veneno:*

*Sed omnibus:*

*Nec cælo, nec terris,*

*Nec aquis,*

*Sed ubique jacet.*

*Lucius Agatho Priscius,*

*Nec maritus, nec amator,*

*Nec necessarius;*

*Neque mærens, neque gaudens,*

*Neque flens;*

*Hanc,*

*Nec molem, nec pyramidem,*

*Nec sepulchrum,*

*Sed omnia,*

*Scit et nescit, cui posuerit.*

That is to say, *To the gods manes, Ælia Lælia Crispis, neither man, nor woman, nor hermaphrodite; neither girl, nor young woman, nor old; neither chaste, nor a whore; but all these: killed neither by hunger, nor steel nor poison; but by all these: rests neither in heaven, nor on earth, nor in the waters; but every where. Lucius Agatho Priscius, neither her husband, nor lover, nor friend; neither sorrowful, nor joyful, nor weeping, certain, or uncertain, to whom he rears this monument, neither erects her a temple, nor a pyramid, nor a tomb, but all these.* In the MS. at Milan, instead of D. M. we find A. M. P. P. D. and at the end the following addition:

*Hoc est sepulchrum intus cadaver non habens,*

*Hoc est cadaver sepulchrum extra non habens,*

*Sed cadaver idum est et sepulchrum.*

We find near 50 several solutions of this ænigma advanced by learned men. Marius Michael Angelus maintains *Ælia Lælia Crispis* to signify rain-water falling into the sea. Ri. Vitus first explained it of Niobe turned to a stone, afterwards of the rational soul, and afterwards of the Platonic idea; Jo. Turrius, of the *materia prima*; Fr. Schottus, of an eunuch; Nic. Bernardus, of the philosopher's stone, in which he is followed by Borrichius; Zach. Pontinus, of three human bodies in the same situation, and buried by three different men at the same time; Nesmondus, of a law-suit; Jo. Gas. Gerartius, of love; Zu. Boxhornius, of a shadow; P. Terronus, of music; Fort Licetus, of generation, friendship, and privation: M. Ov. Montalbanus, of hemp; Car. Cæf. Malvasia, of an abortive girl promised in marriage; Pet. Mengulus, of the rule of chastity, prescribed by the founder of the military

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military religion of St Mary; M. de Ciconia, of pope Joan; Heumanus, of Lot's wife; and lastly, J. C. S. an anonymous writer in the Leipzig Acts, of the Christian church.

ÆNIGMATOGRAPHY, or ÆNIGMATHOLOGY, the art of resolving or making ænigmas.

ÆNONA (anc. geog.), a city of Liburnia, called by Pliny *Civitas Præsini*, the reason of which is unknown; also *Ænona*, and is now called *Nona*; on the Adriatic, by which it is for the greater part surrounded; over-against the island Gissa, from which it is distant four miles to the west. E. Long. 16°, Lat. 28°.

ÆNUS (anc. geog.), now the *Inn*, a river of Germany, which, rising in the country of the Grisons, out of the Alps, in the district called Gottes-haus-punt, runs through the Grisons, the county of Tyrol, the duchy of Bavaria, and through Passau into the Danube.

ÆNUS, *Ænos*, or *Ænum*, (anc. geog.), a town of Thrace, situate on the east-most mouth of the Hebrus, which has two mouths; and said to be built by the Cumæans. It was a free town, in which stood the tomb of Polydorus, (Pliny); *Ænius* is the epithet. Here the brother of Cato Uticensis died, and was honoured with a monument of marble in the forum of the Ænii, (Plutarch); called *Ænei*, (Stephanus); Livy says that the town was otherwise called *Absynthus*. Now *Eno*.

ÆNITHOLOGIOUS, in poetry, a verse of two dactyls and three trochæi; as, *Prælia dira placent truci juvenæ*.

ÆOLIÆ INSULÆ, now *Isole di Lipari*, (anc. geog.), seven islands, situated between Sicily and Italy, so called from Æolus, who reigned there about the time of the Trojan war. The Greeks call them *Hephæstides*; and the Romans *Vulcaniæ*, from their fiery eruptions. They are also called *Liparæorum Insulæ*, from their principal island Lipara. Dionysius Periegetes calls them *Πλύται*, because circumnavigable.

ÆOLIC, in a general sense, denotes something belonging to Æolis.

ÆOLIC, or ÆOLIAN, in grammar, denotes one of the five dialects of the Greek tongue. It was first used in Bœotia; whence it passed into Æolia, and was that which Sappho and Alcæus wrote in. The Æolic dialect generally throws out the aspirate or sharp spirit, and agrees in so many things with the DORIC dialect, that the two are usually confounded together.

The *Æolic digama* is a name given to the letter F, which the Æolians used to prefix to words beginning with vowels, as *Fovos*, for *ovos*; also to insert between vowels, as *ofis*, for *ois*.

ÆOLIC Verse, in prosody, a verse consisting of an iambus, or spondee; then of two anapests, separated by a long syllable; and, lastly, of another syllable. Such as, *O stelliferi conditor orbis*. This is otherwise called *eulogic verse*; and, from the chief poets who used it, *Archilochian* and *Pindaric*.

ÆOLIPILE, in hydraulics, is a hollow ball of metal, generally used in courses of experimental philosophy, in order to demonstrate the possibility of converting water into an elastic steam or vapour by heat. The instrument, therefore, consists of a slender neck, or pipe, having a narrow orifice inserted into the ball by means of a shouldered screw. This pipe being taken out, the ball is filled almost full of water, and the pipe

being again screwed in, the ball is placed on a pan of kindled charcoal, where it is well heated, and there issues from the orifice a vapour, with prodigious violence and great noise, which continues till all the included water is discharged. The stronger the fire is, the more elastic and violent will be the steam; but care must be taken that the small orifice of the pipe be not, by any accident, stopped up; because the instrument would in that case infallibly burst in pieces, with such violence as may greatly endanger the lives of the persons near it. Another way of introducing the water is to heat the ball red-hot when empty, which will drive out almost all the air: and then by suddenly immersing it in water, the pressure of the atmosphere will force in the fluid, till it is nearly full. Des Cartes and others have used this instrument to account for the natural cause and generation of the wind: and hence it was called *Æolopila*: q. d. *pila Æoli*, the ball of Æolus or of the god of the winds.

ÆOLIS, or ÆOLIA (anc. geog.), a country of the Hither Asia, settled by colonies of Æolian Greeks. Taken at large, it comprehends all Troas, and the coast of the Hellespont to the Propontis; because in those parts there were several Æolian colonies: more strictly, it is situated between Troas to the north, and Ionia to the south. The people are called *Æoles*, or *Æolii*.

ÆOLIUM MARE (anc. geog.), a part of the Egean sea, washing Æolis; called also *Mysium*, from Mysia. Now called, *Golfo di Smyrna*.

ÆOLUS, in heathen mythology, the god of the winds, was said to be the son of Jupiter by Acasta, or Sigesia, the daughter of Hippotus; or, according to others, the son of Hippotus by Meneclea, daughter of Hyllus king of Lipara. He dwelt in the island Strongyle, now called *Strombolo*, one of the seven islands called *Æolian* from their being under the dominion of Æolus. Others say, that his residence was at Regium, in Italy; and others again place him in the island Lipara. He is represented as having authority over the winds, which he held enchained in a vast cavern, to prevent their continuing the devastations they had been guilty of before they were put under his direction. Mythologists explain the original of these fables, by saying, that he was a wise and good prince; and, being skilled in astronomy, was able, by the flux and reflux of the tides, and the nature of the volcano in the island Strongyle, to foretel storms and tempests.

*Harp of ÆOLUS*, or the Æolian lyre. See ACOUSTICS, n° 10.

ÆON, a Greek word, properly signifying the age or duration of any thing.

ÆON, among the followers of Plato, was used to signify any virtue, attribute, or perfection: hence they represented the deity as an assemblage of all possible æons; and called him *pleroma*, a Greek term signifying *fulness*. The Valentinians, who, in the first ages of the church, blended the conceits of the Jewish cabalists, the Platonists, and the Chaldean philosophers, with the simplicity of the Christian doctrine, invented a kind of Theogony, or Genealogy of Gods (not unlike that of Hesiod), whom they called by several glorious names, and all by the general appellation of *ÆONS*: among which they reckoned *Zon*, *Life*; *Λοςος*, *Word*; *Μονογονος*, *Only-begotten*; *Πληρωμα*, *Fulness*; and many other divine powers and emanations, amounting

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in number to thirty: which they fancied to be successively derived from one another; and all from one self-originated deity, named *Bythus*, i. e. *profound* or *unfathomable*; whom they call likewise, *The most high and ineffable Father*. See VALENTINIANS.

ÆORA, among ancient writers on medicine, is used for gestation; which sort of exercise was often prescribed by the physicians of those days. Other exercises consisted principally in the motion of the body; but in the *æora* the limbs were at rest, while the body was carried about and moved from place to place, in such a manner as the physician prescribed. It had therefore the advantages of exercise, without the fatigue of it.—This exercise was promoted several ways: sometimes the patient was laid in a sort of hammock, supported by ropes, and moved backward and forward; sometimes his bed run nimbly on its feet. And besides these, the several ways of travelling were accounted species of the *æora*, whether in the litter, in a boat or ship, or on even ground in a chariot.—Asclepiades was the first who brought gestation into practice, which was used as a means to recover strength after a fever, &c.

ÆQUANA JUGA, (anc. geog.); mountains of Picenum, in the kingdom of Naples, now called *Montagna di Sorrento*, denominated from the town *Æqua*, which being destroyed, was replaced by *Vicus*, now *Vico di Sorrento*; called also *Æquana*, Sil. Italicus.

ÆQUIMELIUM, in antiquity, a place in Rome, where stood the house of Spurius Melius, who, by largesses corrupting the people, affected the supreme power: refusing to appear before the dictator Cincinnatus, he was slain by Servilius Ahala, master of the horse; his house was razed to the ground; and the spot on which it stood was called *Area Equimelii*. (Livy.)

ÆRA, in chronology, a fixed point of time from whence any number of years is begun to be counted.

It is sometimes also written in ancient authors *Era*. The origin of the term is contested, though it is generally allowed to have had its rise in Spain. Sepulveda supposes it formed from A. ER. A. the notæ or abbreviations of the words *annus erat Augusti*, occasioned by the Spaniards beginning their computation from the time their country came under the dominion of Augustus, or that of receiving the Roman calendar. This opinion, however ingenious, is rejected by Scaliger, not only on account that in the ancient abbreviations A never stood for *annis*, unless when preceded by V for *vixit*; and that it seems improbable they should put ER for *erat*, and the letter A, without any discrimination, both for *annis* and *Augustus*. Vossius nevertheless favours the conjecture, and judges it at least as probable, as either that of Isidore, who derives *æra* from *as*, the "tribute-money," wherewith Augustus taxed the world: or that of Scaliger himself, who deduces it likewise from *as*, though in a different manner. *Æs*, he observes, was used among the ancients for an *article* or *item* in an account; and hence it came also to stand for a sum or number itself. From the plural *æra*, came by corruption *æra*, *aram*, in the singular; much as *Osti*, *Ostiam*, the name of a place, from *Ostia*, the mouths of the Tyber.

The difference between the terms *æra* and *epoch* is, that the *æras* are certain points fixed by some people,

or nation; and the epochs are points fixed by chronologists and historians. The idea of an *æra* comprehends also a certain succession of years proceeding from a fixed point of time, and the epoch is that point itself. Thus the Christian *æra* began at the epoch of the birth of Jesus Christ. See CHRONOLOGY, where the different *Æras*, &c. are enumerated and explained.

ÆRARIUM, the treasury or place where the public money was deposited amongst the Romans.

ÆRARIUM *Sanctius* contained the monies arising from the twentieth part of all legacies: this was kept for the extreme necessities of the state.

ÆRARIUM *Privatum* was the emperor's privy purse, or the place where the money arising from his private patrimony was deposited.

ÆRARIUM *Vicesimarum*, the place where the money arising from the taxes levied from foreign countries was laid up, so called because it most commonly consisted of a twentieth part of the produce.

ÆRARIUM *Ilithyæ*, or *Junonis Lucinæ*, was where the monies were deposited which parents paid for the birth of each child.

There are several other treasuries mentioned in history, as the *ærarium Juventutis*, *Veneris*, &c. The temple of Saturn was the public treasury of Rome, either because Saturn first taught the Italians to coin money, or, which is most likely, because this temple was the strongest and most secure, and therefore the fittest place for that purpose.

*Ærarium* differs from *fiscus*, as the first contained the public money, the second that of the prince. The two are, however, sometimes indiscriminately used for each other.

ÆRARIUS, a name given by the Romans to a degraded citizen, who had been struck off the list of his century. Such persons were so called because they were liable to all the taxes (*æra*), without enjoying any of its privileges.

The *ærarii* were incapable of making a will, of inheriting, of voting in assemblies, of enjoying any post of honour or profit; in effect, were only subject to the burdens, without the benefits of society; yet they retained their freedom, and were not reduced to the condition of slaves. To be made an *ærarius* was a punishment inflicted for some offence, and reputed one degree more severe than to be expelled a tribe, *tribu moveri*.

ÆRARIUS was also an officer instituted by Alexander Severus, for the distribution of the money given in largesses to the soldiery, or people.

ÆRARIUS was also used for a person employed in coining or working brass.

These are sometimes called *ærarii fusores*: at other times *ærarius* is distinguished from *fusor*; the former answering to what we now call coppermiths, the latter to founders.

ÆRARIUS was likewise applied to a soldier who receives pay.

AERIA, or EERIA (anc. geog.), the ancient name of Egypt: the scholiast on Apollonius Rhodius, says, that not only Thessaly, but Egypt, was called *Ἠερία* by the Greeks, which Eusebius also confirms: and hence Apollinaris, in his translation of the 114th Psalm, uses it for Egypt. Hesychius applies this name to Ethiopia.

Aerial,  
Aerians.

AERIAL, in a general sense, denotes something partaking of the nature of air; thus, aërial substance, aërial particles, &c.

*AERIAL Perspective.* See PERSPECTIVE and PAINTING.

AERIANS, in church-history, a branch of Arians, who, to the doctrines of that sect, added some peculiar dogmas of their own; as, that there is no difference between bishops and priests; a doctrine maintained by many modern divines, particularly of the presbyterian and reformed churches. The sect received its denomination from Aerius an Armenian priest of the fourth century. He founded his doctrine chiefly upon some passages in St Paul; and, among others, upon that in 1 Tim. iv. 14. where the apostle exhorts him not to neglect the gift he had received by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. Here, observes Ae-

rius, are no mention of bishops: on the contrary, Timothy evidently received his ordination from the presbyters or priests.—Epiphanius zealously maintains the superiority of bishops against the Aerians. The word *presbytery*, used by the apostle, he observes, includes both bishops and priests; the whole senate or assembly of the ecclesiastics of the place.

FLOS ÆRIS, among Alchemists, small scales procured from copper melted by a strong heat; it is sometimes used for ærugo or verdigris.

AEROGRAPHY, from *αἴρ*, air, and *γραφω*, I describe; a description of the air, or atmosphere, its limits, dimensions, properties, &c.—This amounts to much the same with aerology, unless we suppose the latter to enter into the rational, and the former to confine itself to a description of the more obvious affections thereof. See ATMOSPHERE.

Flos Æris,  
Aerography.

## A E R O L O G Y,

THE doctrine or science of AIR, its nature and different species, with their ingredients, properties, phenomena, and uses.

Air, in a general sense, is that invisible fluid everywhere surrounding the globe; on which depends not only animal but vegetable life; and which seems, in short, to be one of the great agents employed by nature in carrying on her operations throughout the world.

Though the attention of philosophers has in all ages been engaged in some measure by inquiries concerning the nature of the atmosphere, yet till within these last 30 years, little more than the mere mechanical action of this fluid was discovered, with the existence of some anomalous and permanently elastic vapours, whose properties and relation to the air we breathe were almost entirely unknown. Within the above-mentioned period, however, the discoveries concerning the constituent parts of the atmosphere itself, as well as the nature of the different permanently elastic fluids which go under the general name of *air*, have been so numerous and rapid, that they have at once raised this subject to the dignity of a *Science*, and now form a very considerable, as well as important, part of the modern system of natural philosophy.

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the subject.

Those discoveries, indeed, have not been more interesting to philosophers, than useful to science and beneficial to society. Many perplexing processes in chemistry have been explained in consequence of them, several have been facilitated, and a number of new and useful ones have been introduced. The phenomena attending metallic calcinations and reductions have been greatly elucidated. The knowledge of the use of the air in respiration; the method of ascertaining its purity and fitness for that function; the investigation of dephlogisticated air; the method of impregnating water with fixed air; are all calculated to answer purposes of the highest utility. The medicinal properties of fixed air have been in a great measure ascertained, and its antiseptic qualities in other respects promise to be of considerable advantage. The method of ascertaining the purity of the air of a place, and the manner of ventilating an apartment, are of

great use for those concerned in public buildings. In short, there is perhaps no station in life where some knowledge of this subject may not be of use.

## SECT. I. Of the general Constitution, Mechanical Properties, and Operations of the Air.

## § I. The general constitution of the Air we breathe.—

For many ages this fluid was supposed to be simple and homogeneous; its common operations to depend on its heat, cold, moisture, or dryness; and any effects which could not be explained by these (such as the appearance of pestilential diseases), were reckoned to be entirely supernatural, and the immediate effects of Divine power. But, however simple and homogeneous this fluid may have been thought in former times, it is so far from possessing the simplicity of an element, that it is the receptacle of all kinds of effluvia produced from terrestrial substances either naturally or artificially. Hence, whatever may be the nature of the aërial fluid when absolutely pure, that which we breathe, and commonly goes under the name of *air*, must be considered as an exceedingly heterogeneous mixture, various at various times, and which it is by no means possible to analyse with accuracy.

Though, in this view, air seems to be a kind of sink or common sewer, where all the poisonous effluvia arising from putrid and corrupt matters are deposited; yet it has a wonderful facility of purifying itself, and one way or other of depositing those vapours contained in it; so that it never becomes noxious except in particular places, and for a short time; the general mass remaining upon all occasions pretty much the same. The way in which this purification is effected is different, according to the nature of the vapour with which the air is loaded. That which most generally prevails is water; and from experiments it appears, that the quantity of aqueous vapour contained in the atmosphere is immense. Dr Halley, from an experiment on the evaporation from a fluid surface heated to the same degree with that given by our meridian sun, has calculated, that the evaporation from the Mediterranean sea alone is sufficient to yield all the water of

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Ancient opinions concerning the air.2  
Common air a very heterogeneous fluid.3  
In what manner it purifies itself.4  
Vast quantities of water continually discharged into it by evaporation.

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Of Air in general. the rivers which run into it. Dr Watson, in his Chemical Essays, has given an account of some experiments made with a view to determine the quantity of the water raised from the earth itself in time of drought. He informs us, that, when there had been no rain for above a month, and the grass was become quite brown and parched, the evaporation from an acre was not less than 1600 gallons in 24 hours. Making afterwards two experiments, when the ground had been wetted by a thunder-shower the day before, the one gave 1973, the other 1905, gallons in 12 hours. From this the air is every moment purified by the ascent of the vapour, which flying off into the clouds, thus leaves room for the exhalation of fresh quantities: so that as the vapour is considerably lighter than the common atmosphere, and of consequence ascends with great velocity, the air during all this time is said to be *dry*, notwithstanding the vast quantity of aqueous fluid that passes through it.

<sup>5</sup> Different kinds of vapours which contaminate it. Nor is it only from the aqueous vapour that the air is purified at this time. Much of that vapour arising from decayed and putrid animal and vegetable substances, and which by some modern philosophers is called *phlogiston*, attaches itself to the aqueous vapour, and ascends along with it. Another part is absorbed by vegetables: for the phlogistic vapour, as is shown under AGRICULTURE, n<sup>o</sup> 5. is probably the food of plants. The phlogistic vapours which ascend along with the water, probably continue there and descend along with the rain; whence the fertilizing qualities of rain-water above those of any other. Thus we may see why a dry air, whether cold or hot, must always be wholesome; but as the atmosphere cannot always receive vapours, it is obvious, that when great rains come on, especially if attended with heat, the lower regions of the air must be overloaded with vapours both of the aqueous and phlogistic kind, and of consequence be very unwholesome.

But besides the aqueous and phlogistic vapours, both of which are specifically lighter than common air, there are others, which, being specifically heavier, cannot be carried off in this manner. Hence these gross vapours contaminate certain places of the atmosphere, rendering them not only unhealthy, but absolutely poisonous. Of these are, 1. Sulphureous, acid, and metalline exhalations. These are produced principally by volcanoes; and as they descend, in consequence of their specific gravity, they suffocate and spread destruction all around them, poisoning not only animals but vegetables also. 2. The vapours arising from houses where lead and other metals are smelted, have the same pernicious qualities; insomuch that the men who breathe them, the cattle who eat the grass, and the fishes who inhabit the waters on which they fall, are poisoned by them if taken into the body in a certain proportion. 3. Of the same kind are the *mofetes*, or emanations of fixed air, which sometimes proceed from old lavas, or perhaps from some other places even of the surface. From all these the air seems not capable of purifying itself, otherwise than either by dispersing them by winds, or by letting them subside by their superior gravity, till they are absorbed either by the earth or water, according as it is their nature to unite with one or other of these elements. 4. Of this kind also seem to be the vapours which are called

properly *pestilential*. The contagion of the plague itself seems to be of an heavy fluggish nature, incapable of arising in the air, but attaching itself to the walls of houses, bed-cloaths, and wearing apparel. Hence scarce any constitution of the atmosphere can dispel these noxious effluvia; nor does it seem probable that pestilential distempers ever cease until the contagion has operated so long, and been so frequently communicated from one to another, that, like a ferment much exposed to the atmosphere, it becomes vapid, communicates a milder infection, and at last loses its strength altogether.

§ 2. *Mechanical Properties of the Air.*—In common with water, the air we breathe possesses gravity, and consequently will perform every thing in that way which water can do, making allowance for the great difference between the specific gravity of water and of air. This difference indeed is exceedingly great, and has been variously calculated. Ricciolus estimates the gravity of air to be to that of water as 1 to 1000; Merfennus, as 1 to 1300, or 1 to 1356; Lana, as 1 to 640; and Galileo, only as 1 to 400. Mr Boyle, by more accurate experiments, makes the air at London to be to water as 1 to 938; and thinks, that, all things considered, the proportion of 1 to 1000 may be taken as a medium. But by three experiments made since that time before the Royal Society, the specific gravity of the air was determined to be to that of water as 1 to 840, 852, and 860. By a very accurate experiment, Mr Hauksbee fixed the proportion as 1 to 885. But as all these experiments were made when the barometer was at 29½ inches, Dr Jurin supposes, that, at a medium between heat and cold, when the barometer is 30 inches high, the proportion between the two fluids may be taken as 1 to 800; and this agrees with the observations of the Hon. Mr Cavendish, made when the barometer was at 29½ inches, and the thermometer at 50.

By means of its gravity, the air presses with great force upon all bodies, according to the extent of their surface. M. Pascal has computed the quantity of this pressure to be no less than 2232 pounds upon every square foot of surface, or upwards of 15 pounds on every square inch. According to some experiments made by M. Amontons and de la Hire, a column of air on the surface of the earth, and 36 fathoms high, is equal in weight to three lines depth of mercury. From the barometer, however, we know that the whole pressure of the atmosphere is very different; sometimes being equal only to a column of 28 inches, and varying from thence to 31 inches. The whole quantity of pressure must thus be immense, and has been computed equal to a globe of lead 60 miles in diameter.

By means of its gravity, the atmosphere accomplishes many useful purposes in nature. It prevents the arterial vessels of animals and the sap-vessels of plants from being too much distended by the expansive power (whatever it is), which has a perpetual tendency to swell them out. Thus we see, that, in the operation of cupping, where the pressure of the air is taken off from a particular part, the expansive force instantly acts, and swells out the vessels to a great degree. Hence also, when animals are put into an air-pump, their whole bodies swell.

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<sup>6</sup> Specific gravity of the air.

<sup>7</sup> Effects of the gravity of the air.

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Elasticity  
of the air.

By its gravity, the air promotes the union of fluid bodies, which would instantly cease *in vacuo*. Thus oils and salts, which remain united in air, separate as soon as that fluid is extracted. Hence also, when hot water is put under an exhausted receiver, it boils violently: because the pressure of the air being now taken off, the particles of steam, which existed invisibly among the water, and which the gravity of the atmosphere prevented from flying off so soon, are now hurried up with great velocity, by means of the excessive comparative gravity of the aqueous fluid.

On the gravity of the air depend the ascent of water in pumps, syphons, &c. and likewise all the phenomena of the barometer.

Besides its gravity, which the air has in common with water and other fluids, there is another which it has only in common with steam or vapour. This is called its *elasticity*; by which, like a spring, it allows itself to be compressed into a smaller bulk, and then returns again to its original size upon removing the pressure.

The elasticity of the air was first ascertained by some experiments of lord Bacon, who, upon this principle, constructed the first thermometer, which he called his *vitrum calendare*. Of this power we have numerous proofs. Thus a blown bladder being squeezed in the hand, we find the included air sensibly resist; so that, upon ceasing to compress, the cavities or impressions made in its surface are readily expanded again and filled up.

The structure and office of the *Air-Pump* depend on this elastic property. Every particle of air always exerts a nifus or endeavour to expand, and thus strives against an equal endeavour of the ambient particles; whose resistance happening by any means to be weakened, it immediately diffuses itself into an immense extent. Hence it is that thin glass bubbles, or bladders filled with air, and exactly closed, being included in the exhausted receiver of an air-pump, burst by the force of the air they contain; and a bladder almost quite flaccid, swells in the receiver and appears full. The same effect also takes place, though in a smaller degree, on carrying the flaccid bladder to the top of an high mountain.

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diminished.

It has been questioned among philosophers, whether this elastic power of the air is capable of being destroyed or diminished. Mr Boyle made several experiments with a view to discover how long air would retain its spring after having assumed the greatest degree of expansion his air-pump would give it; but he was never able to observe any sensible diminution. Desaguliers found, that air, after having been inclosed for half a year in a wind-gun, had lost none of its elasticity; and Roberval, after preserving it in the same manner for 16 years, observed that its expansive projectile force was the same as if it had been recently condensed. Nevertheless, Mr Hauksbee concludes, from a later experiment, that the spring of the air may be disturbed by a violent pressure, in such a manner as to require some time to return to its natural tone. Dr Hales inferred, from a number of experiments, that the elasticity of the air is capable of being impaired and diminished by a variety of causes.

The weight or pressure of the air has no dependence on its elasticity; but would be the same whether it had

such a property or not. The air, however, being elastic, is necessarily affected by the pressure, which reduces it into such a space, that the elasticity, which reacts against the compressing weight, is equal to that weight. In effect, the law of this elasticity is, that it increases as the density of the air increases; and the density increases as the force increases by which it is pressed. Now there must necessarily be a balance between the action and re-action; i. e. the gravity of the air which tends to compress it, and the elasticity by which it endeavours to expand, must be equal. Hence the elasticity increasing, or diminishing universally, as the density increases or diminishes, it is no matter whether the air be compressed and retained in such a space by the weight of the atmosphere, or by any other means; it must endeavour in either case to expand with the same force. And hence, if air near the earth be pent up in a vessel, and all communication with the external fluid cut off, the pressure of the inclosed air will be equal to the weight of the atmosphere at the time the quantity was confined. Accordingly, we find mercury sustained to the same height, by the elastic force of air inclosed in a glass vessel, as by the whole atmospherical pressure. On the same principle air may be artificially condensed; and hence the structure of the *Air-Gun*.

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The utmost limits to which air, of the density which it possesses at the surface of the earth, is capable of being compressed, have not been ascertained. Mr Boyle made it 13 times more dense; Dr Halley says that he has seen it compressed so as to be 60 times denser than in its natural state, which is farther confirmed by M. Papin and M. Huygens. Dr Hales, by means of a press condensed it 38 times; and by forcing water in an iron ball or globe, into 1551 times less space than it naturally occupies. However Dr Halley has asserted, in the Philosophical Transactions, Abr. vol. ii. p. 17. that from the experiments made at London, and by the academy del Cimento at Florence, it might be safely concluded, that no force whatever is able to reduce air into 800 times less space than that which it naturally possesses on the surface of our earth. In answer to this, M. Amontons, in the Memoirs of the French Academy, maintains, that there is no fixing any bounds to its condensation; that greater and greater weights will still reduce it into less and less compass; that it is only elastic in virtue of the fire which it contains; and that as it is impossible ever to drive all the fire out of it, it is impossible ever to make the utmost condensation.

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The dilatation of the air, by virtue of its elastic force, is found to be very surprising; and yet Dr Wallis suggests, that we are far from knowing the utmost of which it is capable. In several experiments made by Mr Boyle, it dilated first into nine times its former space; then into 31 times; then into 60; then into 150. Afterwards it was brought to dilate into 8000 times its space, then into 10,000, and even at last into 13,679 times its space; and this altogether by its own expansive force, without the help of fire. On this depend the structure and use of the *MANOMETER*.

Hence it appears, that the air we breathe near the surface of the earth is compressed by its own weight into at least the 13,679th part of the space it would possess *in vacuo*. But if the same air be condensed by

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Of Air in general. art, the space it will take up when most dilated, to that it possesses when condensed, will be, according to the same author's experiments, as 550,000 to 1.

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Expansion of the air by heat.

M. Amontons, and others, we have already observed, attribute the rarefaction of the air wholly to the fire contained in it; and therefore, by increasing the degree of heat, the degree of rarefaction may be carried still further than in spontaneous dilatation. Air is expanded one-third of its bulk by boiling water.

Dr Hales found, that the air in a retort, when the bottom of the vessel was just beginning to be red-hot, was expanded through twice its former space; and in a white, or almost melting heat, it occupied thrice its former space; but Mr Robins found it was expanded by the heat of iron, just beginning to be white, to four times its former bulk. On this principle depend the structure and office of the THERMOMETER.

M. Amontons first discovered that air will expand in proportion to its density with the same degree of heat. On this foundation the ingenious author has a discourse, to prove "that the spring and weight of the air, with a moderate degree of warmth, may enable it to produce even earthquakes, and other of the most vehement commotions of nature." See the article EARTHQUAKE.

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General effects of the air's elasticity.

The elastic power of the air, then, is the second great source of the effects of this important fluid. Thus it insinuates into the pores of bodies; and, by possessing this prodigious faculty of expanding, which is so easily excited, it must necessarily put the particles of bodies into which it insinuates itself into perpetual oscillations. Indeed, the degree of heat, and the air's gravity and density, and consequently its elasticity and expansion, never remaining the same for the least space of time; there must be an incessant vibration or dilatation and contraction in all bodies.

We observe this reciprocation in several instances, particularly in plants, the air-vessels of which do the office of lungs; for the contained air alternately expanding and contracting, according to the increase or diminution of the heat, alternately presses the vessels and eases them again, thus keeping up a perpetual motion in their juices.

Hence we find, that no vegetation or germination will proceed *in vacuo*. Indeed, beans have been observed to grow a little tumid therein; and this has led some to attribute that to vegetation which was really owing to no other cause than the dilatation of the air within them. The air is very instrumental in the production and growth of vegetables, not only by invigorating their several juices while in an elastic active state, but also by greatly contributing in a fixed state to the union and firm connection of their several constituent parts.

From the same cause it is, that the air contained in bubbles of ice, by its continual action bursts the ice. Thus also, entire columns of marble sometimes cleave in the winter time, from the increased elasticity of some little bubble of air contained in them. From the same principle arise all putrefaction and fermentation; neither of which will proceed, even in the best disposed subjects, *in vacuo*.

Since we find such great quantities of elastic air generated in the solution of animal and vegetable substances, a good deal must constantly arise from the dis-

solution of these aliments in the stomach and bowels, which is much promoted by it; and, in reality, all natural corruption and alteration seem to depend on air.

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§ 3. *Effects of the different Ingredients of Air.*— This fluid acts not only by its common properties of gravity and elasticity, but produces numerous other effects arising from the peculiar ingredients of which it consists.

Thus, 1. It not only dissolves and attenuates bodies by its pressure and attrition, but as a chaos containing all kinds of menstrua, and consequently possessing powers for dissolving all bodies. It is known that iron and copper readily dissolve and become rusty in air, unless well defended with oil. Boerhaave assures us, that he has seen pillars of iron so reduced by air, that they might be crumbled to dust between the fingers; and as for copper, it is converted by the air into a substance much like the verdigris produced by vinegar.

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Solvent power of the air on metals.

Mr Boyle relates, that in the southern English colonies, the great guns rust so fast, that after lying in the air for a few years, large cakes of crocus martis may be separated from them. Aosta adds, that in Peru the air dissolves lead, and considerably increases its weight. Yet gold is generally esteemed indissoluble by air, being never found to contract rust, though exposed to it ever so long. In the laboratories of chemists, however, where aqua regia is prepared, the air becoming impregnated with a quantity of the vapour of this menstruum, gold contracts a rust like other bodies.

Stones also undergo the changes incident to metals. Thus Purbeck stone, of which Salisbury cathedral consists, is observed gradually to become softer, and to moulder away in the air; and Mr Boyle gives the same account of Blackington stone. He adds, that air may have a considerable operation on vitriol, even when a strong fire could act no farther upon it. And he has found, that the fumes of a corrosive liquor work more suddenly and manifestly on a certain metal when sustained in the air, than the menstruum itself did, which emitted fumes on those parts of the metal which it covered; referring to the effects of the effluvia of vinegar on copper.

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The dissolving power of air is increased by heat, and by other causes. It combines with water; and by access of cold, deposits part of the matter which was kept dissolved in it by a greater degree of heat. Hence the water, by being deposited and condensed upon any cold body, such as glass, &c. in windows, forms fogs, and becomes visible.

In the various operations of chemistry, air is a very necessary and important agent; the result of particular processes depending on its presence or absence, on its being open or inclosed. Thus, the parts of animals and vegetables can only be calcined in open air; in close vessels they never become any other than black coals. And these operations are affected by the changes to which the air is liable. Many instances might be adduced to this purpose. Let it suffice to observe, that it is very difficult to procure oil of sulphur, *per campanam*, in a clear dry atmosphere; but in a thick moist air it may be obtained with greater ease, and in larger quantities. So, pure well-fermented wine, if it be carried to a place where the air is replenished with

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Various chemical effects of the air.

<sup>16</sup> Of Air in general. the fumes of new wine then fermenting, will begin to ferment afresh.

The changes in the air arise from various causes, and are observable, not only in its mechanical properties, such as gravity, density, &c. but in the ingredients that compose it. Thus, at Fashlun in Sweden, noted for copper-mines, the mineral exhalations affect the air in such a manner as to discolour silver coin in purses; and the same effluvia change the colour of brass. In Carniola, Campania, &c. where are mines of sulphur, the air becomes sometimes very unwholesome, which occasions frequent epidemic diseases, &c.

The effluvia of animals also have their effect in varying the air; as is evident in contagious diseases, plagues, murrains, and other mortalities, which are spread by an infected air.

For the vivifying principle of air, see the article *BLOOD*.

### SECT. II. *Historical Account of the principal Discoveries concerning the Composition of Atmospheric Air and other Aërial Fluids.*

<sup>16</sup> Van Helmont the first discoverer of different kinds of air.

WHILE the preceding discoveries were making concerning the mechanical and other properties of the air, little notice seems to have been taken of the elementary parts of the air itself, or the different kinds of fluid which go under that name. It was known, indeed, that air was separable from terrestrial bodies by means of fire, fermentation, &c. but this was commonly reckoned to be the same with what we breathe. Van Helmont, a disciple of Paracelsus, was the first who undertook to make enquiries concerning this species of air. He gave it the name of *gas sylvestre*, from the Dutch word *ghoast*, signifying spirit; and observes, that some bodies resolve themselves almost entirely into it. "Not (says he) that it had been actually contained in that form in the bodies from which it was separated; but it was contained under a concrete form, as if fixed, or coagulated." According to this author, the *gas sylvestre* is the same with what is separated from all substances by fermentation; from vegetables by the action of fire; from gun-powder when it explodes; and from charcoal when burning. On this occasion he asserts, that 62 pound of charcoal contain 61 pounds of gas and only one pound of earth. To the effluvia of gas he also attributes the fatal effects of the grotto Del Cani in Italy, and the suffocation of workmen in mines. He asserts, that it is to the corruption of the aliment, and the gas discharged from it, that we are to attribute wind, and the discharges of it from the bowels. Upon the same principles he accounts for the swelling of dead bodies which have remained for a time under water, and for the tumours which arise on some parts of the body in certain diseases. He also determines, that this gas is different from the air we breathe; that it has a greater affinity with water: and he imagined it might consist of water reduced to vapours, or a very subtil acid combined with volatile alkali.

<sup>17</sup> Discoveries by Mr Boyle.

Mr Boyle repeated all Van Helmont's experiments to more advantage than he himself had performed them; but seems not to have proceeded further in his discoveries than Van Helmont did: only he found some bodies, such as sulphur, amber, camphor, &c. diminish the volume of air in which they burn.

Dr Hales first attempted to determine the quantity of air produced from different bodies; for which purpose he made experiments on almost every known substance in nature, examining them by distillation, fermentation, combustion, combinations, &c. He also first suspected, that the briskness and sparkling of the waters called *acidulous*, were owing to the air they contained. But notwithstanding all his discoveries concerning the quantity of elastic fluid obtained from different bodies, he did not imagine there was any essential difference between this fluid and the air we breathe; only that the former was loaded with noxious vapours, foreign to its nature. His suspicion concerning this impregnation was confirmed by M. Venel, professor of chemistry at Montpellier, in a memoir read before the Royal Academy of Sciences in 1750. This gentleman was able to disengage the air from the Seltzer waters, and to measure its quantity; which he constantly found to amount to about one-fifth of its bulk. The water thus deprived of its air became flat, and ceased to sparkle; the only difference then betwixt it and common water was, that the former contained a small quantity of sea-salt. Upon these principles he attempted to recompose Seltzer water, by dissolving in a pint of common water two drachms of fossile alkali, and then adding an equal quantity of marine acid. The quantity of sea-salt produced by the union of these two, he knew would prove equal to that contained in a pint of Seltzer water; and the effervescence produced by the action of the acid and alkali upon each other, he imagined, would produce air sufficient for the impregnation of the water. In this he was not deceived; the water thus produced was not only analogous to Seltzer, but much more strongly impregnated with air.

Dr Black first discovered, that chalk, and the other earths reducible to quicklime by calcination, consist of an alkaline earth, by itself soluble in water, but which, combined with a large quantity of fixed air, becomes insoluble; losing the properties of quicklime, and assuming the natural appearance we observe those earths to have when not reduced into lime. The same thing he discovered in magnesia alba, and in alkalis both fixed and volatile. On the fixed air contained in these bodies, he found not only their property of effervescing with acids to depend, but likewise their mildness; both the alkalis and calcareous earth being highly caustic when deprived of the fixed air. He also found, that this fluid, which he called *fixed air*, had different degrees of affinity with different substances; that it was stronger with calcareous earth than with fixed alkali; with fixed alkali, than magnesia; and with magnesia, than volatile alkali. He also suspected, that the fixed air of alkaline salts unites itself with the precipitates of metals, when thrown down from acids; and that the increase of weight observable in these precipitates was owing to this cause. But he was of opinion, that the fluid which he called *fixed air* was very different from the common air we breathe; and therefore adopted the name of air, merely as one already established, whatever impropriety there might be in the term.

It was not long before the discovery of this species of air suggested new theories in physiology and natural philosophy. Mr Haller had inferred, from Dr Hales's experiments,

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By Dr Hales

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Suspicion of air in mineral waters.

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Confirmed by Mr Venel.

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Discoveries by Dr Black, &c.

Of Air in general. experiments, that air is the real cement of bodies; which, fixing itself in the solids and fluids, unites them to each other, and serves as a bond by which they are kept from dissolution. In 1764, Dr Macbride of Dublin published a number of experiments in support of this doctrine. From his work it appears, that fixed air is separated, not only from all substances in fermentation, but also from all animal substances as they begin to putrify; and that this air is capable of uniting itself to all calcareous earths, as well as alkalis both fixed and volatile, and restoring to them the property of effervescing with acids when they have by any means been deprived of it. But though these opinions have since been found erroneous, the conclusions drawn by him from his numerous experiments still hold good, viz. that fixed air is an elastic fluid, very different from the common air we breathe: that it is possessed of a strong antiseptic quality, and may be introduced with safety into the intestinal canal, and other parts of the animal œconomy, where common air would have fatal effects; but is mortal if breathed into the lungs, &c.

<sup>22</sup> Quantity of fixed air contained in alkaline salts determined by Mr Cavendish. In 1766 and 1767, Mr Cavendish communicated some new experiments to the Royal Society at London, wherein he determines the quantity of air contained in fixed alkali, when fully saturated with it, to be five-twelfths of its weight, and seven-twelfths in volatile alkali: that water is capable of absorbing more than its own bulk of this air; that it has then an agreeable, spirituous, and acidulous taste; and that it has the property of dissolving calcareous earths and magnesia, as well as almost all the metals, especially iron and zinc: that the vapour of burning charcoal occasions a remarkable diminution of common air, at the same time that a considerable quantity of fixed air is produced in the operation. He also found, that solution of copper in spirit of salt, instead of producing inflammable air, like that of iron or zinc, afforded a species of air which lost its elasticity as soon as it came into contact with water.

<sup>23</sup> Contest concerning the doctrine of fixed air. The discoveries of Dr Black concerning fixed air, had not been long published, when they were violently attacked by some foreign chemists, while his cause was as eagerly espoused by others. The principal opponents were Mr Meycr apothecary at Osnabruck, Mr Crans physician to his Russian Majesty, and Mr de Smeth at Utrecht. Their arguments, however, were effectually answered at the time by Mr Jacquin, botanical professor at Vienna; and the numerous discoveries made since that time have given such additional confirmation to his doctrine, that it is now universally adopted by chemists both in Britain and other countries. It was reserved, however, for Dr Priestley to make the great discovery concerning the nature of our atmosphere; and to inform the world, that it is composed of two fluids; the one absolutely noxious, and incapable of supporting animal life for a moment; the other extremely salutary, and capable of preserving animals alive and healthy for a much longer time than the purest air we can meet with. This may be considered as the ultimate period of our history: for since that time the discoveries of philosophers still living, in many different countries, have been so rapid, that it is difficult to ascertain the dates of them by any authentic documents; especially as, by reason of such numerous experiments, the same things have not unfrequently

been discovered by different persons unknown to each other. We shall therefore proceed to give an account of the different kinds of ærial fluids, beginning with those which are known, or supposed, to constitute a part of our atmosphere. Dephlogificated Air.

SECT. III. *Of Dephlogificated Air.*

§ I. *Discovery and Methods of procuring this Kind of Air.*—Dephlogificated air was first obtained by Dr Priestley on the 1st of August 1774. The circumstances which led him to the discovery, were his having always procured inflammable air from spirit of salt, by adding to it spirit of wine, oil of olives, oil of turpentine, charcoal, phosphorus, beeswax, and even sulphur. Hence he suspected, that the common air we breathe might be composed of some kind of acid united with phlogiston. On this supposition he extracted air from mercurius calcinatus *per se*, by exposing it to the focus of a burning-glass 12 inches in diameter; and, having repeated the experiment with red precipitate and minimum, he found, that though a quantity of fixed air was always produced, yet after that was separated, the remainder supported flame much more vigorously than common air; for a candle burned in it with a flame very much enlarged, and with a crackling noise, at the same time that it appeared fully as much diminished by the test of nitrous air. Whence he concluded, that it was respirable; and, on making the experiment, found that it actually was so, for a mouse lived a full half hour in a quantity of this fluid; which, had it been common air, would only have kept it alive half that time. Nor did the animal seem to be otherwise injured than by the cold; as it presently revived on bringing it near the fire, and the remainder of the air still appeared better than that of the atmosphere, when the test of nitrous air was applied to it. 25 Whence first extracted.

The pure kind of air being discovered, the Doctor next proceeded to name it *dephlogificated*, from his opinion that common air, in the act of burning, absorbed phlogiston; of consequence, he supposed, that which absorbed the most, or which most vigorously and for the greatest length of time supported flame, was supposed to contain the smallest quantity of this substance. In the course of his inquiries why this kind of air comes to be so much dephlogificated, he fell upon a method of extracting it from a great variety of substances; viz. by moistening them with spirit of nitre, and then distilling them with a strong heat. Thus he obtained it from flowers of zinc, chalk, quicklime, slacked lime, tobacco-pipe clay, flint, Muscovy talcs, and even glass. He then found, that by simply dissolving any metal in the nitrous acid, and then distilling the solution, he could obtain very pure air: and Mr Warltire found even the trouble of distillation unnecessary; nothing more being requisite than to moisten red lead with the spirit of nitre, and then pour upon it the oil of vitriol, which instantly disengaged the dephlogificated air without applying any more heat than what was generated by the mixture. 26 Why named dephlogificated.

While discoveries of this kind engaged Dr Priestley in England, Mr Scheele was employed in a similar manner in Sweden; and had actually obtained the same kind of air, without knowing any thing of what Dr Priestley had done. The latter had the merit of the prior 27 Produced from a great variety of substances.

<sup>28</sup> This kind of air discovered also by Mr Scheele.

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ticated Air. prior discovery: but Mr Scheele's method was more simple, consisting only in the distillation of nitre with a strong heat; by which means it is now found that dephlogisticated air may be obtained in very considerable quantity, and in as great purity, as by the more expensive processes. The pure air from nitre had indeed partly been obtained by Dr Hales long before this time; since he informs us, that half a cubic inch of nitre yielded 90 cubic inches of air, which was undoubtedly the fluid we speak of; but as he neglected to prosecute the discovery, nothing farther was known at that time.

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trous acid. As the nitrous acid was universally concerned in the first processes for obtaining this kind of air, it was for some time generally believed to be a peculiar property of that acid alone to produce it; but the indefatigable genius of Dr Priestley soon found, that it might not only be procured where no nitrous acid was employed, but where the substances were treated with vitriolic acid. It was indeed evident, from the very first experiment, that nitrous acid was not essentially necessary; since pure air was procured from precipitate *per se*, in the preparation of which no nitrous acid is employed. The Abbé Fontana found, that 192 grains of this substance yielded 65½ cubic inches of dephlogisticated air, at the same that time the weight of it was reduced to 788¾ grains, which is nearly the weight of that quantity of air. It had formerly been observed, that the weight of mercury is augmented during its conversion into precipitate *per se*, as that of lead is by its conversion into minium. The experiments just now mentioned, therefore, show, that during this process the air is decomposed; the pure dephlogisticated part of it being absorbed by the metal, and appearing again on the application of heat; and the same appears to be the case with red lead, from the experiment of Mr Warltire already mentioned. With regard to this last substance, however, a very great singularity is observed; viz. that when newly prepared it yields none at all, and even for some time after the produce is much smaller than when it has been long kept. The reason of this seems to be, that the minium still contains a considerable quantity of phlogiston, which flies off into the atmosphere by long keeping, a larger quantity of the dephlogisticated part of the atmosphere being imbibed at the same time. The mode of applying heat has also a very considerable effect on the quantity of air produced. Thus, Dr Priestley remarks,\* that  
\* Exper. and Observ. iii. 27.  
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Produced in greatest quantities by a quick and violent heat. “from equal quantities of red lead, without any mixture of spirit of nitre, and using the same apparatus for distilling it, he obtained, by means of heat applied suddenly, more air than when slowly applied, in the proportion of ten to six. The proportion of fixed air was the same in both cases, and the remainder equally dephlogisticated.”

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Method of extracting it from various substances. By heat alone, the Doctor found, that sedative salt, manganese, lapis calaminaris, and the mineral called *lapis ponderosus*, *wolfram*, or *tungsten*, would yield dephlogisticated air; the first indeed in very small quantity, and sometimes even of a quality very little superior to common air. In these experiments, he made use of small-bellied retorts of green glass, which can stand the fire best, containing about an ounce of water, and having narrow necks 18 or 20 inches long. The substance to be examined was put into a retort of this

kind, and then exposed to a red heat, either in sand or over a naked fire, while the neck of the vessel was plunged in water or mercury. Dephlogif-  
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Having dissolved six pennyweights of very clean iron in oil of vitriol, and then distilled the solution to dryness in a long-necked retort, he received the common air a little phlogisticated, some fixed air, much vitriolic acid air, and lastly 18 ounce measures of dephlogisticated air. The iron that remained undissolved weighed 23 grains, so that the air was yielded by five pennyweights one grain of iron. The ochre weighed seven pennyweights thirteen grains: so that, says he, there probably remained a quantity of oil of vitriol in it; and consequently, had the heat been greater, more air would have been obtained.

In his experiments with the nitrous acid, as it had constantly been found, that by pouring on more nitrous acid on the residuum, and repeating the operation, more dephlogisticated air might be obtained, the Doctor determined to try whether the same would not hold good with vitriolic acid also. For this purpose, he added more oil of vitriol to the residuum of the last-mentioned experiment. When in a red heat with a glass retort, it yielded a quantity of vitriolic acid air, no fixed air, but about 24 ounce measures of dephlogisticated air; when, the retort being melted, a good deal of the air was necessarily lost; but, on resuming the process in a gun-barrel, he procured as much air as had been got before.—Pursuing these experiments, he obtained with common crust of iron and oil of vitriol, dephlogisticated air at the first distillation, and a great deal more from the residuum, by pouring fresh oil of vitriol upon it. The same product he obtained from blue vitriol, solution of copper in the vitriolic acid, and from a solution of mercury in that acid. On this substance he remarks, that “either by means of oil of vitriol or spirit of nitre, it yields a great quantity of dephlogisticated air: but with this difference, that in the process with spirit of nitre, almost the whole of the mercury is revived (not more than a twentieth part being lost, if the process be conducted with care); but in that with vitriolic acid, almost the whole is lost.” From the later experiments of Mr Lavoisier, however, it appears that the Doctor's process had not been conducted with sufficient care; as from two ounces of the dry salt formed by a combination of vitriolic acid with mercury, the former obtained 6 drachms 12 grains of running mercury, besides 3 drachms 58 grains of mercurial sublimate of two different colours. Dephlogisticated air was likewise obtained from pure calx of tin, or putty, mixed with oil of vitriol; but none in any trial with the marine acid, excepting when it was mixed with minium; in which case the air obtained was probably that which the minium would have yielded without any addition.

The result of all these, and innumerable other experiments made by philosophers in different countries, was, that dephlogisticated air may be obtained from a vast variety of mineral and metallic substances by means of the vitriolic and nitrous acids. It now remained only to discover in what manner this fluid, so essentially necessary to the support of animal life, is naturally produced in quantities sufficient for the great expence of it throughout the whole world, by the breathing of animals, the support of fires, &c. This discovery, indeed, 32  
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deed, had been made before even the existence of dephlogisticated air itself was known. Dr Priestley, after having tried various methods of purifying contaminated air unsuccessfully, found at last, that some kinds of vegetables answered this purpose very effectually; for which discovery he received the thanks of the Royal Society. Among the vegetables employed on this occasion, he found mint answer the purpose very effectually. "When air," says he \*, "has been freshly and strongly tainted with putrefaction, so as to smell through the water, sprigs of mint have presently died upon being put into it, their leaves turning black; but if they do not die presently, they thrive in a most surprising manner. In no other circumstances have I seen vegetation so vigorous as in this kind of air, which is immediately fatal to animal life. Though these plants have been crowded in jars filled with this kind of air, every leaf has been full of life; fresh shoots have branched out in various directions, and grown much faster than other similar plants growing in the same exposure in common air."—Having in consequence of this observation rendered a quantity of air thoroughly noxious, by mice breathing and dying in it, he divided it into two receivers inverted in water, introducing a sprig of mint into one of them, and keeping the other receiver unaltered. About eight or nine days after, he found that the air of the receiver into which he had introduced the sprig had become respirable; for a mouse lived very well in this, whereas it died the moment it was put into the other.

From these experiments the Doctor at first concluded, that in all cases the air was meliorated by the vegetation of plants: but even in his first volume he observes, that some experiments of this kind did not answer so well towards the end of the year as they had done in the hot season; and a second course seemed to be almost entirely contrary to the former. Having tried the power of several sorts of vegetables upon air infected by respiration or by the burning of candles, he found that it was generally rendered worse by their vegetation; and the longer the plants were kept in the infected air, the more they phlogisticated it; though in several cases it was undoubted meliorated, especially by the shoots of strawberries and some other plants, introduced into the vials containing foul air, and inverted in water, which were placed near them, whilst their roots continued in the earth in the garden. Sometimes the infected air was so far mended by the vegetation of plants that it was in a great measure turned into dephlogisticated air. "On the whole," says Dr Priestley, "I still think it probable, that the vegetation of healthy plants, growing in situations natural to them, have a salutary effect on the air in which they grow.—For one instance of the melioration of air in these circumstances should weigh against an hundred in which the air is made worse by it, both on account of the disadvantages under which all plants labour, in the circumstances in which these experiments must be made, as well as the great attention and many precautions that are requisite in conducting such a process."

At the time that Dr Priestley made these experiments, he supposed that the air was meliorated merely by the absorption of phlogiston from that which had been tainted; but the experiments of Dr Ingenhousz, made in 1779, showed that this was accomplished, not

only by the absorption just mentioned, but by the emission of dephlogisticated air. He observed in general, that plants have a power of correcting bad air, and even of improving common air in a few hours, when exposed to the light of the sun; but, in the night-time, or when they are not influenced by the solar rays, they contaminate the air. This property, however, does not belong in an equal degree to all kinds of plants: nor is it possible to discover by the external properties of a plant, whether it be fit for this purpose or not; as some which have a bad smell, and are entirely unfit for food, show themselves much superior to others whose external appearance would seem preferable. His method of making the experiment was, to fill a vial with air, fouled either by respiration or combustion; after which a sprig of any plant was introduced, by passing it through the water in which the vial was immersed. The vial was then stopped; or it was removed into a small basin full of water, and exposed to the sun, or situated in some other proper place as occasion required. Air phlogisticated by breathing, and in which a candle could not burn, after being exposed to the sun for three hours, with a sprig of peppermint in it, was so far corrected, as to be again capable of supporting flame. The following experiment, however, made with a mustard plant, may be looked upon as decisive: A plant of this kind was put into a glass receiver containing common air, and its stem cut off even with the mouth of the receiver. The vessel was then inverted in an earthen pan, containing some water to keep the plant alive, and the whole apparatus was set over-night in a room. Next morning the air was found so much contaminated, that it extinguished the flame of a wax taper. On exposing the apparatus to the sun for a quarter of an hour, the air was found to be somewhat corrected; and after an hour and a half it was so far improved, that by the test of nitrous air it appeared considerably better than common air.

Before we proceed farther in the account of Dr Ingenhousz's experiments, it will be necessary to relate some observations made by Dr Priestley; from which it appears, that dephlogisticated air, in very considerable quantity, may, in certain circumstances, be produced from water alone. The substance of these is, that water, especially pump-water, when exposed to the light of the sun, emits air slowly: but after some time a green matter appears on the bottom and sides of the glass; after which it emits very pure air in great quantity, and continues to do so for a very long time, even after the green matter has shown some symptoms of decay by becoming yellow. He observed, that the water which naturally contained the greatest quantity of fixed air, yielded also the greatest quantity of that which was dephlogisticated; but that the quantity of the latter much exceeded that of the fixed air contained even in any water. The light of the sun was found to be an essential requisite in the formation of this air, as very little, and that of a much worse quality, was produced in the dark.

As the green matter produced in Dr Priestley's glasses, was by himself, as well as others, considered as belonging to the vegetable kingdom, Dr Ingenhousz improved upon his process, by putting the leaves of plants into water, and exposing them to the sun. All plants were not equally fit for producing dephlogisticated air

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\* Exper. and Observ. vol. i. p. 1. sect. 4.

33 Noxious air improved by vegetating mint.

34 Experiments seemingly contradictory.

\* Exper. and Observ. iv. 302.

35 Experiments of Dr Ingenhousz on the melioration of air by vegetation.

36 Dephlogisticated air produced from water.

37 From the leaves of plants.

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by this method more than by the other. Some poisonous plants, as the hyoscyamus, lauro-cerasus, night-shade, the tobacco-plant, a triplex vulvaria, cicuta aquatica, and sabina, were found very fit for the purpose; but the purest kind of air was extracted from some aquatic vegetables, the turpentine-trees, and especially from the green matter he collected in a stone trough which was kept continually filled with water from a spring near the high-road. The purity of this dephlogisticated air, he says, was equal, if not superior, to that procured by the best chemical processes; as it sometimes required eight times its own quantity of nitrous air to saturate it. All parts of the plants were not found equally proper for the production of dephlogisticated air; the full grown leaves yielded it in greatest quantity and purity, especially from their under surface. It was also procured from the green stalks.—One hundred leaves of *Nasturtium Indicum*, put into a jar holding a gallon, filled with ordinary pump-water, and exposed to the sun from 10 to 12 o'clock, yielded as much air as filled a cylindrical jar four inches and an half in length, and one and three quarters in breadth. On removing this quantity of air, and exposing them again to the sun till seven o'clock, about half as much was produced, of a quality still superior to the former; and next morning by eleven o'clock, they yielded as much more of an equal quality. The roots of plants, he says, when kept out of ground, generally yield bad air, and at all times contaminate common air, a few only excepted. Flowers and fruits, in general, yield a very small quantity of noxious air, and contaminate a great quantity of common air at all times, especially in the night, and when kept in the dark. Two dozen of young and small French beans, kept in a quart-jar of common air for a single night, contaminated the air to such a degree, that a very lively chicken died by being confined in it less than half a minute.

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The observations of Dr Ingenhoufz on the whole, says Mr Cavallo, clearly show, "that the vegetation of plants is one of the great means employed by nature to purify the atmosphere, so as to counteract, in great measure, the damage done by animal respiration, combustion, &c. It may only be said, that vegetation does not appear to be sufficient to remedy entirely that damage." The Doctor himself, however, speaks very highly of the powers of vegetables in this respect. He informs us, that their office in yielding dephlogisticated air begins a few hours after the sun has made his appearance in the horizon, or rather after it has passed the meridian, and ceases with the close of day; excepting some plants which continue it a short time after sun-set: The quantity of dephlogisticated air, yielded by plants in general, is greater in a clear day than when it is somewhat cloudy. It is also greater when the plants are more exposed to the sun, than when they are situated in shady places. He observes, moreover, that the damage done by plants in the night, is more than counterbalanced by the benefit they afford in the day-time. "By a rough calculation (says he), I found the poisonous air, yielded by any plant during the whole night, could not amount to one hundredth part of the dephlogisticated air which the same plant yielded in two hours time in a fair day."—It does not appear, however, that plants yield dephlogisticated air by any kind of generation of that fluid, but only by filtrating the common

air, which all plants absorb through their pores; the dephlogistic part becoming part of their substance, and probably being the true vegetable food, as is explained more at large under the article AGRICULTURE.—Dry plants have little or no effect upon the air until they are moistened—On all these experiments, however, it must be observed, that they have sometimes failed in the hands of those whom we cannot but suppose very capable of trying them; as Mr Scheele, Mr Cavallo, and the Abbé Fontana.

After the publication of Dr Ingenhoufz's experiments, it became generally believed, that the atmosphere was meliorated by the common process of vegetation, and that plants absorbed the phlogistic part as their food, discharging the pure dephlogisticated air as an excrement; which is just the reverse of what happens to animals, who absorb the pure part in respiration, and reject the phlogistic. In the Philosophical Transactions for 1787, however, we find a number of experiments related by Sir Benjamin Thompson, which seem to render this matter dubious.—One very considerable objection is, that the green matter, already mentioned in Dr Priestley's experiments, when carefully observed by a good microscope, appears not to be of a vegetable, but of an animal nature. The colouring matter of the water, says he, is evidently of an animal nature; being nothing more than the assemblage of an infinite number of very small, active, oval-formed animalcules, without any thing resembling *tremella*, or that kind of green matter or water-moss which forms upon the bottom and sides of the vessel when this water is suffered to remain on it for a considerable time, and into which Dr Ingenhoufz supposes the animalcules above mentioned to be actually transformed.

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This gentleman has also found, that several animal substances, as well as vegetables, have a power of separating dephlogisticated air from water when exposed to the light of the sun, and that for a very great length of time. Not that the same quantity of water will always continue to furnish air; but the same animal substance being taken out, washed and again put into fresh water, seems to yield dephlogisticated air, without any kind of limitation.

Raw silk possesses a remarkable power of this kind. To determine it, Sir Benjamin introduced 30 grains of this substance, previously washed in water, into a thin glass globe  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter, having a cylindrical neck  $\frac{3}{4}$ ths of an inch wide, and twelve inches long, inverting the globe into a jar filled with the same kind of water, and exposing it to the action of the sun in the window. It had not been ten minutes in this situation, when the silk became covered with an infinite number of air-bubbles, gradually increasing in size, till, at the end of two hours, the silk was buoyed up, by their means, to the top of the water. By degrees they began to separate themselves, and form a collection of air in the upper part of the globe; which, when examined by the test of nitrous air, appeared to be very pure. In three days he had collected  $3\frac{3}{4}$  cubic inches of air; into which a wax-taper being introduced, that had just before been blown out, the wick only remaining red, it instantly took fire, and burned with a bright and enlarged flame. The water in the globe appeared to have lost something of its transparency, and had changed its colour to a very faint greenish cast, having

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at the same time acquired the smell of raw silk.—This was several times repeated with fresh water, retaining the same silk, and always with a smaller result; but with this difference, that when the sun shone very bright, the quantity of air produced was not only greater, but its quality superior to that yielded when the sun's rays were feeble, or when they were frequently intercepted by flying clouds. "The air, however, (says he), was always not only much better than common air, but even than that produced by the fresh leaves of plants exposed in water to the sun's rays in the experiments of Dr Ingenhoufz; and, under the most favourable circumstances, it was so good, that one measure of it required four of nitrous air to saturate it, and the whole five measures were reduced to 1.35."

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the dark.

An experiment was next made in order to determine the effect of darkness upon the production of air: and in this case only a few inconsiderable bubbles were formed, which remained attached to the silk; nor was the case altered by removing the globe into a German stove. Some single bubbles, indeed, had detached themselves from the silk and ascended to the top, but the air was in too little quantity to be measured or proved.—The medium heat of the globe, when exposed to the sun's rays, was about 90° of Fahrenheit, though sometimes it would rise as high as 96; but air was frequently produced, when the heat did not exceed 65 and 70°.—On reversing this experiment, in order to try the effect of light without heat, it was found, that by plunging the globe into a mixture of ice and water, which brought it to the temperature of about 50° of Fahrenheit, the produce of air was diminished, though it still continued in considerable quantity.

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The effect of artificial light, instead of that of the sun, was next tried. For this purpose all the air was removed from the globe; and its place being supplied with a quantity of fresh water, so as to render it quite full, it was again inverted in the jar, and removed into a dark room surrounded with six lamps and reflectors; six wax candles were also placed at different distances from three to six inches from it, and disposed in such a manner as to throw the greatest quantity of light possible upon the silk, taking care at the same time that the water should not acquire a greater heat than 90°. In this situation the silk began to be covered with air-bubbles in about ten minutes; and in six hours as much was collected as could be proved by nitrous air, when it was found to be very pure. A fresh-gathered, healthy leaf of a peach tree, and a stem of the pea-plant with three leaves upon it, furnished air by exposure to the same light, but in smaller quantities than by the action of the solar rays. The air produced in the dark, in whatever manner procured, was always in too small a quantity to be measured.

In making these experiments, as it was found somewhat troublesome to invert the globes in water, they were at last only kept in an inclined posture on the table, as represented in Plate X. fig. 1. the air collecting itself in the upper part of the belly. Having provided himself with a number of globes of different sizes, he then proceeded in his experiments in the following manner.

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Finding that raw silk, exposed to the action of light, produced so great a quantity of air, he was induced to try whether some other substances might not be found out capable of doing the same. Having therefore

provided six globes of 4½ inches in diameter, and filled them with spring water, he introduced into each of them 15 grains of one of the following substances, viz. sheep's wool, eider-down, fur of a Russian hare, cotton wool, lint or the ravelings of linen yarn, and human hair.—The results of these experiments were, 1. The globe containing the sheep's wool began to yield air in three days; but several days of cloudy weather intervening, he did not remove it for some time, when only 1¼ths of an inch of air was collected, which proved very pure when tried with nitrous air; but the wool, even in the most favourable circumstances, never afforded more than one third of the quantity which would have been yielded by silk. 2. The water with the eider-down began to furnish air almost immediately, and continued to do so in quantities little less than had been furnished by the silk, and nearly the same quality. One cubic inch and three quarters of this air, furnished the eighth day from the beginning of the experiment, with three measures of nitrous air, was reduced to 1.34. 3. The fur of the hare produced more air than the wool, but less than the eider-down. Two cubic inches of air were collected in four days; which made its appearance in a different manner from that of the other substances, the air-bubbles being at considerable distances from one another, and growing to an uncommon size before they detached themselves from the fur. The cotton yielded a considerable quantity of air of a better quality than any of the former. The ravelings of linen were very slow in furnishing air, and produced but a small quantity; only two cubic inches being collected in the space of a fortnight. This substance appeared to be the very reverse of the hare's fur; for the air, instead of attaching and collecting itself about the substance in large bubbles, scarce ever made its appearance in sufficient quantity to raise it to the top of the water. The human hair furnished still less than the linen, and the produce was of inferior quality, though still superior to the common atmosphere.

In order to discover the comparative fineness of air produced from vegetables and from raw silk, a small quantity of air from the stem of a pea-plant, which had four healthy leaves upon it, was proved with nitrous air, and found greatly inferior to that from raw silk and several of the substances already mentioned. An entire plant of housewort, of a moderate size, furnished only ¼ths of a cubic inch of air in seven hours, and that greatly inferior to common air; but the leaves alone afforded a much greater quantity, and of a quality greatly superior.

Having proceeded thus far, it was next determined to ascertain how much air a given quantity of water would yield by exposure to the sun's rays. For this purpose, a globe of fine white, clear, and very thin glass, containing 296 inches, being filled with fresh spring water, and 30 grains of raw silk immersed in it, was exposed to the air for three days in the month of May, but for the most part cold and cloudy. During this time only 9¼ inches of air were produced; but next day, by exposure to the sun from nine in the morning till five in the afternoon, the weather being very fine, 8.46 inches more were produced. The water had now assumed a light greenish colour. Next day, the product of air was nine cubic inches, of a better quality; and the day following, six inches still superior,

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superior, though exposed only for three hours and an half; but the next day, it being cold and cloudy, only  $\frac{3}{4}$ ths of an inch of air were produced, and these manifestly inferior to the foregoing. No more air could afterwards be procured, excepting one quarter of a cubic inch; so that from 296 inches of this water, 33.96 of air were obtained.

In this experiment the air produced was every day removed from the globe, and its place supplied with water: the following were made, to determine what alteration would take place on allowing the quantity of air produced to remain from first to last. The globe being therefore filled again, and the silk well washed and replaced in it, the quantity of air produced amounted in four days to 30.1 cubic inches; and would probably have been more considerable, had not the globe been unable to contain it along with the water, and therefore there was a necessity for putting an end to the experiment. The quality was superior to the former.—In this experiment the water had lost its transparency, and acquired a greenish cast; a quantity of yellowish earth was precipitated to the bottom, and attached itself so strongly to the glass, that it could not be removed without great difficulty.

On varying the experiment, by employing unwashed raw silk, it was found, that 17 grains of it in 20 cubic inches of water, produced, for the first four days, air of a worse quality than the atmosphere; but afterwards yielded near two inches of a superior quality. The quantity of this air was superior to that in other experiments, though its quality was somewhat superior.

In reflecting on the experiments above related, it occurred to Sir Benjamin, that the cotton-like substance produced by the *populus nigra*, a species of poplar tree, might be a proper substitute for the raw silk; especially, as he recollected, that on rendering it very dry for some other purpose, some parcels of it had quitted the plate on which they were laid, and mounted up to the top of the room. An hundred and twenty grains of this substance were therefore put into the large globe containing 296 inches; but after exposure to the sun for some hours, the air produced, in quantity about  $1\frac{3}{4}$ ths of a cubic inch, was found to be little better than phlogisticated air. In three days after, only one cubic inch was formed; and this appeared to be completely phlogisticated. Next day, only a few inconsiderable air-bubbles appeared; but, the day following, the water suddenly changed to a greenish colour, and began all at once to give good air, and in great abundance. This day 10.42 cubic inches were produced, and the next 14.34. The same water continued to furnish air for four days longer; the whole quantity amounting to 44 $\frac{1}{2}$  cubic inches, the quality of which was superior to that of the air produced in former experiments.

<sup>47</sup> In speculating on the cause of this production of air, it occurred to our author, that perhaps the quantity of it might be in proportion to the surfaces of both. In order to ascertain this, he viewed an hair of silk, and another of poplar-cotton, through a good microscope, when the former appeared twice the diameter of the latter. The specific gravity of the cotton was found

to be nearly equivalent to that of water; and, by a comparative view of the two through a microscope, the surfaces appeared to be as 1000 to 3468. By proceeding in this calculation, it appeared that the surface of 30 grains of the cotton could not be less than 6600 square inches, while that of a like quantity of the silk amounted to no more than 476. Hence it evidently appeared, that the produce of air from the two substances was neither in proportion to their weights nor their surfaces. It appeared also, that the quality of the air produced at first was considerably inferior to that yielded some time afterwards. In order to ascertain the times at which air of the best quality was produced, &c. the following experiments were made: 1. A globe, containing 46 cubic inches, being filled with water, and 30 grains of raw silk, well washed, and freed from the remains of former experiments, put into it, yielded in a cold and cloudy day only  $\frac{1}{4}$ th of a cubic inch of air: the two following days it yielded  $3\frac{1}{2}$  cubic inches, the quality of which was superior to that of the former in the proportion of 296 to 114 (A). 2. The globe being filled again with water, in two other days when the sunshine was less powerful, the quality was 197, and the quantity  $1\frac{1}{8}$ ; but afterwards, when the weather became fine, the quantity was again 3.8 inches, and quality 342. 3. The globe being again filled with water, and exposed to the sun for two days, yielded 2.2 inches of air, of a quality equal to 233. 4. A similar globe, with poplar-cotton which had been used in former experiments, gave 2.53 inches, of a quality 280. 5. A small globe of 20 inches, with 17 grains of raw silk, gave one cubic inch of air, of the quality 263. 6. A large globe of 296 inches, filled with fresh water, and a small quantity of *conferva rivularis*, gave  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cubic inch, of the quality only of 124. The water was changed to a brown colour. 7. On repeating the experiment with a small handful of the conferva, 13.14 cubic inches of air were produced, of the quality 146. The water was very faintly tinged, towards the end of the experiment, of a greenish cast. 8. The globe of 46 inches, with 30 grains of raw silk used in many former experiments, produced in two days 1.6 cubic inches of air, of the quality 204. 9. A globe of equal capacity, with 15 grains of poplar-cotton, produced in the same time 1.28 inches, of the quality 260. In both these experiments, the water had acquired a faint greenish cast; but the colour of that with the cotton was deepest. On examining this water with a microscope, it was found to contain a great number of animalcules exceedingly small, and nearly of an oval figure; that with the silk contained them likewise, but not in such numbers: however, our author assures us, that in all cases in which the water acquired a greenish hue, he never failed to find them; and thinks, that from their presence alone, the colour of the water in the first instance universally arose.

As Sir Benjamin was now more than ever embarrassed with respect to the share the silk and other bodies employed in these experiments had in producing the air, he made the following experiment to determine the matter: “Concluding (says he), that if silk and other bodies,

(A) In all these experiments, the quality of the atmospheric air is supposed to be 100.



Dephlogif- bodies, used in the foregoing experiments, actually did  
ticated Air. not contribute any thing, considered as chemical sub-  
stances, in the process of the production of pure air  
yielded by water; but if, on the contrary, they acted  
merely as a mechanical aid in its *separation* from the  
water, by affording a convenient surface for the air to  
attach itself to; in this case, any other body having a  
large surface, and attracting air in water, might be  
made use of instead of the silk in the experiment, and  
pure air would be furnished, though the body should  
be totally incapable of communicating any thing what-  
ever to the water."

With a view to ascertain this, the large globe being  
made perfectly clean, and filled with spring-water, he  
introduced into it a quantity of the fine thread of glass  
commonly called *spin-glass*, such as is used for making  
a brush for cleaning jewels, and an artificial feather  
sold by Jew pedlars. The result of the experiment  
was, that the globe being exposed to the sun, air-  
bubbles began almost instantly to make their appear-  
ance on the surface, and in four hours 0.77 of a cu-  
bic inch of air was procured, which, with nitrous air,  
showed a quality of 88; after which, not a single glo-  
bule more was produced, though the globe was expo-  
sed for a whole week in fine sunshine weather. Hence  
it appears, that something more than mere surface was  
wanted to produce dephlogisticated air from water by  
means of the sun's light.

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Of the quantity and quality of air produced from water alone.

The following experiments were made with a view  
to determine the quantity and quality of air produced  
by means of the heat and light of the sun from water  
alone. A large jar of clear glass, containing 455 cu-  
bic inches, being washed very clean, was filled with  
fresh spring water, inverted in a glass basin of the  
same, and exposed to the weather for 28 days. At the  
same time, another similar jar was filled with water  
taken from a pond in a garden in which many aquatic  
plants were growing, and exposed in the same place,  
and during the same period. The latter began to yield  
air in pretty large quantities on the third day, and  
continued to do so till the 14th; the former yielded  
little or none till the 14th, when it began to emit air,  
and continued to do so till the 22d. On removing the  
air produced, that from the spring-water was 14 in-  
ches in quantity, and 138 in quality; but from the  
pond-water, 31½ in quantity, and 252 in quality. The  
colour of the waters was not changed; but both of  
them had deposited a considerable quantity of earth,  
which was found adhering to the surfaces of the glass  
basins in which the jars were inverted. As these ba-  
sins, however, were very thick, and consequently had  
but little transparency, the sediment of the water was  
in a great measure deprived of the benefit of the sun's  
light; the experiment was therefore repeated with the  
following variation: In a large cylindrical jar of very fine  
transparent glass, 10 inches in diameter and 12 inches  
high, filled with spring-water, a conical jar, 9½ inches in  
diameter at the bottom, and containing 244 inches,  
was inverted, and the whole exposed to the sun for  
21 days. Little air was furnished till the 7th day,  
when the liquor assumed a greenish cast, and a fine  
slimy sediment of the same colour, the green matter of  
Dr Priestley beginning to be formed on the bottom,  
air was generated in abundance, and was furnished in  
pretty large quantities till the 18th, when it entirely

ceased. The whole amounted to 40 cubic inches, and  
the quality 213. Dephlogif-  
ticated Air.

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Dr Ingen-  
houfz's  
theory con-  
tested.

These are the principal experiments contained in Sir  
Benjamin Thompson's letter to Sir Joseph Banks. In his  
postscript he observes, that as he never was  
thoroughly satisfied with the opinion of Dr Ingenhoufz,  
that the dephlogisticated air was *elaborated* in the ves-  
sels of the plant, he found his doubts rather confirmed  
than diminished by the experiments above related.  
"That the fresh leaves of certain vegetables (says he),  
exposed in water to the action of the sun's rays, cause  
a certain quantity of pure air to be produced, is a fact  
which has been put beyond all doubt: but it does not  
appear to me by any means so clearly proved, that this  
air is '*elaborated* in the plant by the powers of vege-  
tation,—phlogisticated or fixed air being received by  
the plant as food, and the dephlogisticated air rejected  
as an excrement:' for besides that many other sub-  
stances, and in which no elaboration or circulation can  
possibly be supposed to take place, cause the water in  
which they are exposed to the action of the light to  
yield dephlogisticated air as well as plants, and even in  
much greater quantities, and of a more eminent qua-  
lity; the circumstances of the leaves of a vegetable,  
which, accustomed to grow in air, are separated from  
its stem and confined in water, are so unnatural, that I  
cannot conceive that they can perform the same func-  
tions in such different situations.

"Among many facts which have been brought in  
support of the received opinion of the elaboration of  
air in the vessels of plants, there is one upon which  
great stress is laid, which, I think, requires further ex-  
amination. The fresh healthy leaves of vegetables,  
separated from the plant, and exposed in water to the  
action of the sun's rays, appear by all the experiments  
which have hitherto been made, to furnish air only for  
a short time. After a day or two, the leaves, chang-  
ing colour, cease to yield air. This has been con-  
ceived to arise from the powers of vegetation being de-  
stroyed, or, in other words, the death of the plant:  
and from hence it has been inferred, with some degree of  
plausibility, not only that the leaves actually retained  
their vegetative powers for some time after they were  
separated from their stock; but that it was in conse-  
quence of the exertion of those powers, that the air  
yielded in the experiment was produced.

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Leaves of  
plants re-  
sume their  
property of  
emitting  
air, after  
seeming to  
have lost it.

"But I have found, that though the leaves, expo-  
sed in water to the action of light, actually do cease  
to furnish air after a certain time, yet that they *regain*  
this power after a short interval, when they furnish (or  
rather cause the water to furnish) more and better air  
than at first; which can hardly be accounted for upon  
the supposition that the air is elaborated in the vessels  
of the plant."

In confirmation of this doctrine, the globe of 46  
inches was filled with fresh spring-water, and two peach-  
leaves were exposed for 10 days to the sun. In four  
days the water seemed to be entirely exhausted; but,  
next day, the water acquired a greenish colour, and  
again produced air pretty plentifully, which appeared  
in bubbles on the leaves; and on the 6th day, 0.34 of  
a cubic inch of air was produced, of the quality 232.  
Next day it yielded ⅔ of a cubic inch, of the quality  
297. The three succeeding days it yielded 1½ inches, the  
quality 307; after which an end was put to the expe-  
riment.—

Dephlogif- riment.—On making other trials with leaves immersed  
ticated Air. in water already green and prepared to yield dephlogi-  
ficated air, it was found that they produced air in  
great quantity: but our author is of opinion, that all  
the appearances may be solved, by supposing that the  
air was produced in the maſs of water by the green  
matter; and that the leaves, ſilk, &c. did no more than  
aſſiſt it in making its eſcape, by affording a conven-  
ient ſurface to which it could attach itſelf, in order to  
collect together and aſſume its elastic form.

Thus we ſee, that nature is provided with abundant  
reſources for the ſupplying of this pure part of the at-  
moſphere which is ſubject to ſuch continual waſte; and  
there is not the leaſt doubt, that in a great number of  
caſes the light of the ſun produces pure air from wa-  
ter as well as from vegetables. It is probable, alſo,  
that even the waters of the ocean contribute towards  
this ſalutary purpoſe; as Dr Dobſon of Liverpool  
found that ſea-water contained air ſuperior in quality  
to that of the atmoſphere. The purification of atmo-  
ſpherical air by agitating it in water, will be conſider-  
ed in a ſubſequent ſection.

As dephlogiſticated air is found to ſupport animal  
life for a much longer time than common air, it has  
been ſuppoſed that it might anſwer valuable purpoſes,  
in medicine, provided any cheap method of procuring  
it in large quantities could be fallen upon. With this  
view, Mr Cavallo propoſes to diſtil it from nitre with a  
ſtrong heat; but the experiments already related cer-  
tainly point out an eaſier method, free from the ex-  
pence and trouble which muſt neceſſarily attend every  
chemical operation of this kind.

§ 2. *Properties of Dephlogiſticated Air.*—This kind  
of air poſſeſſes ſome of the properties of common air in  
a very eminent degree, but is deficient in others. Thoſe  
in which it excels, are the ſupport of flame and of ani-  
mal life. It is equally elastic, or rather more ſo, than  
common air; as it likewiſe exceeds it a little in ſpecific  
gravity, the proportion betwixt it and common air  
being that of 160 to 152. On introducing a lighted  
candle into dephlogiſticated air, the flame not only  
grows larger, but becomes exceedingly bright; and  
when the air is very pure, the candle burns with a  
crackling noiſe, as if the air contained ſome combuſti-  
ble matter, at the ſame time that the wax or tallow  
waſtes ſurpriſingly faſt.

The heat of the flame is in proportion to its light.  
If we fill a bladder with dephlogiſticated air, and then  
faſten to its neck a glaſs tube whoſe aperture is drawn  
to a fine point, the dephlogiſticated air, if driven out  
by preſſing the bladder, will augment the heat of a  
candle to ſuch a degree, that if any ſmall bits of metal,  
placed on a piece of charcoal, be held in the apex of  
the flame, they will be almoſt inſtantly melted. Even  
grains of platina may by this means be melted; and in  
a larger fire there is no doubt that the effects of burn-  
ing mirrors might be equalled.

On mixing dephlogiſticated and inflammable air to-  
gether, an exploſion takes place as on mixing com-  
mon and inflammable air, but with much greater vio-  
lence. If an ounce vial, which for this purpoſe ſhould  
be very ſtrong, be filled with a little more than one-  
third of dephlogiſticated and the reſt inflammable air,  
and the flame of a candle preſented to its mouth, it  
will explode nearly as loud as a ſmall piſtol.

All phlogiſtic proceſſes are promoted much better  
by dephlogiſticated than common air. Dr Prieſtley  
put a quantity of pyrophorus into one of the ſmall jars  
uſed for making experiments upon air in quickſilver;  
then filling up the veſſel with that fluid, he inverted it  
in a baſon of the ſame, and threw in dephlogiſticated  
air at different times. It always occaſioned a ſudden  
and vehement accenſion, like the ſaſhing of gun-pow-  
der, and the air was greatly diminished.

It has been, almoſt throughout all ages, believed,  
that combuſtion in every inſtance diminished common  
air, or reduced it to a ſmaller volume: but the late  
experiments of Mr Lavoifier have ſhown, that this is  
a miſtake; and that in ordinary proceſſes attended  
with the production of fixed and phlogiſticated air,  
the quantity of vapour produced is equivalent to that  
abſorbed, or otherwiſe made to diſappear during the  
operation. With dephlogiſticated air the caſe is very  
different. Mr Lavoifier having introduced a burning  
candle into a glaſs jar filled with very pure air obtain-  
ed from calcined mercury, a great heat took place;  
which at firſt expelled a ſmall quantity of the air; but  
afterwards, when the candle was extinguished, it was  
found that two-thirds of the bulk of air employed had  
been converted into fixed air, or a quantity of this  
kind of air equivalent to the former had been produ-  
ced. The remainder, after taking up the fixed air by  
cauſtic alkali, was ſtill as pure as before. In the com-  
mon proceſſes, he obſerves, that not more than one-  
tenth of the air employed is converted into fixed air.  
In this experiment, the ſuperior gravity of fixed air,  
and the conſequent condenſation of the other, muſt  
undoubtedly have produced ſome diminution in the  
volume of air, though Mr Lavoifier does not take no-  
tice of it. In other caſes, however, the diminution  
is much more perceptible. Mr Scheele having intro-  
duced ſome live coals into a matraſs filled with dephlo-  
giſticated air, found that it was diminished by one-  
fourth of its quantity. Repeating the experiment  
with ſulphur, the flame became larger and more vivid  
than in common air, and three-fourths of its quantity  
were loſt. Putting a piece of phoſphorus into ſeven  
ounce-measures of this kind of air, ſtopping the mouth  
of the bottle with a cork, and ſetting fire to the phoſ-  
phorus within it, the vial broke in pieces, as ſoon as  
the flame was extinguished, by the preſſure of the ex-  
ternal air. Repeating the experiment with a ſtronger  
vial, and opening it afterwards under water, the fluid  
ruſhed into it in ſuch a manner as almoſt to fill it en-  
tirely. This extraordinary diminution was alſo per-  
ceived on ſetting fire to inflammable air in the dephlo-  
giſticated kind. The way in which he accompliſhed  
this was, by filling a matraſs with dephlogiſticated air  
and inverting it over a phial containing an efferveſcing  
mixture of vitriolic acid and iron-ſilings plunged into  
a veſſel of hot water, and furniſhed with a ſlender tube  
reaching above the ſurface of the veſſel, as repreſented  
Plate X. fig. 2. The inflammable air iſſuing from  
the orifice of the ſmall tube, was ſet on fire previous  
to the inverſion of the matraſs, and the mouth of the  
latter immerſed in the water; on which that fluid ſoon  
began to riſe, and continued to do ſo till ſeven-eighths  
of the veſſel were full. In caſes of ſlow combuſtion,  
where common air is diminished and dephlogiſticated,  
the phlogiſticated kind was found to be almoſt en-  
tirely

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Pure air  
found in  
ſea-water.

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How to  
procure  
pure air in  
large quan-  
tity.

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Dephlogif-  
ticated air  
produces  
intense  
heat.

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Explodes  
violently  
with in-  
flammable  
air.

Dephlogif-  
ticated Air.

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Burns ve-  
hemently  
with pyro-  
phorus.

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Common  
air is not di-  
minished by  
burning.

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But dephlo-  
giſticated  
air ſuffers  
diminuti-  
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Dephlogif-  
ticated Air. tively destroyed. A phial, containing 20 ounce mea-  
sures of dephlogisticated air, and inverted into a solu-  
tion of hepar sulphuris, was entirely filled with the lat-  
ter in the space of two days.

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Phenome-  
na of deph-  
logificated  
with ni-  
trous air.

The purity of dephlogisticated air is ascertained by its degree of diminution with nitrous air; which, like that of the diminution by liver of sulphur, or otherwise, is to be considered as a phlogistic process, or kind of burning, especially as a considerable degree of heat is thereby generated. Very great differences are perceived in this respect; and according to the quantity of diminution, the air is said to be two, three, or four times better than common air. It is not yet accurately determined how far this proportionable purity extends. Dr Priestley mentions some extracted from red lead five times as pure as common air. Another quantity, produced from a solution of mercury in nitrous acid, was so pure, that one measure of it mixed with two of nitrous air, which had been obtained in the first part of the same process, occupied only 0.03 of a measure. "Repeating the experiment (says he), I found, that two measures of nitrous air were rather more than sufficient to saturate one measure of the dephlogisticated air; so that possibly, had the former experiment been made with more circumspection, the diminution, extraordinary as it was, would have been somewhat greater. Indeed, it cannot be supposed, that exactly two measures of nitrous air should be the precise quantity that would afford the greatest diminution. It should also be considered, that a small portion of air might be yielded by the water in which the experiments were made. Upon the whole, therefore, I am inclined to think, that, were it possible to make both the dephlogisticated and nitrous air in the greatest purity, and then to mix them in some exact proportion, the aerial form of them both would be destroyed, the whole quantity seeming to disappear, as in the mixture of alkaline and acid air."

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How de-  
phlogifi-  
cated air  
may be con-  
taminated.

Notwithstanding this great degree of purity, the best dephlogisticated air is capable of being contaminated by some of the processes which affect the common air of our atmosphere. Dr Priestley having introduced a quantity of very dry, clean nails, into a receiver filled with dephlogisticated air, and inverted it in quicksilver, found, that, about nine months after, one-tenth of the whole quantity had disappeared, tho' he could not perceive any rust upon the nails. The effects of combustion have already been related, viz. as producing a great quantity of pure fixed air; but putrefaction and animal respiration probably contaminate it in a manner similar to that of atmospherical air, though few or no experiments seem to have been made on this subject. Mr Cavallo, however, informs us, that "when an animal is confined in a quantity of dephlogisticated air, and is kept therein till it dies, that air is not rendered so bad, but that it will still be capable of considerable diminution by nitrous air. This seems to show, that dephlogisticated air is somewhat different from pure common air; or that common air is originally different from dephlogisticated air, lowered by the addition of phlogiston. The phenomenon is certainly very remarkable; and sometimes a quantity of dephlogisticated air, after having been breathed by an animal till it died, will appear by the nitrous test to be even better than common air. When the exper-

iment is performed over lime-water (to absorb the fixed air produced in respiration), the diminution by a mixture of nitrous air is less than it would otherwise be; but it is still diminished much more than common air after an animal has died in it; which seems to intimate, that the death of the animal in dephlogisticated air is principally owing to the fixed air formed by the act of respiration. It may be said, that the inflammable principle discharged through the lungs of an animal, being perhaps combined with some other principle, requires a longer time to combine with the dephlogisticated air than the phlogiston of nitrous air; but this is only an hypothetical explanation of the abovementioned remarkable phenomenon, which requires many direct proofs."

Dephlogisticated air is much inferior to that of the common atmosphere in supporting vegetable life. This has been ascertained by the experiments of Dr Priestley, Mr Fontana, Mr Scheele, Dr Ingenhousz, &c. Dr Priestley took three sprigs of mint, and having put all the roots into vials containing the same pump-water which had been for some time exposed to the atmosphere, introduced one of them into a jar of dephlogisticated air, another into a jar of common air, and a third into that which had been phlogisticated with nitrous air several months before; and in such a state, that one measure of it, and one of nitrous air, occupied the space of 1½ measures. This was done in April; and on examining them on the 12th of May following, it was found, that the plant in phlogisticated air had grown remarkably, much better than that in common air; while the plant in dephlogisticated air had a very sickly appearance. Examining them on the 26th of the same month, the appearance continued nearly as before; but it was now found, that though the plant in phlogisticated air had grown so well, the air was not sensibly improved by it, though the dephlogisticated air was injured by the plant which grew in it.

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Vegetation  
ill support-  
ed by de-  
phlogifi-  
cated air.

§ 3. *Of the Composition of Dephlogisticated Air.*—When Dr Priestley first discovered the existence of this fluid, having found that it was always procured by means of earthy substances; and that as it came over, the bubbles appeared full of white fine powder; he concluded, that it is composed of the nitrous acid and earth, with as much phlogiston as is necessary to its elasticity; and that the common atmosphere has as much more as is necessary to bring it into the mean condition in which we find it. It was not long, however, before this theory met with opposition. Dr Priestley himself, though induced, from the waste of the solid matter used in his experiments, to conclude that the air contained some quantity of earth, was nevertheless unable, by any method he could think of, to ascertain that quantity. His experiments were opposed by others made by Lavoisier; who insisted, that when solution of mercury was carefully distilled, the metal was obtained in full quantity, or with scarce any loss, notwithstanding the dephlogisticated air produced. This gentleman having put two ounces and one drachm of mercury into red precipitate, and afterwards revived it; lost a very few grains of the metal: which, he says, might be the weight of a little red matter that was found adhering to the neck of the vessel. The same thing was observed by Mr Fontana, who repeated the experiment often with less than a grain

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Dr Priest-  
ley's first  
hypothesis.

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Difference  
betwixt Dr  
Priestley,  
Mr Lavois-  
sier, &c.

Dephlogif- grain weight of loss. The vessel he used had a neck  
ticated Air. of about two feet long: and he particularly remarks,  
that, in order to succeed in this experiment, the fire  
should be managed with very great dexterity: for if  
that be too strong, part of the precipitate will be vo-  
latilized, and then the result of the experiment is pre-  
carious.

These experiments were opposed by others made by  
Dr Priestley, who in several trials found that a con-  
siderable quantity of the metal was always lost. In one  
of these experiments, out of 11 pennyweights 10  
grains of mercury, the loss amounted to one penny-  
weight two grains. In another experiment, 88 grains  
were lost, out of a quantity of red precipitate, in the  
preparation of which half an ounce of mercury had  
been employed. The quantity of mercury lost in his  
experiments, or rather the proportion of it to that of  
the metal employed, was always various, and the dif-  
ference not very small; whence Mr Cavallo and others,  
with great appearance of reason, conclude, that the  
true reason of any perceptible loss was the strong heat  
made use of in the distillation, and consequently that  
there is no reason to suppose that any earth exists in  
dephlogisticated air.

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Earth can-  
not be pro-  
ved to exist  
in dephlo-  
gisticated  
air.

The next question was, Whether any of the nitrous  
acid existed in dephlogisticated air? That it contains  
none in a proper state of acidity, is indeed evident from  
many decisive experiments; but an idea was naturally  
entertained, that in the formation of dephlogisticated  
air the nitrous acid was decomposed, and part of it en-  
tered into the composition of the aerial fluid. This  
gave rise to the theories of Mr Lavoisier and Mr  
Kirwan, which are noticed under the article ACID;  
as also the experiments of Mr Watt, which tend-  
ed to show that no nitrous acid was destroyed in  
the composition of dephlogisticated air. To these Mr  
Kirwan replied in the manner related in that arti-  
cle. We shall here, however, give a quotation from  
Dr Priestley as a kind of addition to Mr Watt's testi-  
mony on this head, so that the reader may be the bet-  
ter able to determine the weight of the evidence on  
both sides.

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Whether  
the nitrous  
acid enters  
its composi-  
tion.

“At Mr Watt's request (says he), I endeavoured to  
ascertain the quantity of acid that was expelled from  
nitre, in procuring the dephlogisticated air from it.  
To do this, I put two ounces of purified nitre into a  
glass retort, and receiving the air in 300 ounce mea-  
sures of water, only filled each recipient half full, and  
agitated the air very much in the water in order to  
make the fluid imbibe as much as possible of the acid  
it contained. Notwithstanding this agitation, however,  
every vessel of the air retained a strong smell of the acid.  
The moment the air ceased to come, I filled a large  
phial with the water, and carried it to Mr Watt, who  
carefully examined it; and in a paper which he present-  
ed to the Royal Society, and which is published in the  
Philosophical Transactions, he has given an account of  
the quantity of acid that was contained in all the 300  
ounces of water; whence it may be fairly inferred,  
that there was no occasion to suppose that any of the  
acid entered into the composition of the air; but that  
it was all either rendered volatile or retained in the  
water.” On the other hand, the Abbé Fontana in-  
forms us, that, in distilling an ounce of nitre with a  
strong heat, in order to expel dephlogisticated air from

it, only a few grains of weak nitrous acid are obtain-  
ed, more or less as the fire applied is weak or strong:  
but that the quantity of dephlogisticated air extricated  
from it follows the contrary rule; being greatest when  
the heat is most violent and suddenly applied, and less  
when the fire is gradually applied.

Dephlogif-  
ticated Air.

On calcining metals in dephlogisticated air, very sin-  
gular phenomena are observed, which seem to throw  
great light upon the composition of this fluid. “One  
of the most simple of all phlogistic processes (says Dr  
Priestley), is that in which metals are melted in dephlo-  
gisticated air. I therefore began with this, with a  
view to ascertain whether any water be produced when  
the air is made to disappear in it. Accordingly, into  
a glass vessel, containing seven ounce-measures of pretty  
pure dephlogisticated air, I introduced a quantity of  
iron turnings, which is iron in thin small pieces, ex-  
ceedingly convenient for these and many other experi-  
ments, having previously made them, together with  
the vessel, the air, and the mercury by which it was  
confined, as dry as I possibly could. Also to prevent  
the air from imbibing any moisture, I received it im-  
mediately in the vessel in which the experiment was  
made, from the process of procuring it from red pre-  
cipitate, so that it had never been in contact with any  
water. I then fired the iron by means of a burning  
lens, and presently reduced the seven ounce-measures  
to 0.65 of a measure; but I found no more water af-  
ter this process than I imagined it had not been possi-  
ble for me to exclude, as it bore no proportion to the  
air which had disappeared. Examining the residuum  
of the air, I found one-fifth of it to be fixed air; and  
when I tried the purity of that which remained by  
the test of nitrous air, it did not appear that any phlo-  
gisticated air had been produced in the process; for  
though it was more impure than I suppose the air with  
which I began the experiment must have been, it was  
not more so than the phlogisticated air of the seven  
ounce-measures, which had not been affected by the  
process, and which must have been contained in the  
residuum would necessarily make it. In this case, one  
measure of this residuum, and two of nitrous air, oc-  
cupied the space of 0.32 of a measure. In another  
experiment of this kind, ten ounce-measures of de-  
phlogisticated air were reduced to 0.8 of a measure, and  
by washing in lime-water to 0.38 of a measure. In  
another experiment, 7½ ounce measures of dephlogif-  
ticated air were reduced to half an ounce-measure, of  
which one-fifth was fixed air, and the residuum was  
quite as pure as the air with which I began the experi-  
ment; the test with nitrous air, in the proportions  
above mentioned, giving 0.4 in both cases.

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Dephlogif-  
ticated air  
imbibed by  
calces of  
metals.

“In these experiments the fixed air must, I pre-  
sume, have been formed by the union of the phlogiston  
from the iron and dephlogisticated air in which it was  
ignited; but the quantity of it was very small in pro-  
portion to the air which had disappeared; and at that  
time I had no suspicion that the iron, which had been  
melted and gathered into round balls, could have im-  
bibed it; a melting heat having been sufficient, as I  
had imagined, to expel every thing that was capable  
of assuming the form of air from any substance what-  
ever. Sensible, however, that such a quantity of air  
must have been imbibed by *something*, to which it must  
have given a very perceptible addition of weight, and  
feeling

68 Dephlogif-  
ticated Air.  
Dephlogif-  
ticated air  
imbibed by  
iron.

feeling nothing else that could have imbibed it, it occurred to me to weigh the calx into which the iron had been reduced; and I presently found, that the dephlogisticated air had actually been imbibed by the melted iron, in the same manner as inflammable air had been imbibed by the melted calces of metals in my former experiments, however improbable such an absorption might have appeared *à priori*. In the first instance, about twelve ounce-measures of dephlogisticated air had disappeared, and the iron had gained six grains in weight. Repeating the experiment very frequently, I always found that other quantities of iron, treated in the same manner, gained similar additions of weight, which was always very nearly that of the air which had disappeared.

69 Dephlogif-  
ticated Air.  
is capable  
of taking it  
up from the  
atmos-  
phere.

“Concluding from the preceding experiments, that iron, sufficiently heated, was incapable of saturating itself with pure air from the atmosphere, I then proceeded to melt it with the heat of a burning lens in the open air; and I presently found, that perfect iron was easily capable of being fused in this way, and continued in this fusion a certain time, exhibiting the appearance of *boiling* or throwing out air; whereas it was, on the contrary, imbibing air; and, when it was saturated, the fusion ceased, and the heat of the lens could make no farther impression upon it. When this was the case, I always found that it had gained weight in the proportion of  $7\frac{1}{2}$  to 24, which is very nearly one-third of the original weight. The same was the effect when I melted steel in the same circumstances, and also every kind of iron on which the experiment could be tried. But I have reason to think, that with a greater degree of heat than I could apply, the iron might have been kept in a state of fusion somewhat longer, and by that means have imbibed more than even one-third of its original weight.

70 Dephlogif-  
ticated Air.  
Remarkable  
phenomenon at-  
tending the  
melting of  
cast-iron.

“There was a peculiar circumstance attending the melting of cast iron with a burning lens, which rendered it impossible to ascertain the addition that was made to its weight, and at the same time afforded an amusing spectacle: for the moment that any quantity of it was melted, and gathered into a round ball, it began to disperse in a thousand directions, exhibiting the appearance of a most beautiful fire-work; some of the particles flying to the distance of half a yard from the place of fusion; and the whole was attended with a considerable hissing noise. Some of the largest pieces, which had been dispersed in this manner, I was able to collect, and having subjected them to the heat of the lens, they exhibited the same appearance as the larger mass from which they had been scattered.

71 Dephlogif-  
ticated Air.  
Formation  
of water  
from de-  
phlogistica-  
ted and in-  
flammable  
air.

“When this cast iron was melted in the bottom of a deep glass receiver, in order to collect all the particles that were dispersed, they firmly adhered to the glass, melting it superficially, though without making it crack, so that it was still impossible to collect and weigh them. However, I generally found, that, notwithstanding the copious dispersion, what remained after the experiment rather exceeded than fell short of the original weight of the iron.”

On attempting to revive this calx of iron in inflammable air, a very new and unexpected appearance took place. Having put a piece of iron saturated with pure air into a vessel filled with inflammable air confined by water, the inflammable air disappeared and the metal

was revived; but on weighing it, he found that  $2\frac{1}{2}$  grains out of  $11\frac{1}{2}$  had been lost, besides the  $7\frac{1}{2}$  ounce-measures of inflammable air which had vanished. Considering all these circumstances, the Doctor had now no doubt that the two kinds of air had united and formed either fixed air or water; and with a view to determine this point, he repeated the experiment in a vessel where the inflammable was confined by mercury, both the vessel and mercury having been previously made as dry as possible. In these circumstances he had no sooner begun to heat the iron, than the air was perceived to diminish, and at the same time the inside of the vessel to become cloudy, with particles of dew that covered almost the whole of it. These particles by degrees gathered into drops, and ran down in all places, excepting those which were heated by the sunbeams. On collecting the water produced in this experiment, by means of a piece of filtering paper carefully introduced to absorb it, he found it to be as nearly as possible of the same weight with that which had been lost by the iron; and also in every experiment of this kind, in which he attended to the circumstance, he found that the quantity of inflammable air which had disappeared was about double that of the dephlogisticated air set loose in the operation, supposing that weight to have been reduced into air. Thus, at one time, a piece of this slag absorbed  $5\frac{1}{2}$  ounce measures of inflammable air, while it lost the weight of about three ounce-measures of dephlogisticated air, and the water collected weighed two grains. Another time a piece of slag lost 1.5 grains, and the water produced was 1.7 grains. In a third case, where  $6\frac{1}{2}$  ounce-measures of inflammable air were reduced to 0.92 of a measure, the iron had lost the weight of 3.3 ounce-measures of dephlogisticated air, or nearly two grains.

72 Dephlogif-  
ticated Air.  
Quantity  
produced  
in this man-  
ner.

73 Dephlogif-  
ticated Air.  
Experi-  
ments with  
copper, &c.

The Doctor having succeeded so well with iron, next tried the calx of copper, or those scales which fly off from it by hammering whilst it is red-hot; and found water produced in the inflammable air in the same manner as when the scales of iron were used. On using precipitate *per se*, he imagined at first that water was obtained from this substance also; but on repeating the experiment to more advantage, he found no more water than might be supposed to have been contained in an extraneous substance either in the inflammable air or in the red precipitate. With iron, however, the case was vastly different. As the Doctor had formerly satisfied himself that inflammable air always contains a portion of water, and also that when it has been some time confined by water it imbibes more, so as to be increased in its specific gravity by that means, he repeated the experiment with inflammable air which had not been confined by that fluid, but was received in a vessel of dry mercury from the vessel in which it had been generated; but in this case the water was produced, to appearance, as copiously as in the former experiment. “Indeed (says he), the quantity of water produced, so greatly exceeding the weight of all the inflammable air, is sufficient to prove that it must have had some other source than any constituent part of that air, or the whole of it, together with the water contained in it, without taking into consideration the corresponding loss of weight in the iron.

“I must here observe, that the iron slag which I had treated in this manner, and which had thereby lost the

Dephlogif- the weight which it had acquired in dephlogisticated  
ticated Air. air, became perfect iron as at first, and was then ca-  
74 pable of being melted by the burning lens again; so  
Iron may be made to imbibe de- that the same piece of iron would serve for these ex-  
dephlogif- phlogiston in the preceding fusion, it had acquired it  
ticated air again from the inflammable air which it had absorbed;  
as often as and I do not see how the experiment can be accounted  
we please. for in any other way."

75 Experi- As the experiments of Dr Priestley tend very  
ments of much to throw some light on the composition of de-  
Mr Caven- phlogisticated air, we shall here give an account of  
dish, &c. on some others made by Mr Cavendish, as well as those  
water. of Dr Priestley and the French chemists, upon water;  
From all which it is concluded by the most celebrated  
philosophers and chemists, That dephlogisticated air is  
one of the constituent and elementary parts of water,  
inflammable air being the other; though the opinion  
is still contested by some foreign chemists.

*Phil. Transf.* "As there seemed great reason," says Mr Caven-  
lxxiv. 125. dish, "to think, from Dr Priestley's experiments, that  
the nitrous and vitriolic acids were convertible into de-  
phlogisticated air, I tried whether the dephlogisticated  
part of common air might not be converted into nitrous  
or vitriolic acid." For this purpose he impregnated  
some milk of lime with the fumes of burning sulphur,  
by burning 122 grains of sulphur in a large glass re-  
ceiver, in which some lac calcis was included. No  
nitrous salt, nor any thing besides selenite, was pro-  
duced in the process. Neither was any nitrous acid  
produced by phlogisticating common air with liver of  
sulphur, or by treating dephlogisticated air in the same  
manner. The liver of sulphur used in these experi-  
ments was made with lime; and the only observation  
made on this occasion was, that the selenite produced  
was much more soluble in water than when made with  
dephlogisticated vitriolic acid.

76 Whether the phlogif- To try whether any vitriolic acid was produced by  
tication of air, 50 ounces of distilled water  
air produ- were impregnated with the fumes produced on mixing  
ces vitriolic 52 ounce-measures of nitrous air with a quantity of  
acid. common air sufficient to decompose it. This was  
done by filling a bottle with some of this water, and  
inverting it into a basin of the same; and then by a sy-  
phon, letting in as much nitrous air as filled it half full;  
after which, common air was added slowly by the same  
syphon, till the nitrous air was decomposed. When  
this was done, the distilled water was further impreg-  
nated in the same manner till the whole quantity of  
nitrous air was employed. The impregnated water  
was sensibly acid to the taste; and on distillation yield-  
ed first phlogisticated nitrous acid, then water, and  
lastly a very acid liquor, consisting of dephlogisticated  
nitrous acid. By saturation with salt of tartar, 87½  
grains of nitre, without any mixture of vitriolated tar-  
tar, or other vitriolic salt, were obtained.

77 Nitrous These experiments having proved unsuccessful, Mr  
acid produ- Cavendish next proceeded to try the effects of explo-  
ced from ding dephlogisticated and inflammable air together in  
dephlogif- close vessels. He begins with relating an experiment  
ticated and of Dr Priestley; in which, it was said, that on firing  
inflammable air. a mixture of common and inflammable air by electri-  
city, in a close copper vessel holding about three pints,  
a loss of weight was always perceived, on an average

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about two grains, though the vessel was stopped in Dephlogif-  
such a manner that no air could escape by the explo- ticated Air.  
78 Quantity of  
tion. It is also related, that on repeating the experi- inflamma-  
ment, in glass vessels, the inside of the glass, though ble air ne-  
clean and dry before, immediately became dewy; cessary to  
which confirmed an opinion he had long entertained, phlogifiti-  
that common air deposits its moisture by phlogifica- cate com-  
tion. The experiment, however, did not succeed with mon air.  
Mr Cavendish, at least with regard to the loss of weight;  
which never exceeded the fifth part of a grain, and  
commonly was nothing at all. In these experiments  
the greatest care was taken to observe with accuracy  
the diminution of air by the explosion, and quality of  
the remainder; from which it appeared, that 423 mea-  
sures of inflammable air were nearly sufficient to phlo-  
gificate 1000 of common air, and that the bulk of  
air remaining after the explosion is very little more  
than four-fifths of the common air employed; whence  
he concludes, that "when they are mixed in this pro-  
portion, almost all the inflammable, and about one-fifth  
of the common air, lose their elasticity, and are con-  
densed into the dew which lines the glass."

To examine more exactly the nature of this dew,  
500,000 grain-measures of inflammable air were burnt  
with about 2½ times the quantity of common air, and  
the burnt air was made to pass through a glass cylinder  
eight feet long and three-fourths of an inch in diame-  
ter, in order to deposit the dew. The two airs were  
conveyed slowly into this cylinder by separate copper  
pipes, passing through a brass plate which stopped up  
one end of the cylinder; and as neither inflammable nor  
common air can burn by themselves, there was no dan-  
ger of the flame spreading to the magazines from which  
they were conveyed. Each of these magazines con-  
sisted of a large tin vessel inverted into another just big  
enough to receive it. The inner vessel communicated  
with the copper pipe, and the air was forced out of it  
by pouring water into the outer vessel; and in order  
that the quantity of common air expelled should be  
2½ times that of the inflammable air, the water was  
let into the other vessels by two holes in the bottom of  
the same tin pan; the hole which conveyed the water  
into that vessel in which the common air was confined  
being 2½ times as big as the other. In trying the ex-  
periments, the magazines being first filled with their  
respective airs, the glass cylinder was taken off, and  
water let by the two holes into the outer vessels, till  
the airs began to issue from the ends of the copper  
pipes; they were then set on fire by a candle, and the  
cylinder put on again in its place. By this means up-  
wards of 135 grains of water were left in the cylinder,  
which had no taste nor smell, and which left no per-  
ceptible sediment on being evaporated to dryness; nei-  
ther did it yield any pungent smell during the evapo-  
ration; in short, it seemed pure water. In one of his  
experiments a little sooty matter was perceived, but it  
was found to proceed from the luting. On repeating  
the experiment with dephlogisticated, instead of com-  
mon air, the produce was nitrous acid.

The following conclusion is drawn by Mr Cavendish  
from all these experiments: "There seem two ways  
by which the production of the nitrous acid, in the  
manner abovementioned, may be explained; first, by  
supposing that dephlogisticated air contains a little ni-  
trous acid, which enters into it as one of its component  
parts;

Dephlogist- parts ; and that this acid, when the inflammable air is  
 ticated Air. in sufficient proportion, unites to the phlogiston, and is  
 turned into phlogisticated air, but does not when the  
 79 inflammable air is in too small proportion : and, second-  
 Conclufi- ly, by supposing that there is no nitrous acid mixed  
 ons from with or entering into the composition of dephlogisti-  
 these expe- cated air ; but that, when the air is in sufficient propor-  
 riments. tion, part of the dephlogisticated air with which it is  
 debased is, by the strong affinity of phlogiston to de-  
 phlogisticated air, deprived of its phlogiston, and turn-  
 ed into nitrous acid ; whereas, when the dephlogisti-  
 cated air, is not more than sufficient to consume the in-  
 flammable air, none then remains to deprive the phlo-  
 gisticated air of its phlogiston, and turn it into acid.—  
 If the latter explanation be true, I think we must al-  
 low that dephlogisticated air is in reality nothing but  
*dephlogisticated water*, or water deprived of its phlo-  
 giston ; or, in other words, that water consists of de-  
 phlogisticated air united to phlogiston. On the other  
 hand, if the former explanation be true, we must sup-  
 pose, that dephlogisticated air consists of water united  
 to a little nitrous acid, and deprived of its phlogiston ;  
 but still the nitrous acid in it must only make a very  
 small part of the whole, as it is found that the phlo-  
 gisticated air into which it is converted is very small  
 in comparison of the dephlogisticated air. I think the  
 second of these explanations seems much the more like-  
 ly ; as it was found that the acid in the condensed li-  
 quor was of the nitrous kind, not only when the de-  
 phlogisticated air was prepared from nitrous acid, but  
 when procured from plants or turbith mineral. Ano-  
 ther strong argument in favour of this opinion is, that  
 dephlogisticated air yields no nitrous acid when phlo-  
 gisticated by liver of sulphur ; for if this air contains  
 nitrous acid, and yields it when phlogisticated by ex-  
 plosion with inflammable air, it is very extraordinary  
 that it should not do so by other means. But what  
 forms a stronger, and, I think, almost decisive argu-  
 ment in favour of this explanation, is, that when the  
 dephlogisticated air is very pure, the condensed liquor  
 is made much more strongly acid by mixing the air to  
 be exploded with a little phlogisticated air.”

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 Dr Priest-  
 ley's expe-  
 riments.

The experiments of Dr Priestley alluded to were  
 those in which inflammable air was supposed by Mr  
 Lavoisier to be procured from water by passing its  
 steam through red-hot iron tubes. It was soon disco-  
 vered, however, by Dr Priestley, that this inflammable  
 air did not proceed from the water, but from the iron of  
 the tube ; and might be obtained by transmitting aqueous  
 vapour through charcoal or iron placed in tubes of cop-  
 per, glass, or earthen ware, made red-hot, but not  
 through these tubes by themselves. In this case, the  
 loss of the water employed exceeded that of the inflam-  
 mable air produced in the proportion of 1.3 to 2 ; and  
 the iron which had thus absorbed the water, appeared  
 exactly similar to that which had been burned in de-  
 phlogisticated air in the manner already related. His  
 conclusions from thence are these : “ Since iron gains  
 the same addition of weight by being melted in de-  
 phlogisticated air, and also by the addition of water

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 His opinion  
 concerning  
 the compo-  
 sition of  
 water.

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when red hot, and becomes, as I have already obser-  
 ved, the same substance in all respects, it is evident that  
 this air or water, as existing in the iron, is the very  
 same thing ; and this can hardly be explained but on  
 the supposition that water consists of two kinds of air,  
 viz. inflammable and dephlogisticated.”

Dephlogif-  
 ticated Air.

Of these processes he gives the following explana-  
 tion : “ When iron is heated in dephlogisticated air, we  
 may suppose, that, though part of its phlogiston escapes,  
 to enter into the composition of the small quantity of  
 fixed air which is then procured, yet enough remains  
 to form water with the dephlogisticated air which it  
 has imbibed, so that this calx consists of the intimate  
 union of the pure earth of iron and of water ; and  
 therefore, when the same calx, thus saturated with wa-  
 ter, is exposed to heat in inflammable air, this air en-  
 ters into it, destroys the attraction between the water  
 and the earth, and revives the iron, while the water is  
 expelled in its proper form.”

The whole of the Doctor's opinions on the compo-  
 nent parts of this kind of air, however, are summed up  
 in the following sentence in his *Observations relating to*  
*Theory*.—“ The only kind of air that is now thought  
 to be properly elementary, and to consist of a simple  
 substance, is dephlogisticated air ; with the addition at  
 least of the principle of heat, concerning which we know  
 very little ; and as it is not probable that this adds any  
 thing to the *weight* of bodies, it can hardly be called  
 an *element* in their composition. Dephlogisticated air  
 appears to be one of the elements of water, of fixed  
 air, of all the acids, and many other substances, which,  
 till lately, have been thought to be simple.”

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The experiments of the French philosophers were of  
 the same nature with those of Mr Cavendish, but con-  
 ducted on a larger scale. The inference drawn from  
 them was the same with that already mentioned, viz.  
 that dephlogisticated and inflammable air in all cases  
 are the two constituent parts of water. This opinion  
 is adopted by Mr Kirwan in his *Treatise on Phlogiston*.  
 “ The experiments of Mr Cavendish, and of Mr  
 Monge,” says he, “ appear to me to leave no room to  
 doubt, that when very pure dephlogisticated and in-  
 flammable air are inflamed, the product is mere wa-  
 ter (A) : for when these airs are employed in the pro-  
 per proportion, only 0.02 of the mixture of both airs  
 retains its aerial form. Now it is impossible to suppose  
 that all the water obtained pre-existed in these airs ;  
 that is, that 49 parts in 50 were mere water.”

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 Experi-  
 ments of  
 the French  
 philoso-  
 phers.

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 Mr Kir-  
 wan's con-  
 clusions  
 from them.

Notwithstanding these positive conclusions, however,  
 by some of the most respectable names in England,  
 the evidences adduced have been unsatisfactory to some  
 French chemists ; who maintain, that Messrs Caven-  
 dish, Priestley, and Kirwan, are totally mistaken with  
 regard to the production of water from dephlogisticated  
 and inflammable air ; contending, that the water ob-  
 tained had previously existed in the air, and was not  
 originally produced in the operation. The fact, in-  
 deed, becomes somewhat dubious from some experiments  
 related by Dr Priestley himself, and of which we shall  
 now proceed to give an account.

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 ories not al-  
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 tisfactory.

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(A) The experiments of Mr Cavendish show that nitrous acid is the product in this case. He takes notice of the difference between the result of the French experiments and his, but ascribes it to their using inflammable air prepared from charcoal : His was from zinc.

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ticated Air.

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Difficulties  
arising in  
some of Dr  
Priestley's  
experi-  
ments.

One consequence of the hypothesis in question is evident, that if water really be *produced* by the dephlogation of either dephlogistified or common air with inflammable air, the quantity of liquid obtained ought to increase in proportion to the quantity of the two airs consumed, and that without any limitation. This, however, is not the case, as Dr Priestley has observed. He had succeeded indeed with scales of iron and copper, as has already been related; and in the experiment with the latter, the production of water was so copious, that when only  $3\frac{1}{2}$  ounce-measures of air were absorbed, the water stood in drops on the inside of the vessel, and some of these ran down it. Water was also procured by firing dephlogistified and inflammable air from iron by the electric spark in a close vessel, an experiment similar to those made by Mr Lavoisier at Paris. In his first experiment he put 3.75 ounce measures of a mixture of air, of which one-third was dephlogistified and two-thirds inflammable air from iron, in a close vessel, and, after the explosion, found in it one grain of moisture; but on repeating the experiment with half as much dephlogistified as inflammable air, he could perceive no sign of moisture. The greatest difficulty, however, which he says he ever met with respecting the preceding theory, arose from his never having been able to procure any water when he revived red precipitate in inflammable air, or at least no more than might have been supposed to be contained in the inflammable air as an extraneous substance.

In order to make the experiments with the scales of iron and that with the red precipitate as much alike as possible, and compare them both to the greatest advantage, he made them one immediately after the other with every circumstance as nearly the same as he could. The inflammable air was the same in both experiments, and both the scales of iron and red precipitate were made as dry as possible. They were heated in vessels of the same size and form, and equally confined by dry mercury; and yet, with the former, water was produced as copiously as before, viz. running down the side of the vessel in drops, when only four ounce-measures of inflammable air were absorbed; but though he heated the red precipitate till eight ounce-measures of the inflammable air were absorbed, and only 0.75 of an ounce-measure remained, there was hardly any sensible quantity of water produced, "certainly," says he, "not one-tenth of what appeared in the experiment with the scales of iron. In this experiment there can be no doubt but that the dephlogistified air produced from the red precipitate united with the inflammable air in the vessel; and as no *water* equal to the weight of the two kinds of air was produced, they must have formed some more *solid substance*, which, in the small quantities I was obliged to use, could not be found.

"The difficulty, with respect to what becomes of the two kinds of air, was not lessened by the attempts which I made to collect all that I could from repeated decompositions of inflammable and dephlogistified air in a close vessel. As I had produced water in this process when no more than a single explosion was made at a time, I thought that by continuing to make explosions in the same vessel, the water would not fail to accumulate till any quantity might be collected; and I intended to have collected a considerable part of an ounce. And as I should know exactly what quantity

of air I decomposed, I had no doubt of being able to ascertain the proportion that the water and air bore to each other. With this view a mixture was made of a large quantity of air, one-third dephlogistified and two-thirds inflammable, from iron and oil of vitriol.— But though I had a sensible quantity of water at the first explosion (in each of which between four and five ounce-measures of the mixture of air were used), I was surprised to perceive no very sensible increase of the quantity of water on repeating the explosions. Having therefore expended 48 ounce-measures of the mixture, the process was discontinued; and, collecting the water with all the care that I could, I found no more than three grains, when there ought to have been eleven.

"In this process the inside of the vessel was always very black after each explosion; and when I poured in the mercury after the explosion, though there was nothing visible in the air within the vessel, there issued from the mouth of it a dense vapour. This was the case, though I waited so long as two minutes after any explosion, before I proceeded to put in more mercury in order to make another; which, if the vapour had been steam, would have been time more than sufficient to permit it to condense into water. I even perceived this vapour when I had a quantity of water in the vessel, and the explosion was consequently made over it, as well as in contact with the sides of the vessel which were wetted with it; so that, as this vapour had passed through the whole body of water when the vessel was inverted, it is probable that it must have consisted of something else than mere water. But I was never able to collect any quantity of it, though it must have been something produced by the union of the two kinds of air."

In order to collect a quantity of this vapour, he contrived an apparatus, which, by diffusing it through a thin glass vessel, he supposed would condense all the contents whether fluid or solid; but after repeating the experiment as carefully as possible, by taking 20 explosions, and repeating the whole several times over, he could find nothing in the vessel besides a small quantity of water, which, added to that in the strong vessel, came far short of the weight of the air that was decomposed.

"All the conjecture," says he, "that I can advance, in order to explain this phenomenon is, that since foot yields pure air, part of the foot is formed by the union of the dephlogistified air in the atmosphere, and the inflammable air of the fuel: but *smoke*, which contains much *foot*, is soon dispersed, and becomes invisible in the open air. Such, therefore, may be the case here. The foot formed by the union of the two kinds of air, may be diffused through the air, in the vessel in which they are exploded, and be carried invisibly into the common atmosphere; which may account for my not being able to collect any quantity of it in this apparatus."

Not discouraged by this bad success, the Doctor attempted to collect this volatile matter by means of a quantity of water incumbent upon the mercury in the strong glass vessel in which the explosions were made, though he had found that part of it could escape through the water. He decomposed a great quantity of the two kinds of air in these circumstances; and presently

Dephlogif-  
ticated Air.

86  
Inconden-  
sible vapour  
arising  
from water.

87  
Priestley's  
conjecture  
concerning  
this vapour.

88  
Unsuccess-  
ful attempts  
to collect it.



Dephlogi- fently found that the water became very cloudy, and ticated Air. was at length filled with a blackish matter. This he collected, and found that it remained perfectly black upon the earthen vessel in which the water containing it was evaporated; which would not have been the case if the blackish matter in the water had been that powder of mercury which is produced by agitating it in pure water: For that black mass always became white running mercury the moment the water was evaporated from it. If a sufficient quantity of this matter could have been procured, he could have satisfied himself whether it was soot or not.

89 Water in considerable quantity obtained from dephlogisticated and inflammable air. See Plate X. fig. 3.

“ That water, in great quantities (says he), is sometimes produced from burning inflammable and dephlogisticated air, is evident from the experiments of Messrs Cavendish and Lavoisier. I have also frequently collected considerable quantities of water in this way, though never quite so much as the weight of the two kinds of air deposited. My apparatus for this purpose was the following: Into the mouth of a large glass balloon, I introduced a tube, from the orifice of which there continually issued inflammable air from a vessel containing iron and oil of vitriol. This being lighted, continued to burn like a candle. Presently after the lighting of it, the inside of the balloon always became cloudy, and the moisture soon gathered in drops, and settled in the lower part of the balloon. To catch what might issue in the form of vapour, in the current of air through the balloon, I placed the glass tube *b*, in which I always found some water condensed. It is very possible, however, that in both these modes of experimenting, the water may be converted into a kind of vapour, which is very different from steam, and capable of being conveyed a great way through air, or even water, without condensation along with the air with which it is mixed; and on this account it may not be possible, in either of these modes of experimenting, to collect *all* the water into which the two kinds of air may be converted. The nature of this kind of vapour into which water may be changed, and which is not readily condensed by cold, is very little understood, but well deserves the attention of philosophers.

“ That the water collected in the balloon comes from the decomposition of the air, and not from the fresh air circulating through it, was evident from placing balls of hot iron in the place of the flame, and finding that, though the balloon was as much heated by them as by the flame of the burning of the inflammable air, and consequently there must have been the same current of the external air through it, no moisture was found in the balloon.”

SECT. IV. *Of Phlogisticated Air.*

89 Phlogistication of air explained.

THE universal prejudice in favour of the existence of that principle named *Phlogiston*, first suggested by Stahl, gave rise, on the first appearance of Dr Priestley's discoveries, to a theory, concerning the action of this substance upon air and other bodies. As it had been observed, that air was diminished, in some cases at least, by burning, universally by respiration, and by some other processes, it was imagined that phlogiston was a body of such a singular nature, that when mixed with air, it always diminished

its bulk, instead of enlarging it, which might have been more naturally expected from the mixture of any vapour whatever. It was also supposed by some, that the phlogiston was not only entirely devoid of gravity, but that it was a principle of *positive levity*; so that the *absolute* weight of bodies was diminished by an union with it, and augmented when it was expelled, though their *specific* gravity was diminished. Various other surprising properties were attributed to phlogiston; such as that of giving elasticity to air, of constituting the flame by a *chemical combination* with air, &c. Its emission into the atmosphere was supposed to be always attended with a diminution of air; and therefore, all processes in which air was diminished and became noxious, such as that by liver of sulphur, a mixture of iron filings and brimstone, &c. were called *phlogistic processes*. Respiration of animals was taken into the same account; but neither in this, nor in combustion, was it allowed that any kind of vital spirit was absorbed by the blood, or separated from the air by the burning body. On the contrary, it was strenuously argued, that all this was performed by the *emission* of *phlogiston* from the lungs or the inflamed substance, which depraved the air, and diminished it in bulk; and as all air was supposed to contain phlogiston, it was likewise imagined, that in all cases where air was mended, as by the growing of vegetables, or agitation in water, the emendation was accomplished, not by the emission of any thing in the atmosphere, but by the mere absorption of phlogiston. In other respects this substance was thought to be an exceedingly powerful principle in nature; the light of the sun itself and the electric fluid being said to be modifications of it, the different kinds of airs to be *phlogistic vapours*, &c.; so that the whole system of nature seemed ready to be absorbed by it at once.

The formidable powers of this principle were first checked by the discoveries of Mr Lavoisier, though the latter erred equally on the contrary side; and not content with keeping the phlogistic principle within due bounds, would needs deny its existence altogether\*. In a treatise published in the year 1782, he first impugns Dr Priestley's theory of respiration, and denies that “ the respiration of animals has the property of phlogisticating air in a manner similar to what is effected by the calcination of metals and many other chemical processes; and that it ceases not to be respirable till the instant when it becomes surcharged, or at least saturated, with phlogiston.”

In order to disprove this assertion, he introduced four ounces of mercury to 50 cubic inches of common air, proposing to calcine the metal by keeping it for 12 days in a heat almost equal to that which is necessary to make it boil. After the expiration of the appointed time, 45 grains of precipitate *per se* were formed, and the air in the vessel was diminished by about  $\frac{1}{8}$ th of its volume. In this state it did not precipitate lime water; but instantly extinguished candles, and killed animals immersed in it; no longer affording any red vapours, or being diminished by mixture with nitrous air: On distilling the precipitate produced, about as much dephlogisticated air was obtained as had been left by the common air in the calcination; and by recombining this with the noxious air left in the vessel, he recomposed a fluid nearly of the same goodness with common air. Hence he draws the following conclusions:

Phlogisticated Air.

90 Too great powers attributed to phlogiston.

91 Doctrine of phlogiston opposed by the foreign chemists. \* See *Phlogiston*.

92 Mr Lavoisier's experiments on calcination of metals and respiration.

Phlogistified Air.

93  
Composition of atmospheric air.

94  
Effects of respiration on air.

95  
Scheele's experiments.

96  
Composition of atmospheric air demonstrated.

fions: 1. That  $\frac{5}{8}$ ths of the air we breathe are mephitic, or incapable of supporting the respiration of animals, or the inflammation and combustion of bodies. 2. That the surplus, or only  $\frac{1}{8}$ th of the volume of atmospherical air, is respirable. 3. That in the calcination of mercury, this metallic substance absorbs the salubrious part, leaving only the mephitic portion of the air. 4. That by reuniting those two portions which had been separated, we can recompound air similar to that of the atmosphere.

To determine the effects of respiration upon air, a live sparrow was placed under a glass receiver, filled with common air and inverted in mercury, containing 31 cubic inches. In a quarter of an hour it became agitated, and in 55 minutes died convulsed. Notwithstanding the heat of the animal, which necessarily, at first, rarified the air in the receiver, there was a sensible diminution of its bulk; which, at the end of 15 minutes, amounted to one-fortieth: but, instead, of increasing afterwards, the diminution became something less in about half an hour; and when the animal was dead, and the air in the receiver had recovered the temperature of the room where the experiment was made, the diminution did not appear to exceed one-sixteenth part.—This air which had been respired by the sparrow, though in many respects similar to that in which the mercury had been calcined, differed from it in this respect, that it precipitated lime-water, and, by introducing caustic fixed alkali to it, was reduced one-sixth in bulk by the absorption of fixed air; after which it appeared exactly the same with that produced by the calcination of mercury or other metals; and atmospherical air was recomposed by mixing this with pure dephlogistified air in the proportions already mentioned.

That common air is compounded of two kinds of elastic fluids, Mr Scheele has proved by the following experiment: "I dissolved (says he) one ounce of alkaline liver of sulphur in eight ounces of water; of this solution I poured four ounces into an empty bottle, whose capacity was 24 ounces, and worked it well; then I turned the bottle, immersed its neck into a small vessel with water, and kept it in this position a fortnight. The solution had partly lost its red colour, and some sulphur had been precipitated from it during this time. After this I put the bottle in the same position in a larger vessel with water, keeping the mouth and neck under water, and the bottom of the bottle above water, and thus I drew the cork under water, which immediately rushed with violence into the bottle. On examining the quantity of water in the bottle, it was found, that during this fortnight, six parts out of 20 of air were lost." On repeating the experiment with the same materials, and in the same bottle, only four parts out of 20 were lost by standing a week, and no more than six after four months.

From these experiments, and many others similar, it appears that the doctrine of phlogiston had been carried too far by Dr Priestley and other British philosophers, and that the air consists of two kinds of fluids; one perfectly salutary, and friendly in the highest degree to animal life; the other altogether unfit for it. These two appear incapable of being converted directly into one another by any process, natural and artificial: for though both are destructible, yet they are always converted into other substances; from which,

indeed, either the one or the other may be extracted at pleasure by employing the proper methods. The strongest arguments in favour of the transmutation of phlogistified air into that of a purer kind, were drawn from the purification of noxious air by vegetation, and by agitation in water. In the former case, however, it has been observed in the last section, that this seeming purification is no other than an exchange of the one air for the other; the vegetables absorbing the phlogistified, and emitting the dephlogistified air in its stead. With respect to the agitation in water, the matter remained more dubious; and it is only in the last volume of Dr Priestley's treatise that we have any account of this being accomplished by an emission of purer air from the water.—"In the infancy of my experiments," says he, "I concluded, that all kinds of air were brought by agitation to the same state; the purest air being partially phlogistified, and air completely phlogistified being thereby made purer; inflammable air also losing its inflammability, and all of them brought into such a state as that a candle would just go out in them. This inference I made from all the kinds of air with which I was then acquainted, and which did not require to be confined by mercury, being brought to that state by agitation in a trough of water, the surface of which was exposed to the open air; never imagining that when the air in my jar was separated from the common air by a body of water, generally about twelve inches in depth (adding that within to that without the jar), they could have any influence on each other. I have, however, been long convinced, that, improbable as it then appeared to me, this is actually the case."

This remarkable fact is illustrated by the following experiments: 1. About three ounce-measures of air, phlogistified by nitrous air, were agitated for a quarter of an hour in a vessel containing 20 ounces of water, which had been boiled for several hours, and which was still very warm. By this process it became diminished one-sixth, and considerably improved in quality. The next day the remainder was agitated for another quarter of an hour, and the water which had been boiled at the same time, when it was also diminished in quantity and improved in quality. 2. An equal quantity of air, phlogistified by means of iron-filings and brimstone, being agitated for 20 minutes, was diminished one-seventh, and improved so far that a candle would burn in it. 3. After expelling all the air he could from the quantity of water by boiling, he put to it, in separate phials, air that had been phlogistified with iron-filings and brimstone, as well as that which the heat had expelled, leaving them with their mouths in water, and agitating them occasionally. On examining the phials in about two months, he found both the air that was confined by water and that which had been expelled by heat, completely phlogistified. 4. That water does imbibe the purer part of the atmosphere, in preference to that which is impure, is evident, he says, from any examination of it: For if the water be clear, and free from any thing that is putrescent, the air expelled from it by heat is generally of the standard of 1; whereas that of the atmosphere, when the nitrous air is the purest, is about 1.2.

Phlogistified air is equally invisible with common air, and something more elastic. Mr Kirwan pro-

Phlogistified Air.

97  
How air is purified by agitation in water. Exper. and Observa. vi. 385.

98  
Water pervious to air, and purifies it in passing through.

99  
Properties of phlogistified air.

**Phlogisticated Air.** cured some perfectly phlogisticated, so that it was not in the least diminished by nitrous air, from a mixture of iron filings and brimstone. Having dried it by frequently introducing dry filtering paper under the jar that contained it, he found its weight to be to that of the common air as 985 to 1000, the barometer standing at 30.46 and the thermometer at 60°. The other properties of it are, that it is extremely fatal to animal life, and friendly to that of vegetables, inasmuch that it is now generally believed to be the true and proper nourishment of the latter. It seems to exist originally, in very large quantity, in our atmosphere. It may be separated from the common mass of air by combustion, by respiration, by putrefaction, and in short by every species of phlogistic process; neither is there any other species of air but what may be converted into this by means of fire, dephlogisticated air alone excepted.

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Nitrous acid procured from phlogisticated air.

Phlogisticated air is now generally believed to be a combination of the nitrous acid with phlogiston; and that, in its gradual progress towards this, which is its ultimate stage, it first assumes the character of phlogisticated nitrous acid; then of nitrous air, in which it readily parts with its phlogiston to the atmosphere, or rather to the dephlogisticated part of it; and lastly, it becomes phlogisticated air, in which the union betwixt the principles is so strong, that it cannot be broken by simple exposure to dephlogisticated air without heat; though the experiments of Mr. Cavendish show, that this may be done by means of the electric spark, which produces the most violent heat we can imagine.

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Mr Cavendish's experiments on the production of nitrous acid.

It had been frequently observed, that common atmospheric air was always diminished by taking the electric spark in it; and this diminution was supposed to be occasioned by the *phlogistication* of the air, and separation of its fixed part; in consequence of which it was urged, that lime water is precipitated by taking the electric spark over it in a small quantity of air. Mr Cavendish, however, who has carefully examined this subject, denies that any fixed air is produced in this manner; and by a set of very curious experiments published in the 75th volume of the Philosophical Transactions, has clearly shown that nitrous acid, and not fixed air, is the product of this operation.

The apparatus used in these experiments, was that represented Plate X. fig. 4, and consists only of a crooked glass tube, whose ends are plunged into quicksilver contained in two glasses, in the middle part of which the air is confined betwixt the two portions of quicksilver. The air was introduced by means of a smaller tube, fig. 5. the tube M of the former figure being filled with quicksilver, the bent end of which was introduced into a jar. DEF, filled with the proper kind of air; and inverted in water. The end C being stopped by the finger, the quicksilver was thus prevented from falling out, let the tube be placed in what position it would, until this pressure was removed. Upon introducing the crooked tube into the jar in the position represented in the figure, and removing the finger from the orifice at C, the quicksilver would descend; and by stopping this orifice again, any quantity of the fluid may be allowed to run out, and the empty space of the tube will be filled with the air desired. Having thus got the proper quantity of air into the tube ABC, it was held with the end C uppermost, and stopped with the finger; and the end A

made smaller for that purpose, being introduced into the end of the bent tube M, the air, on removing the finger from C, was forced into that tube by the pressure of the quicksilver in the leg BC. Thus he was enabled to introduce any quantity he pleased of any kind of air into the tube M; and, by the same means it was in his power to let up any quantity of soap-ley, or other liquor which he wanted to be in contact with it. In one case, however, in which he wished to introduce air into the tube many times in the same experiment, he made use of the apparatus represented fig. 6, consisting of a tub AB, of a smaller bore, a ball C and a tube DE of a larger bore. This apparatus was first filled with quicksilver; and then the ball C and the tube AB were filled with air, by introducing the end A under a glass inverted into water, which contained the proper kind of air, and drawing out the quicksilver from the leg ED by a syphon. After being thus furnished with air, the apparatus was weighed, and the end A introduced into one end of the tube M, and kept there during the experiment; the way of forcing air out of this apparatus into the tube being by thrusting down the tube ED, a wooden cylinder of such a size as almost to fill up the whole bore, and by occasionally pouring quicksilver into the same tube, to supply the place of that pushed into the ball C. After the experiment was finished, the apparatus was weighed again, which showed exactly how much air had been forced into the tube M during the whole experiment; it being equal in bulk to a quantity of quicksilver, whose weight was equal to the increase of weight of the apparatus. The bore of the tube M, used in these experiments, was about the tenth of an inch in diameter; and the length of the column of air occupying the upper part of the tube was in general from  $\frac{3}{4}$ ths to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches.—In order to force an electrical spark through the tube M, it was necessary to place an insulated ball at such a distance from the conductor as to receive a spark from it, and to make a communication between that ball and the quicksilver in one of the glasses, while the quicksilver in the other glass communicated with the ground.

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When the electric spark was made to pass through common air included between short columns of a solution of litmus, the solution acquired a red colour; and the air was diminished, as had been observed by Dr Priestley. When lime-water was used instead of the solution of litmus; and the spark was continued till the air could be no farther diminished; but not the smallest cloud be perceived in the water; though the air was reduced to two-thirds of its original bulk: which is a greater diminution than it could have suffered by any phlogistic process, that being little more than one-fifth of the whole. The experiment being repeated with impure dephlogisticated air, a great diminution took place; but without any cloud in the lime-water. Neither was any cloud produced when fixed air was let up into it; but, on the addition of a little caustic volatile alkali, a brown sediment immediately appeared.

It being thus evident that the lime was saturated by some acid produced in the operation, the experiment was repeated with soap-leys, to discover the nature of it. A previous experiment had been made in order to know what degree of purity the air ought to be of to produce the greatest diminution; and thus it was found,

Phlogistified Air.  
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Proportions of the different airs necessary for the production of nitrous acid.

found, that when good dephlogistified air was used, the diminution was but small; where perfectly phlogistified air was made use of, no sensible diminution took place; but when five parts of pure dephlogistified air were mixed with three of common air, almost the whole was made to disappear.—It must be remembered, that common air consists of one part of dephlogistified and four of phlogistified air; so that a mixture of five parts of pure dephlogistified air and three of common air, is the same thing as a mixture of seven parts of dephlogistified air with three of phlogistified. Having made these previous trials, he introduced into the tube a little soap-leys, and then let up some dephlogistified and common air mixed in the abovementioned proportions, which, rising into the tube M, divided the soap-leys into its two legs. As fast as the air was diminished by the electric spark, he continued to add more of the same kind till no further diminution took place. The soap-leys being then poured out of the tube, and separated from the quicksilver, seemed to be perfectly neutralized, as they did not at all discolour paper tinged with blue flowers. On evaporating the liquor to dryness, a small quantity of salt was left, which was evidently nitre, from the manner in which a paper impregnated with the solution of it burned. On repeating the experiment on a larger scale, with five times the quantity of materials, pure nitre was obtained in proportion, and was found, by the test of *terra ponderosa salita*, to contain no more vitriolic acid than what might have been expected in the soap-ley itself, and which is exceedingly small.

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Mr Cavendish's opinions on the nature of phlogistified air.

As in some former experiments of Mr Cavendish, it had been found, that by defflagrating nitre with charcoal, the whole of the acid was converted into phlogistified air, he concluded that this kind of air is nothing else than nitrous acid united to phlogiston: according to which, it ought to be converted into nitrous acid by being deprived of its phlogiston. “But (says he) as dephlogistified air is only water deprived of phlogiston, it is plain, that adding dephlogistified air to a body, is equivalent to depriving it of phlogiston, and adding water to it; and therefore phlogistified air ought also to be reduced to nitrous acid, by being made to unite or form a chemical combination with dephlogistified air; only the acid thus formed will be more dilute than if the phlogistified air was simply deprived of phlogiston.

“This being premised, we may safely conclude, that in the present experiments, the phlogistified air was enabled, by means of the electric spark, to unite to or form a chemical combination with, the dephlogistified air, and was thereby reduced to nitrous acid, which united to the soap-leys, and formed a solution of nitre; for in these experiments the two airs actually disappeared, and nitrous acid was formed in their room: and as it has been shown, from other circumstances, that phlogistified air must form nitrous acid when combined with dephlogistified air, the abovementioned opinion seems to be sufficiently established. And a further confirmation is, that no diminution of air is perceived when the electric spark is passed either through pure dephlogistified or through perfectly phlogistified air; which indicates a necessity for the combination of the two in order to produce nitrous acid. It was also found by the last experiment, that the

quantity of nitre produced was the same that would have been obtained from the soap-leys, had they been saturated with nitrous acid; which shows, that the production of the nitre was not owing to any decomposition of the soap-leys.

“The soap-leys used in the foregoing experiments were made from salt of tartar prepared without nitre, and were of such a strength as to yield one-tenth of their weight of nitre when saturated with nitrous acid. The dephlogistified air was also produced without nitre; that used in the first experiment with the soap-leys being procured from the black powder formed by the agitation of quicksilver mixed with lead, and that used in the latter from turbith mineral. In the first experiment, the quantity of soap-leys used was 35 measures, each of which was equal in bulk to one grain of quicksilver; and that of the air absorbed was 416 such measures of phlogistified air and 914 of dephlogistified. In the second experiment, 178 measures of soap-leys were used; which absorbed 1920 of phlogistified air and 4860 of dephlogistified. It must be observed, however, that in both experiments some air remained in the tube undecomposed, whose degree of purity I had no means of trying; so that the proportion of each species of air absorbed cannot be known with much exactness.

“As far as the experiments hitherto published extend, we scarcely know more of the nature of the phlogistified part of the atmosphere, than that it is not diminished by lime-water, caustic alkalis, or nitrous air; that it is unfit to support fire or maintain life in animals; and that its specific gravity is not much less than that of common air; so that though the nitrous acid, by being united to phlogiston, is converted into air possessed of these properties; and, consequently, though it was reasonable to suppose, that part at least of the phlogistified air of the atmosphere consists of this acid, united to phlogiston; yet it might be fairly doubted whether the whole is of this kind, or whether there are not, in reality, many different substances confounded by us under the name of phlogistified air. I therefore made an experiment to determine whether the whole of a given portion of the atmosphere could be reduced to nitrous acid, or whether there was not a part of a different nature from the rest, which would refuse to undergo that change. For this purpose, I diminished a similar mixture of dephlogistified and common air in the same manner as before, until it was reduced to a small part of its original bulk; after which some dephlogistified air was added, and the spark continued until no further diminution took place. Having by these means condensed as much as I could of the phlogistified air, I let up some solution of liver of sulphur to absorb the dephlogistified air; after which only a small bubble of air remained unabsorbed, which certainly was not more than  $\frac{1}{100}$ th of the bulk of the phlogistified air let up into the tube; so that if there is any part of the phlogistified air of our atmosphere which differs from the rest, and cannot be reduced to nitrous acid, we may safely conclude, that it is not more than  $\frac{1}{100}$ th part of the whole.”

Though these experiments had shown, that the chief cause of this diminution of airs is the conversion of the phlogistified kind into nitrous acid, it seemed

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Experiment to determine the nature of phlogistified air.

Phlogistinated Air. uot unlikely, that when any liquor containing inflammable matter was in contact with the air in the tube, some of this matter might be burnt by the spark, and thereby diminish the air. In order to determine this, the electric spark was passed through dephlogistinated air included between different liquors; and the result of the experiments was, that when dephlogistinated air, containing only  $\frac{1}{4}$ th part of its bulk of phlogistinated air, was confined between short columns of soap-leys, and the spark passed through it till no farther diminution could be perceived, the air lost  $\frac{1}{4}$ ths of its bulk; which is not a greater diminution than might very likely proceed from the decomposition of the small quantity of phlogistinated air contained in it, as the dephlogistinated air might easily be mixed with a small quantity of common air while putting into the tube. When the same dephlogistinated air was confined between columns of distilled water, the diminution was rather greater than before, and a white powder was formed on the surface of the quicksilver beneath: the reason of which, in all probability, was, that the acid produced in the operation corroded the quicksilver, and formed the powder; and that the nitrous air produced by that corrosion united to the dephlogistinated air, and caused a greater diminution than would otherwise have taken place. When a solution of litmus was used instead of distilled water, the solution soon acquired a red colour; which grew paler and paler as the spark was continued, till it became quite colourless and transparent. The air was diminished by almost one-half, and might perhaps have been further diminished had the spark been continued. When lime-water was let up into the tube, a cloud was formed; and the air was further diminished by about one-fifth; the remainder was good dephlogistinated air. In this experiment, therefore, the litmus was, if not burnt, at least decomposed, so as to lose entirely its purple colour, and to yield fixed air; so that, though soap-leys cannot be decomposed by this process, yet the solution of litmus can, and so very likely might the solutions of many other substances be. But there is nothing in any of these experiments which favours the opinion of the air being at all diminished by means of phlogiston communicated to it by the electric spark.

SECT. V. Of Fixed Air.

106 THE discovery of this kind of air is as old as Van Helmont; who gave it the name of *gas silvestre*, from its being emitted in great quantity by burning charcoal. Subsequent discoveries showed, that a fluid of the same kind was plentifully produced by fermenting liquor, in almost every kind of combustion, and naturally generated in vast quantity in mines and coal-pits, where it is known by the name of the *choak-damp*; that it exists in a concrete state in alkaline salts, chalk, limestone, the shells of marine animals, magnesia alba, &c. in a very large proportion, constituting one-half, and sometimes more of their weight; and that it might always be extracted from the atmosphere, in unlimited quantity, by exposing certain substances to it.— On examining the nature of this fluid, it was found so manifestly acid, that it has now obtained a place among these substances under the name of *aërial acid*;

or more improperly, *cretaceous acid*, from its being contained in great quantities in chalk, as has been already mentioned.

107 Fixed air is the heaviest of all permanently elastic fluids, excepting those derived from the mineral acids. Mr Kirwan determines it to be to common air as 1500 to 1000, the barometer being at 29.85, the thermometer at 64, and the fixed air being extracted from calcareous spar by marine acid, whose specific gravity was 1.0145. He observes, however, that though this air was obtained in the driest manner possible, and that the globe which contained it appeared perfectly free from moisture; yet, when carried into a room 27 degrees colder, the inside of the globe was covered with dew, which soon formed visible drops.—In its concrete state, fixed air is one of the heaviest bodies in nature. Mr Kirwan, in the 71st volume of the Philosophical Transactions, gives an account of his ingenious method of finding the specific gravity of fixed air in its fixed state, when combined with calcareous earth; from which it appears, that fixed air, in that state, is prodigiously concentrated, and, were it possible to exist by itself in that concentrated state, it would be the heaviest body known, gold and platina excepted.

Mr Kirwan first ascertained the specific gravity of a piece of white marble; then expelled the fixed air from a known weight of it finely powdered, by means of diluted vitriolic acid; the bulk and weight of the obtained fixed air being ascertained. Next he calcined a known quantity of the same sort of marble, by keeping it in a white heat for the space of 14 hours; after which, being weighed again, and from the weight lost by this calcination, the weight of the fixed air, which must have escaped from it according to the abovementioned experiment, being subtracted, the remainder is the weight of water contained in the marble; from which experiments it appears, that 100 grains of the marble contained 32.42 grains of fixed air, 11.66 grains of water, and 55.92 grains of pure calcareous earth.

“ I next (says he) proceeded to discover the specific gravity of the lime. Into a brass box, which weighed 607.65 grains, and in the bottom of which a small hole was drilled, I stuffed as much as possible of the finely-powdered lime, and then screwed the cover on, and weighed it both in air and in water. When immersed in this latter, a considerable quantity of common air was expelled: when this ceased, I weighed it. The result of this experiment was as follows:—

	Grains.
Weight of the box in air	607.65
Its loss of weight in water	73.75
Weight of the box and lime in air	1043.5
Weight of the lime singly in air	435.85
Loss of weight of the box and lime in water	256.5
Loss of weight of the lime singly	182.3

“ Hence, dividing the absolute weight of the lime by its loss in water; its specific gravity was found to be 2.3908.

“ From these data I deduced the specific gravity of fixed air in its fixed state; for 100 grains of marble consist of 55.92 of earth, 32.42 of fixed air, and 11.66 of water; and the specific gravity of the marble is 2.717. Now the specific gravity of the fixed air, in its fixed state, is as its absolute weight, divided by its loss of weight in water; and its loss of weight in water is as

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Fixed Air. the loss of 100 grains of marble, *minus* the loss of the pure calcareous earth and the water.

$$\text{Loss of 100 grs. of marble} = \frac{100}{2.717} = 36.8 \text{ grs.}$$

$$\text{Loss of 55.92 grs. of calcareous earth} = \frac{55.92}{2.39} = 23.39 \text{ grs.}$$

$$\text{Loss of 11.66 grs. of water} = 11.66$$

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“ Then the loss of the fixed air  $36.8 - 35.05 = 1.75$  ;

consequently its specific gravity is  $\frac{32.42}{1.75} = 18.52$  .”

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Its other  
properties.

Fixed air differs considerably in its properties from the airs already mentioned. Its acidity is manifest to the taste, and still more from its neutralising both fixed and volatile alkalis ; which it will do in such a manner as not only to destroy their causticity, but to give them a manifestly acid taste, and will moreover enable them to form crystals of a neutral or acidulous salt. It has a considerable antiseptic power, and will even check the putrefaction of animal substances ; though it has been observed, that in this case it acts only by absorbing the putrid effluvia already emitted from the body and becomes itself very offensive, while it sweetens the other. When taken into the lungs, it is equally poisonous with phlogisticated or any other noxious air, and extinguishes flame as effectually ; but, when mixed with dephlogisticated air, may be inspired without any danger, and even in its pure state may be swallowed in large quantities, not only without danger, but with the most salutary effects in some diseases, whence it has now become an article of the *Materia Medica*. As an acid it stands in the lowest rank, being expelled from alkalis by every other ; though it is capable of separating oils, sulphur, and the colouring matter of Prussian blue, from the substances with which they are combined.

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The origin of this acid was for a long time as much unknown as that of the others ; and while the general prejudice remained that acids were a kind of primary elements unchangeable in their nature, it was supposed that fixed air was some modification of the others, probably the nitrous. But the discoveries made of late years, have abundantly shown, that the chemical principles are by no means so indestructible as they were imagined ; and that the vegetable acids particularly, may be almost totally resolved into fixed air. Hence it was naturally suggested, that fixed air itself might be a compound of some other principles ; and it was suggested by Dr Black, that it was a combination of atmospherical air with phlogiston. As the air of our atmosphere, however, is compounded of two substances, one of which naturally contains no phlogiston, and the other as much as it can hold : it seemed unlikely that there should be any possibility of adding to the quantity of phlogiston contained in a portion of the atmosphere, without decomposing it in some manner or other. Succeeding experiments evinced, that it was by a decomposition of the pure part of atmospherical air, and a combination of the phlogiston of the fuel with its basis, that fixed air was produced ; and this fact was evinced by numerous experiments made by Mr Kirwan, Mr Lavoisier, and Dr Priestley, so that it is now looked upon to be generally established : and as the experiments

made by Dr Priestley appear fully as convincing as Fixed Air. any, we shall here content ourselves with giving an account of them.

The compound nature of fixed air, and the principles from which it is formed, were first discovered by Mr Kirwan ; but Dr Priestley was not convinced by the proofs he adduced, till after making some experiments of his own. The first was, by firing shavings of iron in dephlogisticated air ; when he observed a considerable residuum of fixed air, though that in the receiver had been of the purest dephlogisticated kind, and iron could only have yielded inflammable air. The hypothesis of Mr Kirwan was still further confirmed by an experiment in which iron-filings, which could only have yielded inflammable air, were mixed with red precipitate, which is known to yield only pure dephlogisticated air. On heating these in a glass retort, they gave a great quantity of fixed air, in some portions of which nineteen-twentieths were absorbed by lime-water, and the residuum was inflammable ; but when the red precipitate was mixed with powdered charcoal, which had been found to yield only inflammable air, the fixed air produced from it was so pure that only one-fortieth part remained unabsorbed by water, which is as pure as that generally prepared from chalk and oil of vitriol. In some of these experiments it appeared, that three ounce-measures of dephlogisticated air went to the composition of two of fixed air : for one ounce of red precipitate gave 60 ounce-measures of dephlogisticated air ; and, when mixed with two ounces of iron-filings, it gave about 40 ounce-measures of fixed air that were actually absorbed by water, besides a residuum that was inflammable. The same proportion was obtained when half the quantity of materials were made use of ; but on using an ounce of each, only 20 ounce-measures of fixed air, including the residuum, could be got.

In considering this subject farther, it occurred to Dr Priestley, that his experiments, in which charcoal was used, lay open to an objection, that since dry wood, and imperfectly made charcoal, yield fixed air, it might be said, that all the elements of fixed air are contained in charcoal ; and though this substance alone, even with the assistance of water, will not yield fixed air, this might be effected by treating it with other substances without their imparting any thing to it ; especially as the inflammable air procured from charcoal by means of water, appears to contain fixed air when decomposed with the dephlogisticated kind. In order to expel all the fixed air from charcoal, he made a quantity of it from dry oak, and pounding it while hot, instantly mixed four measures of it with one of red precipitate, and, putting them into an earthen retort, got, with a heat no greater than what was sufficient to revive the mercury, a large quantity of air, half of which was fixed. Afterwards the proportion of fixed air was less, and at last no fixed air at all was obtained ; but as the residuum was worse than the common atmosphere, he is thence inclined to believe, notwithstanding Mr Cavendish's experiments, that phlogisticated air may be composed of phlogiston and dephlogisticated air. In another experiment he found a better proportion of charcoal and red precipitate. This was by mixing one ounce of precipitate with the same quantity of perfect char-

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Fixed Air. charcoal hot from the retort in which it was made. Putting these into a coated retort, he expelled from them, by a strong heat, about 30 ounce-measures of air, the whole of which was the purest fixed air, leaving only about one-fortieth part unabsorbed by water, and this almost perfectly phlogisticated.

Having recollected, that in some former experiments he had obtained fixed air from nitrous acid and charcoal, he therefore repeated the experiment with some of the same charcoal which had then been made use of; when fixed air was obtained, in the quantity sometimes only of one-fifth, and sometimes one-half; to the formation of which he supposed the dephlogisticated air produced by heating the nitrous acid must have contributed. On account of the objections, however, which might be made to the use of charcoal, he next employed *iron*, which was liable to nothing of this kind; and on mixing an ounce of iron-filings with as much charcoal, and then heating them in a glass retort, he obtained 20 ounce-measures of air, of which one-seventh remained unabsorbed by water. The residuum was of the standard of 1.52, but slightly inflammable. Repeating the experiment with half an ounce of iron filings, he got 26 ounce-measures of air, of which the first part was pretty pure, but afterwards one-tenth remained unabsorbed by water; but on mixing one ounce of precipitate with two ounces of filings, he got about 40 ounce-measures of air, of the first portions of which only one-twentieth was unabsorbed by water, though towards the conclusion the residuum was greater. In this process he got in all 36 ounce-measures of pure fixed air, completely absorbed by water, besides about other four ounce-measures, which, he supposes, might have been absorbed in receiving the air and transferring it into other vessels.

Fixed air was also produced from red precipitate mixed with brass filings, with zinc, from turbit mineral with iron filings, and from the black powder into which mercury mixed with lead is easily converted. In this last case the Doctor supposes that the fixed air was produced from the dephlogisticated kind absorbed by the metals and the phlogiston of the lead; and this is confirmed by an observation that the fixed air always comes first in the process, when the phlogiston is most readily separated, but afterwards the produce becomes quite pure and dephlogisticated. In attempting, however, to increase the quantity of fixed air by heating this black powder in dephlogisticated air, he found only an augmentation of the quantity of dephlogisticated air, and that of the purest kind.

“Perhaps,” says he, “as decisive a proof as any of the real production of fixed air from phlogiston and dephlogisticated air, may be drawn from the experiments in which I always found a quantity of it when I burned sulphur in dephlogisticated air. In one of these experiments, to which I gave particular attention, six ounce-measures and an half of the dephlogisticated air were reduced to about two ounce-measures; and one-fifth of this was fixed air. When both the vitriolic acid and fixed air produced by this operation were absorbed by water, the remainder was very pure dephlogisticated air.

“I had always concluded, that no fixed air could be procured by the decomposition of inflammable air which had been produced by mineral acids, because I

had not been able to do it with that which I had got Fixed Air. by means of vitriolic acid; but I learned from Mr Metherie, that this is peculiar to the vitriolic acid, the remains of which, diffused through the inflammable air, procured by it, he conjectures, may actually decompose the fixed air produced in the process. For, as I have hinted before, when the inflammable air is produced from iron by means of spirit of salt, there is a very perceivable quantity of fixed air when it is united with dephlogisticated air. When I decomposed these two kinds of air in equal quantities, they were reduced to about 0.5 of a measure, and of this not more than about one fortieth part was fixed air. This experiment ought, however, to be added to the other proofs of fixed air being produced by the union of dephlogisticated air and phlogiston.

“The last instance, which I shall mention, of the generation of fixed air from phlogiston and dephlogisticated air, is of a much more striking nature than any that I have yet recited. Having made what I call *charcoal of copper*, by passing the vapour of spirit of wine over copper when it was red-hot, I heated a piece of it in different kinds of air. In common air, observing neither increase nor decrease in the quantity, I concluded, perhaps too hastily, that no change was made in it: for when I repeated the experiment in dephlogisticated air, the charcoal burned very intensely; and when a part of it was consumed, which (like common charcoal in the same process, was done without leaving any sensible residuum) I found that no heat which I could apply afterwards, had any farther effect on what was left of the charcoal. Concluding, therefore, that some change must be made in the quality of the air, I examined it, and found about nine-tenths to be the purest fixed air; and the residuum was such as would have been made by separating the absolutely pure part of the dephlogisticated air, leaving all the impurities behind.—Having ascertained this fact, I repeated the experiment, weighing the piece of charcoal very carefully before and after the process; and then found, that by the loss of one grain of charcoal, I reduced four ounce-measures of dephlogisticated air till one-ninth only remained unabsorbed by water; and again, with the loss of one grain and an half of the charcoal, I reduced six and an half-measures of dephlogisticated air till five and an half-measures were pure fixed air. In this process there was a diminution of bulk after the experiment, as might have been expected from the change of the air into one of a heavier kind by means of a substance or principle that could not add much to the weight of it. In one of the experiments, 4.3 ounce-measures of dephlogisticated air were reduced about one-thirtieth part of the whole; and in this case, when the fixed air was separated by water, there was a residuum of 0.75 of the measure of the standard of 1.0, whereas the dephlogisticated air, before the experiment, had been of the standard of 0.2.

“That dephlogisticated air actually enters into the composition of the fixed air, in this experiment, is evident from the weight of the latter, which far exceeds that of the charcoal dispersed in the process. For, in this last experiment, the weight of the fixed air produced was 4.95 grains. Consequently, supposing the charcoal to be wholly phlogiston, as it is very nearly so, fixed air may be said to consist of 3.45 parts of dephlogisticated

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**Fixed Air.** gificated air, and 1.5 of phlogiston; so that the dephlogificated air is more than three times the proportion of phlogiston in it.—I must not conclude, however, without observing, that, in one experiment, I never failed to produce fixed air; though it is not easy to see how *one* of its supposed elements, viz. dephlogificated air, could enter into it. This is by heating iron in vitriolic acid air. In one of these experiments, four ounce-measures of the vitriolic acid air were reduced to 0.65 of an ounce-measure; and of the quantity lost three and a half measures were fixed air absorbed by lime-water, and the remainder weakly inflammable.”

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Effects of the electric spark on fixed air.

Fixed air, even when pure and unmixed, is remarkably altered by the electric spark, part of it being thus rendered immiscible in water. Dr Priestley, having taken the electric spark for about two hours in a small quantity of fixed air confined by mercury, found, that after the operation one-fourth of it remained immiscible with water; though, before it, only one-thirtieth part had remained unabsorbed. The inside of the tube had become very black; which, in other experiments of a similar kind with vitriolic acid air, he had observed to arise from the adhesion of a small quantity of mercury supersaturated with phlogiston. In another experiment, in which the spark was taken an hour and ten minutes in about half an ounce-measure of fixed air, one-fifth remained unabsorbed, and the standard of the residuum was 0.9; though, before the operation, only one-thirtieth part had been absorbed, and the standard of the residuum was 1.0. In this experiment, also, he observed, that the air was increased about a twentieth part. On taking the electric spark an hour in half an ounce of fixed air, as much residuum was left as had remained in five times the quantity of the same fixed air in which no spark had been taken. This residuum was also much purer than that of the original fixed air, the standard being 0.8; whereas that of the original fixed air had been, as before, 1.0. On repeating the experiment, he found the residuum still greater, but equally pure; and, in this case, a good quantity of black matter was observed adhering to the tube. Having taken the spark in a small tube containing  $\frac{1}{4}$ th of an ounce-measure of fixed air, the inside of the tube was clouded with black matter, and in the bottom was a small quantity of yellowish matter resembling sulphur; the residuum was between one-fourth and one-fifth of the whole, and less pure than formerly. This circumstance he also supposes to be a proof that fixed air may be composed of phlogiston and dephlogificated air. Pursuing this experiment, by taking the electric spark three hours in a small quantity of fixed air, he observed that it was first increased, and then diminished about one-eighth of the whole; the inside of the tube being very black on the upper part, and below the mercury very yellow, for the space of a quarter of an inch all round the tube; but this space had been above the mercury in the beginning of the operation. One-third of the air remained unabsorbed by water; but so impure, that the standard of it was 1.8, or almost completely phlogificated.—Varying the process by using water impregnated with fixed air instead of mercury, the quantity of air was much augmented by that which came from the water; but thus the far greater part of it was incapable of being absorbed by lime-water; and on this occasion he obser-

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Experiment in favour of Priestley's hypothesis concerning the composition of phlogificated air.

ved, that water impregnated with fixed air is a much worse conductor of electricity than the same fluid impregnated with mineral acids. On still varying the circumstances of the experiment, by using common water instead of that which had absorbed fixed air, he found that the quality of the residuum was evidently better than that of the original fixed air.

In order to discover whether the heat or light of the electric spark were the circumstances which effected the change, the Doctor threw a strong light, by means of a lens, for some hours, on a quantity of pounded glass confined in some fixed air; but though the volume of residuum was thus somewhat increased, yet as it was of the same quality with common air, he suspected that it might be only that portion which had been introduced among the particles of the glass. The quantity of air was increased after the operation. With glass-house sand made very hot, the quantity of air was likewise increased; but the experiment was not more satisfactory than the former. Heated bits of crucibles increased the quantity of residuum in the proportion of 10 to 6.6; but the quality was injured either directly by a comparison with nitrous air, or by producing a larger quantity of residuum equally bad. By heating iron, however, in fixed air, part of it was evidently converted into phlogificated air. On heating turnings of malleable iron for some time in fixed air, one-tenth part of it was rendered immiscible with water; and on repeating the process with the remainder, there was a residuum of one-fourth of the whole. There was also a small addition to the quantity of air after the first part of the process, but none after the second; nor could he, after a third and fourth process, render more than one-fourth immiscible with water. In two experiments, the residuum was inflammable, and burned with a blue flame.

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Effects of a strong heat on fixed air.

With regard to the quantity of fixed air which may be expelled from different substances, Dr Priestley observes, that from seven ounces of whiting, the purest calcareous substance we are acquainted with, he expelled by heat 630 ounce-measures of air; by which means the whiting was reduced to four ounces. One third of this was somewhat phlogificated; the standard being 1.36 and 1.38. Repeating the experiment, he obtained 440 ounce-measures of air from six ounces of whiting; about one-half of which was fixed air, and the remainder of the standard of 1.4. On moistening some calcined whiting with water impregnated with vitriolic acid air, he obtained 90 ounce-measures; of which the first portions were three-fourths fixed air, and the standard of the residuum 1.5; the latter had less fixed air, and the standard of the residuum was 1.44. The whiting was rendered black and hard, but became soft and white with spirit of salt. Three ounces and a quarter of lime fallen in the air, yielded 375 ounce-measures; of which about one-fifth was fixed air, and the standard of the residuum 1.4. Four ounces of white lead had yielded 240 measures of air when the retort melted. The residuum of the first process was one-third, the standard 1.36; and of the last the standard was 1.28, that with the common atmosphere being 1.23. Two ounces and three quarters of wood-ashes yielded, in a very strong heat, 430 ounce-measures of air; of the first portion of which one-tenth, of the second one-third, and of the third one-half, was fixed air.

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Quantity of fixed air expelled from different substances.



Fixed air. air. The standard of the residuum of the first portion was 1.6, and of the second 1.7. It extinguished a candle; so that the air came properly from the ashes, and not from any remaining particles of the charcoal mixed with them. After the process, the ashes weighed 839 grains; but by exposure to the air for one day, the weight was increased to 842 grains; and, perhaps with more heat than before, yielded 50 ounce-measures of air; of which about one-eighth was fixed air, and the standard of the residuum 1.38 and 1.41. A candle burned in this residuum, and the ashes were reduced to 739½ grains. Two ounce-measures of Homberg's pyrophorus burned in the open air, and then distilled in a retort, yielded 144 ounce-measures of air; of which one-half at first was fixed air, but at the last very little. The residuum of the first portion extinguished a candle, but that of the last burned with a blue lambent flame. The standards of both with nitrous air were about 1.8. The pyrophorus was then kept two days in the retort, with the mouth immersed in mercury; after which, on being taken out, it burned as strong as ever. Immediately before the burning, it weighed 428 grains; immediately after it, 449; but being spread thin and exposed to the atmosphere for a night, the weight was increased to 828 grains; though, on being well dried, it was again reduced to 436. Subjecting it to a greater heat than before, the matter yielded 110 ounce-measures of air; the first portions of which were half-fixed air, but the last contained very little, and burned with a blue lambent flame. It was then reduced to 396 grains. The experiment was then repeated with a quantity of pyrophorus, which would not take fire in the open air; and on heating this substance in an earthen retort, five-sevenths of the first part of the produce was fixed air; but this proportion gradually diminished; till at last nine-tenths of the whole was inflammable air, burning with a lambent blue flame. This inflammable air being decomposed with an equal quantity of dephlogisticated air, yielded 0.86 of a measure of fixed air. Another quantity of pyrophorus, which burned very well, and which, by exposure to the atmosphere, had gained 132 grains, being again exposed to heat in an earthen retort, gave 180 ounce-measures of air; three-sevenths of the first portion of which was fixed, and the rest phlogisticated air; but afterwards only one-half was fixed and the rest inflammable, burning with a lambent blue flame; and at last it was wholly inflammable. This pyrophorus took fire again after being poured out of the retort, but not without the assistance of external heat. It had been red-hot through the whole mass at the first burning, and the surface was covered with white ashes; but all the inside was as black as ever it had been. Four ounces of dry ox-blood yielded 1200 ounce-measures of air, and it was conjectured that not less than 200 measures had escaped. It contained no fixed air. The first portion burned with a large lambent white flame, the middle portion fainter, and the last was hardly inflammable at all. The remaining coal weighed 255 grains, and was a good conductor of electricity.

SECT. VI. *Inflammable Air.*

WE owe the knowledge of the existence, and of some remarkable properties, of this air, to Mr Cavendish, by

whom they were first published in 1767. Its effects, however, had long before been fatally experienced by miners; in whose subterraneous habitations it is often collected in such quantities as to produce the most dreadful effects. It is produced in abundance from putrid animal and vegetable substances; and, in general, by all those which part with their phlogiston easily. Being much lighter than common air, it always rises to the top of those places where it is generated; so that it cannot be confined except in some vaulted place, but always strives to ascend and mix with the atmosphere. By itself it is very noxious, and will instantly put an end to animal life; but when mixed with atmospherical air, may be breathed in much greater quantity than fixed air. Its great inflammability in this state, however, renders it very dangerous to bring any lights, or even to strike a flint with steel, in those places where it abounds. But this only takes place when the inflammable air is mixed with common atmospherical or with dephlogisticated air; in which case, the explosion is much more violent than the former; for pure inflammable air extinguishes flame as effectually as fixed or phlogisticated air.

Besides the subterraneous places already mentioned, this kind of air is found in ditches; over the surface of putrid waters, out of which it escapes; in burying-places; in houses of office, where putrid animal and vegetable matters are accumulated; and may, by standing or boiling, be extracted from the waters of most lakes and rivers, especially those in which great quantities of fermenting and putrifying matters are thrown: and as putrefaction thus seems to be the principal source of inflammable air, it thence happens, that much more of it is produced in warm than in cold climates. In those countries, we are informed by Dr Franklin, that if the mud at the bottom of a pond be well stirred, and a lighted candle brought near to the surface of the water immediately after, a flame will instantly spread a considerable way over the water, from the accension of the inflammable air, affording a very curious spectacle in the night-time. In colder climates, the generation of inflammable air is not so plentiful as to produce this phenomenon; nevertheless Mr Cavallo informs us, that it may be plentifully procured in the following manner, in all the ponds about London. "Fill a wide-mouthed bottle with the water of the pond, and keep it inverted therein; then, with a stick, stir the mud at the bottom of the pond, just under the inverted bottle, so as to let the bubbles of air which come out of it enter into the bottle; which air is inflammable. When by thus stirring the mud in various places, and catching the air in the bottle until it is filled, a cork or glass stopper must be put over it whilst standing in water; and then the bottle may be taken home, in order to examine the contained inflammable fluid at leisure."

The great quantity of inflammable air produced in warm climates has given occasion to some philosophers to suppose, that it may possibly have some share in producing certain atmospherical meteors. The weak lightnings without any explosion, which are sometimes perceived near the horizon in serene weather, are by them conjectured to proceed from inflammable air fired by electric explosions in the atmosphere. Mr Volta supposes that the *ignes fatui* are occasioned by the inflammable air which proceeds from marshy grounds,

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Inflammable air produced in mines from putrid waters, &c.

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Great quantities produced in hot climates.

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Mr Cavallo's method of collecting inflammable air from ponds

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grounds, and is set on fire by electric sparks: but these phenomena can be accounted for in a more probable manner from the action of the electric fluid itself.

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airs.

This kind of air is more common than any of the other noxious airs; for there is hardly any inflammable substance on earth, out of which it may not be extracted by one means or other. The fluids, however, which go by the general name of *inflammable air*, have scarce any other property in common to them all, besides those of inflammability, and being superficially lighter than the common atmospherical air. In other respects, the differences between them are very considerable. The smell, weight, power of burning, of preserving their properties, and the phenomena attending their combustion, are by no means the same in them all; some burning in an explosive manner; others quietly, and with a lambent flame of a white or blue colour. It is, however, necessary to make a proper distinction between an inflammable elastic fluid or inflammable gas, which may be properly called so, and that which is evidently made by combining an inflammable substance with common air; which being easily separable from the air, leaves that fluid in the state it was before. Thus a drop of ether, put into a quantity of common air, mixes itself with it, and takes fire on the approach of flame, like a mixture of inflammable and common air; but if the air to which ether is added be washed in water, the latter is soon separated from it. Common air becomes also inflammable by being transmitted through several essential oils; and thus the air contiguous to the plant called *fraximella* becomes inflammable in calm and hot weather, by the emission of its inflammable air.

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Extracted  
from vari-  
ous sub-  
stances by  
heat.

By heat alone, a considerable quantity of this kind of air may be extracted from most inflammable substances, and even from some of the metals. Dr Hales obtained inflammable air by simply distilling wax, pitch, amber, coals, pease, and oyster shells; and Mr Fontana informs us, that he obtained a considerable quantity of inflammable air from spathose iron, by the action of fire only applied to it in a matras. Dr Priestley, however, obtained it from a vast number of other substances, by distilling them in a gun-barrel; to the extremity of which was luted a tobacco-pipe, or small glass tube, with a flaccid bladder tied on the end. He observes, that the heat must be suddenly applied, in order to get a considerable quantity of air from these substances. "Notwithstanding (says he) the same care be taken in luting, and in every other respect, six, or even ten, times more air may be got by a sudden heat than by a slow one, though the heat that is last applied be as intense as that which was applied suddenly. A bit of dry oak, weighing about twelve grains, will generally yield a sheep's bladder full of inflammable air with a brisk heat, when it will only yield two or three ounce-measures if the same heat be applied gradually." When he wanted to extract inflammable air from metals, a glass was used, the focus of which afforded a more intense heat than any furnace he could apply: and in this way he obtained inflammable air from several metals; as iron, brass, and tin: but with the metallic calces he had no success.

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More air  
procured  
by a sudden  
than gra-  
dual heat.

In the infancy of his experiments, and even after very considerable practice, the Doctor imagined, that

the inflammable air produced in this way came only from the metal, without attending to the share which water had in the production. Some late experiments of Mr Lavoisier, however, showed, that water had a great share in the production of inflammable air; inso-much that it gave occasion to a supposition, that the water was the only source from whence it was derived. This mistake, however, was detected by Dr Priestley; who, by his numerous and accurate experiments, seems in a manner to have exhausted the subject. The method which Mr Lavoisier had followed, was to send the steam of boiling water through a red-hot iron tube; in doing which the intense heat acquired by the water occasioned the production of a great quantity of inflammable air. Dr Priestley repeated his experiments not only with water, but with other fluids. Sending the vapour of two ounces of spirit of wine through a red-hot earthen tube, he obtained 1900 ounce-measures of inflammable air, which burned with a white lambent flame. It contained no fixed air; and 30 ounce-measures of it weighed eight grains less than an equal quantity of common air. He collected also 0.35 of an ounce-measure of water. In this experiment, the weight of the water collected was 168 grains, of the inflammable air 633 grains, and that of the spirit of wine originally was 821 grains, so that as little was lost in the process as could be expected.—Repeating the experiment with vitriolic ether, an ounce of it treated in the same manner in an earthen tube almost filled with pieces of broken earthen retorts and crucibles, one tenth part of an ounce of water was collected, and 740 ounce-measures of inflammable air were procured, without any mixture of fixed air, burning with a white lambent flame like that of wood, and not exploding with dephlogisticated air. Twenty-nine ounce-measures of this weighed five grains less than an equal quantity of common air. Vapour of spirit of turpentine yielded inflammable air mixed with much black smoke, which soon collected on the surface of the water in the receiver. The smell of this air was exceedingly offensive, and its flame was much less luminous than that of the former. Its specific gravity was the same with that of the air procured from spirit of wine. Olive oil yielded a considerable quantity of air on being mixed with calcined whiting, the first portions burning with a large white flame, and the last with a lambent blue one.

In extracting air from solid substances, the steam of water was always necessary; and thus inflammable air was produced from a great number of different ones. From sulphur treated in this manner in an earthen tube, inflammable air was obtained of a nature similar to that from oil of vitriol and iron. From arsenic, the produce was one-seventh of fixed air; but all the rest strongly inflammable, with a smell scarcely distinguishable from that of phosphorus. Twenty ounce-measures of this air weighed  $4\frac{1}{2}$  grains less than an equal quantity of common air. Both these experiments, however, were very troublesome, on account of the volatility of the matters, which sublimed and choaked up the tubes. From two ounces of the scales of iron, or *fining cinder*, which he has found to be the same thing, Dr Priestley obtained 580 ounce-measures of air; one-tenth of the first part of which was fixed air, but afterwards it was all inflammable.

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cured from  
water and  
other fluid  
and solid  
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ble air.

Forty ounce-measures of this air weighed two grains more than an equal quantity of common air. From charcoal exposed to the red hot steam of water, inflammable air was procured in great quantities. From ninety-four grains of perfect charcoal, that is, prepared with a strong heat so as to expel all fixed air from it, and 240 ounces of water, 840 ounce-measures of air were obtained, one-fifth part of which was fixed air; and the inflammable part appeared likewise, by decomposition, to have a quantity of fixed air intimately combined with it.—Three ounces of bones burnt black, and treated in this manner in a copper tube, yielded 840 ounce-measures of air; the water expanded being 288 grains, and the bones losing 110 grains of their weight. This air, he observes, differs considerably from that of any other kind of inflammable air; being in several respects a medium betwixt the air procured from charcoal and that from iron. It contains about one-fourth of its bulk of uncombined fixed air, but not quite one-tenth intimately combined with the remainder. The water that came over was blue, and pretty strongly alkaline; owing to the volatile alkali not having been totally expelled by the heat which had reduced the bones to blackness.

A variety of substances, said not to contain any phlogiston, were subjected to the same process, but without yielding any inflammable air. The experiments with iron, however, were the most satisfactory, as being subject to less variation than those with charcoal; and clearly evincing, that the air in the process does not come from the water alone, but from the iron also; or, as Dr Priestley says, “only from the iron; the weight of water expended, deducting the weight of air produced, being found in the addition of weight in the iron as nearly as could be expected in experiments of this kind. And though the inflammable air procured in this process is between one-third and one-half more than can be procured from iron by solution in acids, the reason may be, that much phlogiston is retained in the solutions; and therefore much more may be expelled from iron when pure water, without any acid, takes place of it. The produce of air, and likewise the addition of weight gained by the iron, are also much more easily ascertained in these experiments than the quantity of water expended in them; on account of the great length of the vessels used in the process, and the different quantities that may perhaps be retained in the worm of the tube.”

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Proporti-  
ons of in-  
flammable  
air obtain-  
ed from  
iron by  
means of  
steam.

The following are the results of some of the Doctor's experiments.—Two hundred and sixty-seven grains, added to the weight of a quantity of iron, produced a loss of 336 grains of water, and an emission of 840 ounce-measures of air; and in another experiment, 140 grains added to the weight of the iron produced a loss of 240 grains of water, and the emission of 420 ounce-measures of air. “The inflammable

air produced in this manner (says he) is of the lightest kind, and free from that very offensive smell which is generally occasioned by the rapid solution of metals in oil of vitriol; and it is extricated in as little time in this way as it is possible to do it by any mode of solution. The following experiment was made with a view to ascertain the quantity of inflammable air that may be procured in this manner from any given quantity of iron. Nine hundred and sixty grains of iron, when dissolved in acids, will yield about 800 ounce-measures of air; but, treated in this manner, it yielded 1054 measures, and then the iron had gained 329 grains in weight.” (A).

Inflammable air having been at first produced only from metals by means of acids, it was then supposed that part of the acid necessarily enters into its composition; but this hypothesis is now found to be ill grounded. “That no acid (says Dr Priestley), is necessarily contained, or at least in any sensible quantity, either in inflammable air, though produced by means of acids, or in the dephlogisticated air of the atmosphere, is evident from the following experiment, which I made with the greatest care: Taking a basin which contained a small quantity of water tinged blue with the juice of turnsole, I placed it in a bent tube of glass, which came from a vessel containing iron and diluted oil of vitriol; and lighting the current of inflammable air as it issued from this tube, so that it burned exactly like a candle, I placed over it an inverted glass jar, so that the mouth of it was plunged in the liquor. Under this jar the inflammable air burned as long as it could; and when extinguished for want of more pure air, I suffered the liquor to rise as high as it could within the jar, that it might imbibe whatever should be deposited from the decomposition of either of the two kinds of air. I then took off the jar, changed the air in it, and, lighting the stream of inflammable air, replaced the jar as before. This I did till I had decomposed a very great quantity of the two kinds of air, without perceiving the least change in the colour of the liquor, which must have been the case if any acid had entered as a necessary constituent part into either of the two kinds of air. I also found no acid whatever in the water, which was procured by keeping a stream of inflammable air constantly burning in a large glass balloon, through which the air could circulate, so that the flame did not go out. Neither was there any acid produced in the decomposition of inflammable and dephlogisticated air in a strong close glass vessel.

“With respect to inflammable air, I have observed, that when sufficient care is taken to free it from any acid vapour that may be accidentally contained in it, it is not in the smallest degree affected by a mixture of alkaline air. On the whole, therefore, I have at present no doubt, but that pure inflammable air, though it certainly contains *water*, does not necessarily contain any

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ble Air.126  
Of the con-  
stituent  
principles  
of inflam-  
mable air.127  
No acid  
contained  
in it.

(A) In these experiments, the Doctor seems not to have supposed that any particular kind of water was necessary for this production of inflammable air: but in the Memoirs of the Philosophical Society at Haerlem, it is asserted by Dr Deiman and M. Paets Van Troostwyk, that the experiment will not succeed when boiled or distilled water, or any other than that containing fixed air, is made use of; and to this air they attribute the calcination of the iron and production of inflammable air. This assertion, however, is contrary to what we find related by Mr Kirwan. See n<sup>o</sup> 138.

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ble Air.

any acid: yet an acid vapour may be easily diffused through it, and may perhaps in many cases be obstinately retained by it, as no kind of air seems to be capable of so great a variety of impregnations as inflammable air is."

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Water ne-  
cessary to  
its produc-  
tion.

Mr Cavendish first perceived the necessity of moisture to the production of inflammable air; but it was not until after making several experiments that Dr Priestley could adopt the same idea. He had observed some very remarkable circumstances relating to the production of inflammable air from charcoal, by which he was induced to suppose that the former was pure phlogiston in a volatile state without any moisture whatever. The Dr observes, that "charcoal is generally said to be indestructible, except by a red heat in contact with air. But I find (says he), that it is perfectly destructible, or decomposed, *in vacuo*, and, by the heat of a burning lens, almost convertible into inflammable air; so that nothing remains besides an exceedingly small quantity of white ashes, which are seldom visible, except when in very small particles they happen to cross the sun-beams as they fly about the receiver. It would be impossible to collect or weigh them; but, according to appearance, the ashes thus produced, from many pounds of wood, could not be supposed to weigh a grain. The great weight of ashes produced by burning wood in open air arises from what is attracted by them from the air. The air which I get in this manner is wholly inflammable, without the least particle of fixed air in it. But in order to this, the charcoal must be perfectly well made, or with such a heat as would expel all the fixed air which the wood contains; and it must be continued till it yield inflammable air only, which, in an earthen retort, is soon produced.

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Charcoal  
totally con-  
vertible in-  
to inflam-  
mable air.

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Weight of  
ashes deri-  
ved from  
the air.

"Wood or charcoal is even perfectly destructible, that is, resolvable into inflammable air, in a good earthen retort, and a fire that would about melt iron. In these circumstances, after all the fixed air had come over, I several times continued the process during a whole day; in all which time inflammable air has been produced equably, and without any appearance of a termination. Nor did I wonder at this, after seeing it wholly vanish into inflammable air *in vacuo*. A quantity of charcoal made from oak, and weighing about an ounce, generally gave me about five ounce-measures of inflammable air in twelve minutes."

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Experi-  
ment show-  
ing the ne-  
cessity of  
water to  
the produc-  
tion of in-  
flammable  
air.

Although from these experiments it did not appear that water was in any way essentially necessary to the production of this kind of inflammable air, it appeared manifestly to be so in the following: "At the time (says he) when I dispersed any quantity of charcoal with a burning lens *in vacuo*, and thereby filled my receiver with nothing but inflammable air, I had no suspicion that the wet leather on which my receiver stood could have any influence in the case, while the piece of charcoal was subject to the intense heat of the lens, and placed several inches above the leather. I had also procured inflammable air from charcoal in a glazed earthen retort for two whole days successively, during which it continued to yield it without intermission. Also iron-filings in a gun-barrel, and a gun-barrel itself, had always given inflammable air whenever I tried

the experiment. These circumstances, however, deceived me, and perhaps would have deceived any other person; for I did not know, and could not have believed, the powerful attraction between water and charcoal or iron, when the latter are intensely hot. They will find, and attract it, in the midst of the hottest fire, and through any pores that may be left open in a retort; and iron-filings are seldom so dry as not to have as much moisture adhering to them as is capable of enabling them to give a considerable quantity of inflammable air. But my attention being now fully awakened to the subject, I presently found that the circumstances above mentioned had actually misled me; I mean with respect to the conclusion which I drew from the experiments, and not with respect to the experiments themselves, every one of which will, I doubt not, be found to answer, when properly tried.

"Being thus apprised of the influence of unperceived moisture in the production of inflammable air, and willing to ascertain it to my perfect satisfaction, I began with filling a gun-barrel with iron-filings in their common state, without taking any particular precaution to dry them, and I found that they gave air as they had been used to do, and continued to do so many hours: I even got ten ounce-measures of inflammable air from two ounces of iron-filings in a coated glass retort: At length, however, the production of inflammable air from the gun-barrel ceased; but, on putting water to it, the air was produced again; and a few repetitions of the experiment convinced me that I had been too precipitate in concluding that inflammable air is a pure phlogiston. I then repeated the experiment with the charcoal, making the receiver the stand on which I placed the charcoal, and the charcoal itself, as dry and hot as possible, and using cement instead of wet leather, in order to exclude the air. In these circumstances I was not able, with the advantage of a good sun and an excellent burning lens, to decompose quite so much as two grains of the piece of charcoal, which gave me ten ounce-measures of inflammable air; and this, I imagine, was effected by means of so much moisture as was deposited from the air in its state of rarification, and before it could be drawn from the receiver. To the production of this kind of inflammable air, therefore, I was now convinced that water is as essential as to that from iron."

In his analysis of different kinds of inflammable air, the Doctor observes, that the difference most commonly perceived is, that some of them burn with a lambent flame, sometimes white, sometimes yellow, and sometimes blue; while another kind always burns with an explosion, making more or less of a report when a lighted candle is dipped into a jar filled with it. The inflammable air extracted from metals by means of acids is of this last kind; and that from wood, coal, or other inflammable substances by means of heat, belongs to the former. It has also been observed, that these kinds of inflammable air have different specific gravities; the purest, or that which is extracted from iron, &c. being about ten times as light as common air; but some of the other kinds not more than twice as light (A).

This difference was for some time attributed to a quantity

Inflam-  
ble Air.

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Excessive  
attraction  
betwixt  
charcoal, or  
iron and  
water.

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Inflamma-  
ble air is not  
pure phlo-  
giston.

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Priestley's  
analysis of  
different  
kinds of in-  
flammable  
air.

(A) Here the Doctor's calculation differs somewhat from that of Mr Kirwan; who, in his Treatise on Phlogiston,

**Inflam-  
ble Air.** quantity of fixed air intimately combined with the heavier kinds, so that it could not be discovered by lime-water, while the lightest contained no fixed air at all. In order to ascertain this point, he had recourse to decomposition; which was performed by mixing with the inflammable air to be tried an equal quantity of common or dephlogisticated air, and then confining them in a strong glass vessel previously filled either with water or mercury; making afterwards an electric spark in some part of the mixture by means of wires inserted through the sides of the vessel, and nearly meeting within it. Thus he supposed that he might be able to determine the quantity of *combined* fixed air, and likewise the relative quantity of phlogiston contained in each of them. The former appeared by washing the air with lime-water after the explosion, and observing how much of them was absorbed; and the latter by examining the residuum with the test of nitrous air, and observing the purity of it. Finding, however, that, in some cases, more fixed air was found after the explosion than could have been *contained* in the inflammable air, he was thence led to observe the *generation* of fixed air from the principles mentioned in the last section.

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**Fixed air  
generated  
in the de-  
composi-  
tion of in-  
flammable  
air.** In prosecuting this subject, it was found, that one measure of inflammable air produced by steam from metals, and one of dephlogisticated air, such as by mixture with two measures of nitrous air was reduced to 0.72 of a measure, were reduced by explosion to 0.6 of a measure; the residuum, by an equal quantity of nitrous air, was reduced to 0.87. With the same dephlogisticated air, the inflammable air from fining-cinder and charcoal was reduced only to 1.85 of a measure; but by washing in lime-water, to 1.2. The residuum examined by nitrous air appeared to be of the standard of 0.9. In another process, the diminution after the explosion was to 1.55, and that after washing in lime-water to 0.65, of a measure; in a third, by explosion to 1.6, and by washing to 0.66; and in a fourth, the first diminution was to 1.6, and the second to 0.9. In this last experiment there was a generation of an entire measure of fixed air: and that this had not been contained originally in any latent state in the original fluid, was evident from the specific gravity of the inflammable air made use of. This, indeed, was one of the heaviest kinds of the fluid: but 40 ounce-measures of it weighed only two grains more than an equal bulk of common air; whereas, had all the fixed air found in the residuum been *contained* in the original air, it must have been at least one-half heavier. "Indeed (says the Doctor) if any quantity of inflammable air, of about the same specific gravity with common air (which is the case with that species of it I am now considering), yield so much as seven-tenths of its bulk of fixed air in consequence of its explosion with dephlogisticated air, it is a proof that at least part of that fixed air was generated in the process, because seven-tenths of such fixed air would weigh more than the whole measure of inflammable air."

Equal parts of dephlogisticated air and the inflammable kind produced from spirit of wine, were reduced to one measure, and by washing in lime-water to 0.6 of a measure. The standard of the residuum was 1.7.—In another experiment, in which the vapour of the spirit of wine had passed through a tube filled with bits of crucibles, the first diminution was to 1.6, the second to 1.4, and the standard of the residuum was to 1.84: but in a third, the first diminution was to 1.2, the second to 0.9.—Air procured by steam from red-hot platina was reduced to 0.72 of a measure, and the standard of the residuum was 0.9. It contained no fixed air.—Air from brimstone, with an equal part of dephlogisticated air, was diminished to 0.6, and no fixed air was found in the residuum. Its standard was 0.95.—With inflammable air from arsenic, the first reduction was to 1.15, the second to 0.95. The standard was 0.82.—With the inflammable air procured by a decomposition of alkaline air, the diminution by explosion was to 0.96, and no fixed air was contained in the residuum; the standard of which was 0.8.—Inflammable air from ether resembles that from spirit of wine. The first diminution was to 1.36, the second to 1.2; and the standard was 1.9.

Inflammable air procured by means of steam from charcoal of metals produces a considerable quantity of fixed air; the first diminution being to 1.12, the second to 0.8, and the standard of the residuum 1.9. The analysis was of the first portion that came over, the second was somewhat different; the first diminution being to 1.0, the second to 0.75, and the standard of the residuum 1.9.—From *coak*, or the charcoal of pitcoal, the first diminution was to 1.15, the second to 0.95, and the standard 1.9; but the dephlogisticated air in this experiment was by no means pure.

With inflammable air from spirit of turpentine, the first diminution was to 1.7, the second to 1.6, and the standard 1.9.—From bones, the first diminution was to 0.67, the second to 0.58; the standard 1.47.—From common charcoal, the first diminution was to 1.5, the second to 0.74, and the standard 1.7. In another experiment, the first diminution was to 0.82, the second to 0.63, and the standard of the residuum 1.37.

Inflammable air procured by distilling some rich mould in a gun-barrel had a very offensive smell, like that procured from putrid vegetables; it contained one-twentieth part of uncombined fixed air. When this was separated from it, and the remainder decomposed with dephlogisticated air, the first diminution was to 1.4, the second to 0.67, and the standard of the residuum was 0.6.—The air procured from cast-iron has likewise a peculiarly offensive smell; and, on this account, the Doctor imagined, that it might contain more phlogiston than common inflammable air, so as to absorb more dephlogisticated air than the other. But this conjecture did not appear to be well founded; for on exploding it with dephlogisticated air in the proportions

giston, informs us, that in his experiments he used "inflammable air extracted from clean newly-made filings of soft iron, in the temperature of 59°, by vitriolic acid whose specific gravity was, 1.0973, and obtained over mercury, having very little smell, and what it had being very unlike the usual smell of inflammable air."—The weight of this air, when the barometer stood at 29.9, and the thermometer at 60°, was found to be to that of common air as 84.3 to 1000; and, consequently, near 12 times lighter.

Inflam-  
ble Air. proportions already mentioned, the diminution was the same as with inflammable air produced from the malleable kind, viz. 1.56.

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Fixed air  
convertible  
into inflam-  
mable air.

In these experiments, it seemed evident, that at least part of the fixed air found after the explosion was produced by its means; but the following seem no less convincing proofs, that fixed air may be converted into the inflammable kind, or at least that the elements of fixed air may remain in inflammable air in such a manner as to be imperceptible. On heating in an earthen retort a quantity of slaked lime, which had long been kept close corked in a bottle, it gave air, of which one-fifth was generally fixed air; but in the gun-barrel the same lime yielded no fixed air at all, but a great quantity of inflammable air of the explosive kind, like that which is got from iron alone by means of water. As this total disappearance of the fixed air appeared extraordinary, the Doctor was induced to repeat it several times with all possible care; and the following was the result of his experiments: Three ounces of slaked lime, which had for some time been exposed to the open air, heated in an earthen tube, yielded 14 ounce-measures of air, of which only two and an half remained unabsorbed by water; the residuum was slightly inflammable, but not perfectly phlogisticated. Three ounces of the same lime, heated in a gun-barrel, gave 20 ounce-measures of air, all of which was inflammable, and no part fixed. It was expected, however, that the fixed air would have appeared on the decomposition of this inflammable air with the dephlogisticated kind: but after this process, it appeared to be exactly such inflammable air as is procured from metals by the mineral acids, or by steam; the diminution of the two kinds of air being exactly the same: and tho' some fixed air was found in the residuum, it was no more than is usually met with in the decomposition of inflammable air procured by means of spirit of salt.—Supposing that the two kinds of air might incorporate, when one of them was generated within the other, a gun-barrel was filled with fixed air, and the closed end of it put into a hot fire. Inflammable air was instantly produced; but when the fixed air was separated from it, it burned like inflammable air with which no other kind had ever been mixed.

On heating iron-turnings in five ounce-measures of fixed air, the quantity of it was increased about one ounce-measure, and there remained one and three-fourths unabsorbed by water. The experiment was repeated with the same result; and it was farther observed, that though the inflammable air procured in this manner did not appear by the test of lime-water to contain any fixed air, yet when it was decomposed by firing it with an equal quantity of dephlogisticated air, the residuum contained one-third of fixed air. The diminution was to 1.45. Hence the Doctor conjectures, that though, in some cases, the fixed air appears to be *generated* by the decomposition of dephlogisticated and inflammable air, yet that inflammable air, when thus produced in contact with fixed air, may *combine* with it, so as to be properly *contained* in it, and in such a manner that it cannot be discovered by lime-water.

Inflammable air, when produced in the driest way possible, is exceedingly light, as has been already observed: but Dr Priestley has found, that by standing

on water, a very considerable increase is made in its specific gravity; so that from being ten or twelve times lighter than atmospherical air, it soon becomes only seven times lighter. This great propensity to unite with water is also taken notice of by Mr Kirwan; who tells us, that the bulk of inflammable air obtained over water with the assistance of heat towards the end, was one-eighth greater than when produced over mercury; but that the weight of it in the former case was only eight or nine times less than common air.—“From 85 cubic inches of inflammable air obtained over water, I extracted,” says he, “by oil of vitriol exposed to it for 55 hours, two grains of water; and, though undoubtedly there is an error in all these experiments, yet there can be little doubt but this inflammable air contained one-half its weight of water. The inflammable air, by the subtraction of its water, lost its sinell, but continued as inflammable as ever; and therefore there is no reason to think that it was decomposed, or that water is any way essential to it.”

The conclusion is directly contrary to that of Dr Priestley, that *water* is an essential ingredient in the composition of inflammable air; nor do the experiments of the latter, already recited, seem to have had any weight with him, as he concludes his Treatise on Phlogiston in these words. “To the proofs I have heretofore given, that inflammable air and phlogiston are the same substance, just as ice and the vapour of water are called the same substance, no objection of any weight has since been made. Some have thought, that I should have included the matter of heat or elementary fire in the definition of inflammable air: but as fire is contained in all corporeal substances, it is perfectly needless, except where bodies differ in the quantity of it they contain; and in this respect I expressly mentioned its difference with phlogiston to consist.—Others, attending to the quantity of water contained in inflammable air, have supposed it to be an essential ingredient in the composition of this air, and have called it *phlogisticated water*; but they may as well suppose water to be an essential ingredient in common air, or fixed air, and call this last *acidulated water*: for inflammable air, equally as other airs, may be deprived of its water without any limitation, and yet preserve all its properties unaltered; which shows the presence of water to be no way essential to it. Lastly, others have thought, that it essentially requires an acid or an alkali, or some saline substance, for its basis; as if there were any more repugnance in the nature of things, that phlogiston should exist in an aerial state without any basis, than marine air, alkaline air, or dephlogisticated air; when it is evident, that an aerial state requires no more than a certain proportion of latent heat: but the production of inflammable air from iron by means of distilled water, without any acid or salt, has effectually done away any suspicion of that sort.”

On the other hand, Dr Priestley informs us, that “inflammable air seems now to consist of water and inflammable air: which, however, seems extraordinary, as the two substances are hereby made to involve each other; one of the constituent parts of water being inflammable air, and one of the constituent parts of inflammable air being water; and therefore, if the experiments would favour it (but I do not see that they do so),

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ble Air.  
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Great propen-  
sity of inflam-  
mable air to  
unite with  
water.

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ble Air. so), it would be more natural to suppose, that water, like fixed air, consists of phlogiston and dephlogisticated air, in some different mode of combination.

“There is an astonishing variety in the different kinds of inflammable air, the cause of which is very imperfectly known. The lightest, and therefore probably the purest kind, seems to consist of phlogiston and water only. But it is probable that *oil*, and that of different kinds, may be held in solution in several of them, and be the reason of their burning with a lambent flame, and also of their being so readily resolved into fixed air when they are decomposed by dephlogisticated air; though why this should be the case, I cannot imagine.

“When inflammable and dephlogisticated air are burned together, the weight of the water produced is never, I believe, found quite equal to that of both kinds of air. May not the *light*, therefore, emitted from the flame, be part of the phlogiston of the inflammable air united to the principle of heat? And as light accompanies the *electric-spark*, may not this also be the real *accension* of some phlogistic matter, though it is not easy to find the source of it?”

The French chemists, who deny the existence of phlogiston, are of opinion, that inflammable air is a simple un-compounded element; but for a more full discussion of this subject, see the article PHLOGISTON.

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Absorption  
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by water. Inflammable air is absorbed by water in considerable quantity, but by the application of heat may be expelled again in equal quantity. By agitation in water Dr Priestley was formerly of opinion that this kind of air might be rendered as good as common air; but this undoubtedly proceeds from the atmospherical air transmitted by the water, as is the case with phlogisticated air mentioned in the last section. After a quantity of water, which had absorbed as much inflammable air as it could, had been suffered to stand a month, it was expelled by heat, and found to be as strongly inflammable as ever. The water, after the process, deposited a kind of filmy matter; which he supposed to be the earth of the metal that had been employed in producing it.

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animal life. Plants in general grow tolerably well in inflammable air, and the willow plant has been observed to absorb great quantities of it. Its inflammability is not diminished by the putrefaction of animal substances, nor does their putrefaction seem to be retarded by it. Animals confined in it are killed almost as soon as in fixed air: but insects, which can live a considerable time in phlogisticated air, live also a considerable time in this kind of air; but at last they become torpid, and appear to be dead, though they will still recover if removed into the open air. Mr Cavallo relates, that the Abbé Fontana, having filled a large bladder with inflammable air, began to breathe it in his presence; after having made a very violent expiration, in which case the effects are most powerful. The first inspiration produced a great oppression in his lungs, the second made him look very pale, and the third was scarce accomplished when he fell on his knees through weakness. Birds and small quadrupeds, inclosed in small vessels of this air, died after a very few inspirations. Lastly, inflammable air appears to have a smaller share of refractive power than common air; for Mr Warkire informs us, that having placed a hollow triangular prism, of which the

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angle was 72 degrees, so as to half cover a large object-glass in one of Mr Dollond's perspectives, and so turned round as to make the frame of a window, at the distance of 1280 feet, seen partly through the prism and partly through common air, appear undivided. The inflammable air was then blown out of the prism, but no part of the apparatus was moved; when the frame of the window seen through the object-glass and the prism as before, seemed to separate about four inches.

The inflammability of this species of air has given occasion to various projects concerning it; such as that of employing it to give light and heat; and lamps have been described, which may be lighted by the electric spark in the night-time. By its means also very pretty artificial fires are made, with glass tubes bent in various directions, and pierced with a great number of small apertures. The inflammable gas is introduced into these tubes, from a bladder filled with that fluid, and fitted with a copper cock. When the bladder is pressed, the inflammable air, being made to pass into the tube, issues out of all the small apertures, and is set on fire by a lighted taper. None of these contrivances, however, have ever been applied to any use; and the scheme of Mr Volta, who proposed to substitute its explosive force instead of gun-powder, is found insufficient, on account of the weakness of the explosion, except when the two airs are fired in very great quantity, which would be incompatible with the small bulk necessary for warlike engines.

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for various  
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#### SECT. VII. Sulphurated Inflammable Air.

THIS was discovered by Dr Priestley at the time when he was engaged in the experiments of which some account has been given in the last section, of transmitting the steam of water and other fluids through red-hot tubes containing some solid material. Having among others, treated manganese in this manner, by stopping one end of the heated tube with a cork before the steam was applied, he received forty ounce-measures of air, of which one-sixth was fixed air and the rest of the standard of 1.7, lambently inflammable. Having then opened the other end of the tube in order to admit the steam, air was procured more copiously than before. Of 50 ounces of this air, one-seventh was fixed, and the rest, of the standard of 1.8, explosively inflammable. The last portions were very turbid; and the smell, especially that of the last portion, was very sulphureous, tinging the water of a very dark colour, by depositing in it a quantity of blackish water. However, the air itself became presently transparent, and had no other appearance than that of any other kind of air. On looking at the jar in about ten minutes after, it was quite black and opaque; so that nothing could be seen in the inside of it. Filling afterwards another jar with the same kind of air, in order to observe the progress of this uncommon phenomenon, he found, that when the water was well subsided, black specks began to appear in different places, and, extending themselves in all directions, at length joined each other, till the whole jar was become perfectly black, and the glass opaque. When this was done, he transferred the air into another jar; and it soon produced a similar effect upon this, though it never became

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so black as the jar in which it had been first received. It also frequently happened, that only the lower part of the jar would become black, as if the matter with which it was loaded had kept subsiding, though invisibly, in the mass of air, and occupied only the lower regions, leaving the upper part entirely free from it. On exposing to the open air the vessels thus turned black, the colour presently disappeared, and a yellow or brown incrustation was left upon it. The same change took place when the vessels were inverted in water, in order to observe the alteration of the air within them; but on examining this air, no sensible change was perceived. In some cases, indeed, he thought the air was injured, but it was much less so than he had expected. After depositing the black matter, the air still retained its sulphureous smell, and he did not imagine that it would ever leave it entirely.

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from iron  
melted in  
vitriolic  
acid air.

On trying other specimens of manganese, no air of this kind was obtained; but some time after, having occasion to make a large quantity of inflammable air, he used, instead of fresh iron, some that had been already melted in vitriolic acid air. Dissolving this with a considerable quantity of fresh metal in diluted vitriolic acid, he found that the water in which the air was received became very black, and deposited more sediment than had appeared in the experiment with the manganese. The jars were as black as ink, but became yellow on exposure to the air as before; so that there could be no doubt of its being the same thing he had got before. On burning a quantity of it, this kind of air appeared to contain some vitriolic acid, the balloon being filled with a very dense white fume, which rendered the water sensibly acid to the taste. On decomposing it with dephlogisticated air, however, he found the diminution exactly the same as when common inflammable and dephlogisticated air were used; so that it appeared to contain neither more nor less phlogiston than the other: only there was a small quantity of fixed air produced, which is never the case with common inflammable air from vitriolic acid and iron.

When the sulphurated inflammable air is received over mercury, very little black matter is produced on the jars; and it is remarkable, that though the black matter collected on them, when the air is taken through water, soon grows yellow upon exposing it to the air, it is not the case with that which remains in the water; it adheres to the evaporating vessel in form of a black incrustation, which does not burn blue until it has been digested in the nitrous acid, which deprives it of its superfluous phlogiston, and leaves it both of the colour and smell of sulphur.

### SECT. VIII. *Of Alkaline Air.*

THIS was procured by Dr Priestley, in the beginning of his experiments, from common spirit of sal-ammoniac with quicklime, or the materials from which it is made. He did not at that time prosecute the discovery farther than by impregnating water with it; by which means he could make a much stronger alkaline spirit than any to be met with in the shops. His method of procuring it was by mixing one part of pounded sal-ammoniac with three parts of slacked lime; and for common experiments the same quantity of materials would last a considerable time.

This kind of air, when pure, is instantly fatal to animal life, and extinguishes flame; though, when mixed with common atmospherical air, it is slightly inflammable, and also medicinal in faintings and other cases of debility. A candle dipped into a jar of this air is extinguished; but just before the flame goes out, it is enlarged by the addition of another flame of a pale yellow colour, and sometimes a weak flame spreads for a considerable way, or even through the whole body of the alkaline air. The electric spark taken in it appears of a red colour. Every spark taken in it augments its bulk, and by degrees turns the whole into inflammable air. It is readily absorbed by water, as has been already observed, and dissolves ice almost as fast as an hot fire. On confining some water impregnated with alkaline air in a glass tube, and thus exposing it to a strong heat in a sand-furnace for some days, he observed that a white sediment or incrustation was formed on the surface. The Doctor remarked, that bits of linen, charcoal, and sponge, admitted into a quantity of alkaline air, diminished it, and acquired a very pungent smell; especially the sponge, a bit of which, about the size of an hazle-nut, absorbed an ounce-measure. It is remarkable that copper, which is so easily corroded by the common volatile alkalis, is not affected by alkaline air. The specific gravity of this kind of air is, by Mr Kirwan, determined to be to that of common air as 600 to 1000; though, as he justly observes, this must differ very considerably according to the quantity of moisture it contains.

In prosecuting his experiments on alkaline air, Dr Priestley concluded that it contains phlogiston, both from its being convertible into inflammable air by electric explosions, and likewise from its reviving the calces of metals. In attempting to ascertain the quantity of lead revived in alkaline air, he met with two difficulties; the first, on account of some part of the calx being blackened and imperfectly revived; the second, that the lead completely revived was dissolved by the mercury employed to confine the air. To prevent this last inconvenience, he put the powdered massicot (the substance he chose to employ on this occasion) into small earthen cups, contriving to place them with their mouths upwards, in such a manner, that when the lead was revived by means of a burning lens, it would remain in the cup, and not mix with the mercury which supported it. The proportions of metal then revived, were six grains of lead in three ounce-measures,  $16\frac{1}{2}$  in three measures and an half, 13 in two and an half, and 12 in three and three-fourths; but the experiment on which he laid the greatest stress, was that in which  $26\frac{1}{2}$  grains of lead were revived in  $7\frac{1}{2}$  ounce-measures of alkaline air. In this proportion, 100 ounce-measures of alkaline air would revive 352 grains of lead; but an equal quantity of inflammable air from iron would have revived 480 grains of metal. This deficiency appeared somewhat surprising to the Doctor, considering that alkaline air is resolved into more than twice its bulk of the inflammable kind; though it is possible, that inflammable air from iron may contain more phlogiston than that into which alkaline air is resolvable.

On heating red precipitate in alkaline air, the mercury was revived as in other cases, and a considerable quantity of water was produced, though none appears

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of alkaline  
into inflam-  
mable air.

In examining the phenomena which attend the conversion of alkaline air into the inflammable kind, the Doctor was induced to believe that it was occasioned by heat alone, without the concurrence of light. The effects of the former were soon perceived on heating some ochre of iron in alkaline air; when, though the matter turned black, as in an incipient reduction of the metal, he found a considerable increase of quantity instead of decrease in the air, as he had expected; and, on examining the quality of it, he found that it contained no fixed air, but was entirely inflammable. With scales of iron a similar enlargement was perceived; but in this way he could never increase the quantity to more than double that which had been originally employed, and even after this the whole smelled strongly of volatile alkali; the iron had undergone no change.

The Doctor now, concluding from these experiments that the change of alkaline into inflammable air was produced by this cause alone, proceeded to repeat the experiment, by heating in the alkaline air bits of dry crucibles, or of earthen retorts, which had been just before exposed to very great heats, so that they could not be supposed to give out any air themselves, and therefore could only serve to communicate a strong heat to the alkaline air; and in these experiments the result was the same as when ochre and iron were made use of. The bits of white earthen ware were always turned black; but finding the same effect of augmenting the air and giving it an inflammable quality, though he used the bit of crucible over and over again, he was thoroughly convinced that the change was effected by heat alone.

In all these experiments, however, with a burning-glass, as a strong light was also concerned, he heated a quantity of alkaline air in a green glass retort, receiving in a glass tube, filled with water, all the air that could be expelled from it by heat. At first it was all absorbed by the water, being merely alkaline air expelled by the rarefaction; but when the bulb of the retort became red-hot, he found that the bubbles driven out were not wholly absorbed, and at last none of them were so. These were altogether inflammable; so that no doubt remained of the change being produced by heat alone without any intervention of light.

It was farther observed, that whenever the alkaline air was changed into inflammable by means of bits of retorts or crucibles containing clay, they always became black during the process. He inclined therefore to suppose, that something might be deposited from the air which might attach itself to the clay. "Indeed, (says he) if this was not the case, I do not see why the clay should become black; though, perhaps, part of the same phlogiston which forms the inflammable air may be attracted by the red-hot clay, with-

out there being any proper decomposition of the air. That this is the case seems probable from an experiment in which I used porcelain instead of common earthen ware; which did not become black in the process, though inflammable air was produced." **Nitrous Air**

In some of Dr Priestley's experiments he had observed that iron, which had long rusted in nitrous air, gave out a strong smell of volatile alkali. This extraordinary phenomenon, however, was only perceived where the nitrous air and iron had been in contact for a very long time; but he found that it was much sooner produced by making use of a weak solution of copper; by putting iron into which, he obtained that species of nitrous air called *dephlogisticated*. A phial containing some of this iron, which had been used only once for the purpose just mentioned, having been kept close corked for about two months, was accidentally broken; when some pieces of the iron were found covered with a green crust, and these had a strong smell of volatile alkali. On making some more experiments on this subject, he found that two months standing was requisite to produce the alkaline smell desired.

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Volatile alkali produced from nitrous air and iron.

### SECT. VIII. Of Nitrous Air.

THIS kind of air is plentifully obtained in all cases where the nitrous acid is combined with phlogiston: Thus, when it is mixed with metals, or animal or vegetable substances, nitrous air is produced in great quantities; but very sparingly when treated with metallic calces, earths, or other matters which are said to contain little or no phlogiston. All the metals, excepting gold, platina, and regulus of antimony, which are not soluble in the pure nitrous acid, yield nitrous air on being treated with it; and even from these, when dissolved in aqua regia, some quantity of this air may be obtained. Every metal, however, does not yield it in equal quantity, with equal facility, or equally good. Silver, copper, iron, brass, bismuth or nickel, when put into nitrous acid, yield this air in considerable quantity: Mercury yields it but slowly without the application of heat, though no great degree of it is necessary. Copper and iron, especially the latter, require the acid to be cautiously applied on account of the violent emission of fumes. Gold, platina, and regulus of antimony, when put in aqua regia, yield nitrous air pretty readily; but lead yields it in smaller proportion than any other metal, and zinc does the same among the semimetals, the elastic fluid produced from it being mostly phlogisticated air.

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How produced.

In the production of this kind of air, great differences are perceived by a diversity in the strength of the acid. Thus, if we dissolve copper in strong nitrous acid, no nitrous air is produced, though the same materials will yield air in great quantity by the mere affusion of water to dilute the acid. This is very properly explained by Doctor Priestley, from the property that the nitrous acid has of attracting phlogiston, which is evident from what happens in the solution of mercury. When strong spirit of nitre is poured upon this metal, the solution soon begins, and is very rapid, yet not a single bubble of elastic fluid is produced; but in a short time the acid next to the mercury is changed into an orange colour, which is an indication of its having acquired phlogiston, probably from the nitrous

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Why strong nitrous acid yields its nitrous air.

Nitrous Air air which is decomposed the moment it is formed, and before its particles are united into visible bubbles. The bubbles of air indeed break through the coloured acid but they disappear the moment they come in contact with the pale-coloured acid. As soon as the whole quantity of acid has assumed the orange-colour, nitrous air escapes from it in considerable quantity; but the mixture of water deprives the acid of its power of decomposing nitrous air. The strong and pale-coloured nitrous air ought to be diluted with at least two or three parts of water to one of the acid, for the easy production of nitrous air from copper and mercury.

In common experiments no other degree of heat is necessary than that produced by the effervescence itself, except mercury be used, which requires the application of some degree of heat; but when the metal exposes a very great surface to the acid, as is the case when the filings of the metal are used, the effervescence and production of nitrous air are often much quicker than can be conveniently managed. The most proper method of producing nitrous air, however, is explained in the last section of this treatise.

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Nitrous air by itself is equally transparent and invisible with common air, excepting at its first production, when it is somewhat coloured, owing to a little superfluous nitrous acid, or to some earthy particles which are carried up with it. Its smell resembles that of nitrous acid, or indeed is the very same; because, in passing through the common air to our nostrils, it is decomposed, and converted into nitrous acid. The same is to be said of its taste; though Mr Fontana, who tasted it without any contact of external air, affirms that it has no taste whatever. The method in which he ascertained this fact was as follows. Having first introduced the nitrous air into a bottle of elastic gum in water, as is done with glass bottles, he brought his mouth, shut, while the neck of the elastic-gum bottle was under water, near the neck of it; and then, by pressing the bottle, introduced the nitrous air into his mouth. The experiment, however, is by no means void of danger; for if the person happens to draw any quantity of this air into the lungs, he may be nearly suffocated, as nitrous air is exceedingly noxious. In performing of it, he recommends to exhaust the mouth entirely of common air, though he does not inform us how this can be done; nor indeed is it easy to conceive the possibility of doing so.

Though nitrous air extinguishes flame, it may by certain processes be brought into such a state, that a candle will burn in it with an enlarged flame; and it becomes what Dr Priestley calls *dephlogisticated nitrous air*, which is treated of in the next section. It is remarkable, however, that when a candle is extinguished, as it never fails to be in common nitrous air, the flame seems to be a little enlarged about its edges by the addition of another bluish flame before the former goes out.

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Extremely  
fatal to animal and vegetable life.

Nitrous air seems to be the most fatal to animal life of any. Even insects, which can bear phlogisticated and inflammable air, generally die the moment they are put into it. Frogs, snails, and other animals which do not respire very frequently, die in a few minutes, and general do not recover even when taken out of this noxious fluid before they are dead. Plants

perish very soon in nitrous air, and even in common air saturated with nitrous air; but Dr Priestley informs us, that "though in general plants die almost immediately in water impregnated with nitrous air, yet in one case of this kind, when the superfluous nitrous air was let out under water, so that no part of it was decomposed in contact with the water, the plant grew in it remarkably well."

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Air.

Water, by agitation in nitrous air, may be made to imbibe one tenth part of its bulk; and afterwards the nitrous air may be expelled again by boiling, though not in the same quantity as it was absorbed; but for this purpose the water should be previously deprived of its air. Dr Priestley informs us, that having carefully pumped all the air out of a quantity of rain-water, letting it stand 24 hours in a good vacuum, and then impregnating it with nitrous air, he instantly expelled it again by boiling, when he obtained only about one fourth part of it, though sufficiently pure, and without any mixture of fixed air. Water may also be deprived of the nitrous air it contains, though it does not freeze quite so readily when impregnated with this air as in its natural state.

Nitrous air is absorbed by strong oil of vitriol nearly in the same quantity as by water; the acid acquiring a purple colour, by reason of the phlogiston contained in the nitrous air. The strong nitrous acid absorbs it in great quantity; and becomes smoking, orange-coloured, and afterwards green, on account of the phlogiston contained in it. Marine acid imbibes but a small quantity, and very slowly, acquiring at the same time a light-blue colour. Both nitrous air and common air phlogisticated by it are meliorated by agitation in nitrous acid.

Nitrous air is absorbed in considerable quantity by radical vinegar, and the concentrated vegetable acid.—Solution of green vitriol imbibes it in much greater quantity than water, and acquires a black colour; which, however, soon goes off by exposure to the common air. Its taste also becomes acid.—Very little is absorbed by caustic alkalis. Oil-olive slowly absorbs a considerable quantity, but oil of turpentine absorbs much more. By a little agitation, it will imbibe more than ten times its quantity of nitrous air; acquiring at the same time a yellowish or orange colour, and becoming a little glutinous. The part which is not absorbed appears to be converted into phlogisticated air.—Ether and spirit of wine absorb it very quickly, but no nitrous air is obtained by the application of heat after they have absorbed it. It is greatly diminished by oil of turpentine, liver of sulphur, and pyrophorus; all of which leave it in a phlogisticated state. It is also diminished and phlogisticated by being kept in a bladder, alternately exposed to moisture and dryness. Nitrous acid air has the same effect.

One of the most remarkable properties of nitrous air, is its diminution with dephlogisticated air; by which means it becomes a test of the quantity of that kind of air contained in the atmosphere. With pure dephlogisticated air, the diminution is almost to nothing, at the same time that some quantity of nitrous acid is reproduced by the decomposition of the nitrous air; but as our atmosphere is always mixed with a considerable quantity of phlogisticated air, on which

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**Nitrous Air** nitrous air has no effect, the diminution in this case is never so considerable. Upon this principle the **EUDI-  
OMETER** is constructed.

**155** Its antiseptic power. Another very remarkable property of nitrous air is its strong antiseptic power; insomuch that animal matters may, by its means, be preserved for many months without corruption. This property, it was thought, might have been extremely useful on many occasions; but Dr Priestley, after a number of experiments on the subject, concludes in the following manner. "Nitrous air will indeed preserve meat from putrefaction; but after long keeping, it becomes very offensive both to the nostrils and palate, though the smell is not altogether that of putrefaction; and indeed the substance continuing quite firm, it could not be properly putrid.—Having formerly experienced the remarkable antiseptic power of nitrous air, I proposed an attempt to preserve anatomical preparations, &c. by means of it; but Mr Key, who made the trial, found, that, after some months, various animal substances were shrivelled, and did not preserve their forms in this kind of air."

**156** Specific gravity of nitrous air. The specific gravity of nitrous air, as well as of other kinds, has been ascertained by Mr Kirwan. As it corrodes metals, he endeavoured to find its weight by comparing the loss sustained by the materials which produce it. Thus he found, that 14 grains of the materials produced 38.74 inches of nitrous air; and, consequently, by proper calculation, that the specific gravity of nitrous air is to that of atmospheric air as 1195 to 1000.—"If this air (says he) had been obtained over water, or in strong heat, its weight would probably have been very different; as it is liable to be mixed with phlogificated air, nitrous vapour, and a variable quantity of water. Nitrous vapour would render it heavier, and phlogificated air or water probably lighter."

**157** Component parts of nitrous air. With regard to the constituent principles, or elements of nitrous air, all those who look upon phlogiston to be a distinct substance, have believed that the former is a compound of nitrous acid and phlogiston. By the opposite party, it is supposed to be a substance entirely simple, and one of the constituent parts of the nitrous acid. This opinion seems in part now to be entertained by Dr Priestley himself, notwithstanding his former sentiments on the subject. "I had no doubt on the subject (says he) until I read the work of Mr Metherie; who asserts, that nitrous air contains no proper nitrous acid, but only one of the elements of it; the other being dephlogificated air, which had before been considered by Mr Lavoisier as the principle of all acidity.—Among other observations in support of his assertion, Mr Metherie has the following. 1. Nitrous air burnt together with inflammable air, produces no nitrous acid. 2. Though nitrous air be obtained from a solution of mercury in the nitrous acid, almost all the acid is found in the solution. 3. Nitrous air absorbed by marine acid, does not make aqua regia. 4. He is of opinion, that a small portion of the nitrous acid being decomposed, furnishes a pure air, so altered, that, uniting with inflammable air, it changes it into nitrous air."

"In reviewing the experiments I had formerly made on this kind of air, I could not recollect any of them in which the pure nitrous acid was produced, ex-

cepting that with dephlogificated air, besides the experiment in which it was decomposed by the electric spark; which furnishes a strong objection to this hypothesis." To ascertain the matter more fully, the following experiments were made.

"When nitrous air is decomposed by iron, or by a mixture of iron and sulphur, the water, over which the process is conducted, acquires no acidity; but I had supposed that all the acid was absorbed by the iron. Having by me a quantity of this iron which had been reduced to perfect rust in nitrous air, and which, I knew, must have imbibed more than its weight of the air, I thought that the acid might be obtained from it by distillation; but a quantity of this rust of iron, distilled in earthen retort, yielded neither nitrous air nor nitrous acid, at least in any quantity that could favour the common hypothesis."

"I then endeavoured to decompose nitrous air by heating iron in it with a burning lens; and in this process I succeeded far beyond my expectation: for the air was presently diminished in quantity, while the iron became of a darker colour, was sometimes melted into balls, and gathered considerable weight, though it had no appearance of containing any nitrous acid.—In the first experiment, the original quantity of nitrous air was diminished to about one-third; and after this, it was increased." The increase was found to arise from a production of inflammable and dephlogificated nitrous air.

The Doctor proceeded to try various other experiments on the decomposition of nitrous air, particularly that of burning Homberg's pyrophorus; but without any success, or obtaining the smallest particle of nitrous acid. His conclusions from the whole are the following.

"Water seems to be a necessary ingredient in nitrous as well as inflammable air; at least, without a quantity of water, nitrous air cannot be formed. For example, copper will be dissolved in strong nitrous acid without producing any nitrous air, just as iron may be dissolved in concentrated vitriolic acid without producing inflammable air."

"That nothing is necessary to the formation of nitrous air besides phlogificated nitrous acid and water, is evident from the production of it by the impregnation of pure water with phlogificated nitrous vapour formed by the rapid solution of bismuth; an experiment which I mentioned before. However, to make it in a more unexceptionable manner, I interposed a glass vessel between that in which the solution was made and that in which the water to be impregnated with the phlogificated vapour was contained, that whatever was distilled over by the heat of the process might be prevented from reaching the water. In these circumstances, however, when nothing but the dry phlogificated vapour could enter the water, it began to sparkle and yield nitrous air very copiously as soon as it had received a blue tinge from the impregnation.—Nitrous air is also produced by pouring a highly coloured or phlogificated nitrous acid into pure water, in which no metal or earthy matter is any way concerned."

"I have formerly observed, how readily nitrous air is diminished by taking the electric spark in it. This experiment I have frequently repeated, in order more particularly

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**158** Nitrous air composed of phlogificated nitrous acid and water.

**159** Effects of the electric spark on nitrous air.

Nitrous Air particularly to ascertain the quantity and quality of the residuum. In one experiment half an ounce of nitrous air was reduced, in less than half an hour, to one quarter of its bulk. One-fourth of the residuum was still nitrous, and the rest phlogisticated. Taking the electric spark in a quantity of nitrous air till it was diminished to one-third, the whole was completely phlogisticated, not affecting common air at all, and extinguishing a candle. A white matter was formed with the mercury over which the spark was taken, which made the water admitted to it extremely turbid. In another process, the electric spark was taken in a quantity of nitrous air till it could be no more diminished, when it was reduced in bulk in the proportion of  $10\frac{1}{2}$  to 24. Letting it stand all night upon the mercury, it was increased in the proportion of  $11\frac{1}{4}$  to 24; seemingly by the acid uniting to the mercury and generating more nitrous air, since it had that smell. No water appeared after the process; and the water admitted to it acquired no acid taste, but an astringent one like that of water impregnated with nitrous air. There was a white powder formed, as in the former experiments.—To try if it were possible to make water imbibe the acid from the nitrous air, the electric spark was taken in it, with a small quantity of water over the mercury. But even this water did not acquire any acid taste, but only an astringent one.”

The Doctor concludes his experiments on this subject with a conjecture, that the phlogiston, and neither the heat nor light of the electric, contributes to the decomposition of the nitrous air. As his final sentiments on the matter, however, are merely conjecture, without any certain experiments to confirm them, we shall here refer the reader to his Section on Theory, at the end of his sixth volume of Experiments, &c.

#### SECT. IX. Of Dephlogisticated Nitrous Air.

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cured.

THIS species differs from common nitrous air in being able to support flame, though it still continues fatal to animal life. Common nitrous air may be converted into the dephlogisticated kind by particular processes; though, when zinc is dissolved in the nitrous acid, if the air be taken at different times, that which comes about the middle, or rather the latter end of the process, will be of this kind; in which it not only supports the burning of a candle, but the flame is enlarged (sometimes to four or five times its original bulk) by the addition of a weaker and bluish flame round the former; and this burning is sometimes accompanied with a crackling noise, as if the candle was burning in dephlogisticated air. It may also be obtained in some part of the process of procuring nitrous air from iron, though with this metal the success is uncertain; but tin yields a considerable quantity of it. By exposing iron to nitrous air, it may be so far dephlogisticated as to admit a candle to burn in it. Dr Priestley filled an eight-ounce phial with nails, and then with mercury; and displacing the mercury with nitrous air, left the phial inverted in a quantity of the same fluid. Two months after, the nitrous air was found to be changed in such a manner as to admit a candle to burn in it with its natural flame; and by continuing still longer in contact with the iron, a candle would burn in it with an enlarged flame. These changes, however,

are very irregular, so that they seldom produce the like effects with the regularity one might expect. Dr Priestley once found, that by the contact of iron in quicksilver, it was so changed as to be fired with an explosion like a weak inflammable air; whilst another quantity of nitrous air, which had been treated in like manner for about the same length of time, only admitted a candle to burn in it with an enlarged flame.

In that section of his last volume in which the Doctor treats of this kind of air, he observes, that water is absolutely necessary to its composition, or rather to the decomposition of the common nitrous air by iron. He had decomposed it before, either by previously filling the vessels that were to contain the nitrous air with water or with mercury; though it had always required a much longer time when the latter was made use of. The reason of its being formed at all in this last way, was a small quantity of moisture adhering to the inside of the vessel containing the mercury.

To try the influence of water in this case, he now procured a number of very clean small needles; and having made a phial, and likewise a proper quantity of mercury, quite clean and dry, he put the needles into the phial, and, filling it up with mercury, introduced the nitrous air: but it continued in this way for six or eight months without the smallest alteration. Introducing a few drops of water, a diminution of about one-third of the air took place, and the remainder appeared to be phlogisticated. On the 26th of May 1782, he examined a quantity of nitrous air, which had been confined with iron-shavings from the 27th of August preceding, when he found one-half of it absorbed; the remainder supported the flame of the candle better than common air, though a mouse died in it; and yet this air had continued several months in the same state with regard to quantity, nor was it at all probable that its quality would have been altered by any length of time.

Though this kind of air is produced by the contact of iron and nitrous air, the Doctor has never been able to ascertain the quantity of nitrous air which a given quantity of iron can decompose; and though iron soon becomes so much affected by this process that it crumbles into powder, it still seems equally capable of decomposing a fresh quantity. Having made a comparative experiment, by putting together one quantity of nitrous air with fresh iron and another with rust, he found that in both the air was diminished to about one-third, and a candle burned in both equally well; but neither of them had the properties of fresh nitrous air in any degree.

As the process for obtaining dephlogisticated nitrous air by means of iron is very tedious, the Doctor endeavoured to find another which might be attended with less inconvenience. This he accomplished by dissolving turnings of iron in a dilute solution of copper in nitrous acid (the same that remains after the production of nitrous air), mixing it again with an equal quantity of water. Without this precaution, he tells us, that though the iron will at first be acted upon very slowly, yet the mixture will at length grow so hot as actually to boil, and the process will be exceedingly troublesome; however it will be necessary, previous to any attempt to dissolve the iron, to heat the solution of copper, in order to expel all the nitrous air and superfluous

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Dephlogificated nitrous air is absorbed by water almost as readily as fixed air, and in considerable quantity; the liquid taking up about one-half its bulk of air. After being thus saturated, the whole quantity of dephlogificated nitrous air may be expelled pure by heat, and is easily received in vessels containing mercury. It was likewise observed, that as this kind of air much resembles fixed air in its properties of being imbibed by water, and expelled again by heat, it resembles it also in this farther property, that all the air which has been actually incorporated with the water will not be imbibed by water again. But the proportion of this part is three or four times greater than the corresponding part of fixed air; it is also considerably more phlogificated. Water impregnated with it very soon parts with it again on being exposed to the atmosphere.—It discovers not the smallest trace of containing either acid or alkali. Its specific gravity is less than that of common air. On heating red precipitate in this kind of air, pure dephlogificated air was produced without affecting, or being affected by, the nitrous air. Repeating the experiment with malleable iron, the quantity of it was enlarged, and the whole phlogificated, without any mixture of fixed air. By heating bits of clean crucibles or retorts in this kind of air, it seemed to approach in quality to common atmospheric air; and the effects were always found to be the more considerable the longer the process was continued. On attempting, however, to determine whether this change in the constitution of dephlogificated nitrous air was occasioned by means of heat or light, he heated in it earthen tubes; but found, that though these were glazed both on the outside and inside, and seemed perfectly air-tight both before and after the experiment, the air had escaped. By the electric spark it was rendered wholly immiscible with water, and brought to the standard of 1.45; so that the Doctor had no doubt of its being respirable. Yet this kind of air, though it admits a candle to burn so well in it, will not kindle pyrophorus, though the nitrous air from which it is produced would instantly set it on fire.

SECT. X. *Of Vitriolic, Nitrous, Marine, and other Acid Airs.*

164 Made to approach to the nature of atmospheric air.

§ 1. *Vitriolic acid Air.*—THIS is always a combination of vitriolic acid with phlogiston, and consequently may be procured from any mixture of that acid in its highly concentrated state with phlogistic matters. Hence it is obtained from all the metals, gold and platina excepted, on boiling them with strong oil of vitriol. It is also procurable from the same acid rendered black by any phlogistic matter. No greater heat is required to expel this kind of air than that produced by the flame of a candle. It is the heaviest of all aerial fluids, next to fluor acid air, being to common air as 2265 to 1000. Dr Priestley informs us, that a quantity of vitriolic acid thus impregnated with phlogiston, will yield many times more air than an equal quantity of the strongest spirit of salt.—When the vitriolic acid air is produced in great plenty, the top of the phial in which it is generated is commonly filled with white vapours. The air has also the same appearance as it is transmitted through

the glass tube; and it is sometimes discoverable in the recipient. When such substances are put to the oil of vitriol as cause a great effervescence with that acid, care should be taken to add them by very small quantities at a time, and likewise to apply the heat by very slow degrees, lest the rapid production of air, and the heat attending it, should break the vessels. It is most equally produced by using strong oil of vitriol and charcoal; but in most cases the production of vitriolic acid air is attended with that of inflammable, and sometimes fixed or phlogificated air. With ether, about one-half of the first produce is inflammable; but the quantity lessens as the process goes on. The Doctor observed, that, when quicksilver was used, the acid was not turned black, as in other experiments of the like nature. He also observed, that iron yielded a little inflammable air together with the acid gas; but that the elastic fluid produced when zinc was used, contained about two parts of inflammable and one of acid air. Copper, silver, and lead, when heated in vitriolic acid, yield the purest vitriolic acid air, without any mixture of inflammable air; but the lead yields only a very small quantity, and requires a great degree of heat. It is procured in the greatest abundance from the fumes of burning sulphur, and is then called the *volatile vitriolic*, or *sulphureous acid*; for an account of the properties of which, see CHEMISTRY (*Index*).

§ 2. *Of Nitrous Acid Air.*—This is the pure nitrous acid by itself, without any addition of phlogiston. It is procured by heating the strong spirit of nitre in a phial, and then receiving the vapour in glass vessels filled with quicksilver. It is, however, extremely difficult, or rather impossible, to preserve it for a length of time by means of any fluid hitherto known. Water absorbs it immediately, and quicksilver is corroded, and produces nitrous air. “But (says Dr Priestley) tho’ the acid vapour very soon unites with the quicksilver, yet the jar in which it was received being narrow, the saline crust which was formed on the surface of the quicksilver, impeded the action of the acid upon it till I had an opportunity of admitting water to the air I had produced, and of satisfying myself, by its absorption, of its being a real acid air, having an affinity with water similar to other acid airs.”

The most remarkable property of this vapour is, that its colour may be made more or less intense by the mere circumstance of heat. It may be confined in glass vessels with ground-stoppers, or in tubes hermetically sealed, and thus exposed to the action of heat: in which case it will be found, that the colour of the vapour becomes considerably more intense in proportion as the glass vessel containing it is more or less heated; and that, on the contrary, the intensity of the colour diminishes as it is cooled. “It seems probable (says Dr Priestley), that if this vapour was not confined, but had room to expand itself, it would become colourless with heat. This at least is the case when it is combined with water. The phenomena I refer to are very common in the process for making dephlogificated air, in which I first observed them. But the same things are observable in the process for producing any other kind of air in which much spirit of nitre is made use of; and likewise constantly in the common process for making spirit of nitre itself. It is, that when the heat is moderate, the vapour within the

Nitrous Acid Air.

166 How obtained.

167 Cannot be preserved by means of fluids..

168 Assumes a red colour by being heated.

Marine Acid Air. <sup>169</sup> the glass tube or retort is red; but that, as the heat increases, it becomes transparent." The Doctor having observed that red lead, impregnated with nitrous vapour, may be preserved a long time without deliquescing or losing its acid, made use of a composition of this kind for procuring a nitrous vapour with which he filled his tubes. By imbibing this vapour the minium lost its red colour and became white. "I put (says he) a small quantity of this white minium into a glass tube closed at one end; then holding it to the fire, make it emit the red vapour till the whole tube is filled with it; and having the other end of the tube drawn out ready for closing, as soon as the vapour begins to issue out of that end, I apply my blow-pipe and seal it. By this means I conclude that the tube is filled with a pure red vapour, without any mixture of nitrous air, and perhaps common air also." For a further account of the properties of nitrous acid air, see CHEMISTRY, (Index.)

<sup>170</sup> How obtained. § 3. *Of Marine Acid Air.*—The marine acid, by heat, may be resolved into a permanently elastic and transparent invisible vapour, which, however, is more easily preserved in its aerial state than nitrous acid air, as the former has no effect upon quicksilver. An easy and cheap method of obtaining this kind of air is by filling a phial, fitted with a glass tube and stopper, with common salt, and then pouring a small quantity of oil of vitriol upon it; which, by the assistance of heat, will disengage the acid principle, or the marine acid air, from the salt. "A phial (says Dr Priestley) prepared in this manner will suffice, for common experiments, many weeks; especially if some more oil of vitriol be occasionally put to it. It only requires a little more heat at the last than at the first. Indeed, at first, the heat of a person's hand will often be sufficient to make it throw out the vapour. In warm weather it will even keep smoking many days without the application of any other heat. On this account it should be placed where there are no metallic utensils which it can corrode; and it may easily be perceived when the phial is throwing out this acid vapour, as it always appears in the open air in form of a light white cloud."

<sup>171</sup> Its properties. After the marine acid has yielded all the air that can be expelled from it, it is extremely weak, so that it can but barely corrode iron. The gas itself is considerably heavier than common air, the specific gravity of the two being in the proportion of five to three; a cubic inch weighing 0.654 grains. It is very fatal to animal life, but less so than pure nitrous air; for flies and spiders live longer in marine acid than in nitrous air. In dipping a candle into a jar of this air the flame is extinguished; but the moment before it goes out, and also when it is afterwards first lighted again, it burns with a green or light-blue flame, like that of common salt thrown into a fire. Its diminution by the electric spark is barely perceptible. Ice is dissolved by it as fast as if it touched a red-hot iron. It is partly absorbed by almost every substance containing phlogiston, and the remaining part becomes inflammable. Oil of olives absorbs it very slowly, and oil of turpentine very fast; by which they both become almost black, and the remainder of the air is inflammable. Essential oil of mint absorbs marine air pretty fast, becoming brown, consistent, and so heavy

as to sink in water; and its smell is in a great measure altered. Ether absorbs it very fast, and has its colour altered by the impregnation, becoming first turbid, then yellow, and at last brown. The air over the ether is strongly inflammable. A small bit of phosphorus smoked and gave light in this acid air; and the elastic fluid was but little diminished in twelve hours. On the admission of water, about four-fifths of the gas were absorbed, and the rest was inflammable. This change was also effected by a great number of other substances: some of which, however, require a considerable time to produce their effect; such as crusts of bread not burned, dry wood, dry flesh, roasted pieces of beef, ivory, and even flints. See CHEMISTRY, (Index.)

Fluor Acid Air, &c. <sup>172</sup> Changed into inflammable air. § 4. *Of Fluor Acid Air.*—The discovery of fluor acid air was made by Mr Scheele, who obtained it by distilling the spar called fluor with vitriolic acid. Dr Priestley, who made several experiments upon the subject, was of opinion that this new acid was only the vitriolic disguised by its connection with the fluor. He even supposed that he had produced it by pouring vitriolic acid on other phosphoric spars: both these opinions, however, he has now retracted, and believes the fluor acid to be one of a peculiar kind. Its most remarkable property is the great attraction it has for siliceous earth, so that it even corrodes and makes holes in the retorts in which it is distilled. See CHEMISTRY, (Index.)

<sup>173</sup> Different from vitriolic acid air. § 5. *Of the Vegetable and other Acid Air.*—By means of heat alone, the concentrated vegetable acid emits a permanently elastic and aerial fluid. This has the properties of the acid of vinegar; but, like it, is weaker than the rest of the mineral acid airs, though it agrees with them in its general characters. Water imbibes it as readily as any of the other acid airs; oil-olive readily absorbs it, and in considerable quantity, losing at the same time its yellowish colour, and becoming quite transparent. Common air is phlogisticated by it, as it is also by the liquid vegetable acid. As the vegetable acid, however, from which this air had been obtained, was distilled by oil of vitriol, the Doctor suspected that what he had examined might derive most of its properties from the oil of vitriol, and rather be vitriolic than vegetable acid air.

<sup>174</sup> Phlogisticates common air. An acid air, somewhat different from any hitherto described, was obtained by Dr Priestley from the vapour arising on distilling to dryness a solution of gold in marine acid impregnated with nitrous acid vapour, which makes the best kind of aqua regia. "The produce (says he) was an acid air of a very peculiar kind, partaking both of the nature of the nitrous and marine acids; but more of the latter than of the former, as it extinguished a candle; but it was both extinguished and lighted again with a most beautiful deep blue flame. A candle dipped into the same jar with this kind of air went out more than 20 times successively, making a very pleasing experiment. The quantity of this acid air is very great; and the residuum I have sometimes found to be dephlogisticated, sometimes phlogisticated, and at other times nitrous air."

#### SECT. XI. *Of Hepatic Air.*

<sup>175</sup> Air from solution of gold. THIS species of air, first particularly taken notice of by Mr Bergman, who obtained it from an ore of zinc

Atmospheric Air. Atmospheric Air.  
 167 Produced first from an ore of zinc.  
 177 Best obtained from hepatic sulphuris.

zinc called *Pseudogalena nigra Dannemorensis*, and which was found to contain 29 parts of sulphur, one of regulus of arsenic, six of water, six of lead, nine of iron, 45 of zinc, and four of siliceous earth. The hepatic air was produced but in small quantity by pouring oil of vitriol on this mineral; spirit of salt produced it in much larger quantity; but nitrous acid produced only nitrous air. The most proper method of obtaining this air is by pouring marine acid on hepatic sulphuris, which extricates it in vast quantity. It is said also to be sometimes produced naturally from putrefying matters. It is the characteristic of all livers of sulphur, whether they be made with alkalis or earths. The smell of the pure gas is intolerable; and the vapour has a disagreeable effect on many metallic substances, particularly silver, lead, copper, &c. destroying their colour, and rendering them quite black. It is suddenly fatal to animal life, renders syrup of violets green, and is inflammable, burning with a very light blue flame. It is decomposed by vitriolic and nitrous air, by dephlogisticated air, and by the contact of atmospheric air, in which case it deposits a small quantity of sulphur; being indeed, as is supposed by Mr Bergman and Mr Kirwan, no other than sulphur kept in the aerial form. Its specific gravity, compared with that of atmospheric air, is as 1106 to 1000. It combines readily with water, and gives the smell to the sulphureous medicinal waters. Its great attraction for some of the metals and their calces makes it the basis of some *Sympathetic INKS*. See also CHEMISTRY, (*Index*.)

## SECT. XII. Of Atmospheric Air.

178 Proportion of the two ingredients of which it is composed.

THE two component parts of our atmosphere, viz. dephlogisticated and phlogisticated air, have been so fully treated of under their respective sections, that little remains to be said in this place, excepting to determine the proportion in which they are usually met with in the common air. The only regular set of experiments which have been made on this subject are those of Mr Scheele. He constructed an eudiometer, consisting of a glass receiver, which could contain 34 ounces of water, and a glass cup containing a mixture of one pound of iron filings and an equal weight of flowers of sulphur moistened; which cup standing upon a glass supporter, was inserted in the former receiver, which, when this was in it, could contain 33 ounces of water. To the outside of the glass tube or receiver, was affixed a slip of paper, to the height of a third of the tube, containing 11 divisions, each corresponding to one ounce of water. This paper was varnished over with oil varnish, to prevent its being spoiled by water. The whole then was placed in water, which gradually rose as the air was diminished. This mixture would serve four times before the power of diminishing air was lost. He carefully compared the height of the air therein with the barometer and thermometer, both before and after the experiment; in eight hours the experiment was completed. With this instrument he examined the goodness of the common air in Stockholm every day for a whole year, and found the diminution never to exceed  $\frac{1}{3}$ , nor to fall short of  $\frac{2}{3}$ ; so that upon a medium it may be estimated at  $\frac{2}{3}$ . During the months of January and February it

was  $\frac{2}{3}$ . The 23d of March it was  $\frac{8}{33}$ , though the cold increased, and the barometer stood higher than before. The 19th of April it was  $\frac{1}{3}$ , though the barometer and thermometer did not vary, and so stood till the 21st. In May and June it stood between  $\frac{8}{33}$  and  $\frac{9}{33}$ . The 30th of July it stood at  $\frac{1}{3}$ . From the 3d to the 15th of September at  $\frac{9}{33}$ . The 6th of October at  $\frac{1}{3}$ , during a high storm; but after it stood between  $\frac{8}{33}$  and  $\frac{9}{33}$ , till the 4th of November, when it fell to  $\frac{8}{33}$ , and continued between  $\frac{8}{33}$  and  $\frac{9}{33}$  to the 20th, when it rose to  $\frac{1}{3}$ . The 21st it fell to 8, and stood between  $\frac{8}{33}$  and  $\frac{9}{33}$  till the 8th of December, when it rose to  $\frac{9}{33}$ ; and from thence to the 31st it stood between  $\frac{8}{33}$  and  $\frac{9}{33}$ .

As it has already been shown that the pure dephlogisticated part of the atmosphere is entirely consumed by phlogistic processes, such as that of fermenting brimstone and iron filings, this eudiometer must be considered as an exact test of the proportion of dephlogisticated air contained in the atmosphere. The small variation in the quantity shows, that the processes in nature which destroy this air, are nearly balanced by those which produce it; though it must appear surprising, that both these fluids, so extremely different, should be produced at all seasons of the year in a proportion nearly equal; nor is it less surprising that two fluids of unequal specific gravity should remain incorporated together without any tendency to separate, which it is certain they never do, either in the atmosphere itself, or when confined in vessels in any quantity whatever.—As phlogisticated air is somewhat lighter than dephlogisticated, it might be supposed that the former would occupy the higher regions of the atmosphere in such a manner as to render them considerably more unwholesome than the lower parts; but this seems not to be the case; On the contrary, it appears by experiments with the eudiometer, that the upper parts of the air contain a greater proportion of dephlogisticated air than those near the earth. See EUDIOMETER.

179 Upper regions of the air more salubrious than the lower.

## SECT. XIII. Of the artificial Production of Airs of different Kinds.

§ I. *FIXED Air, or Aerial Acid.* The artificial methods of producing this are principally three, viz. by fermentation, by heat, and by acids.

(I.) *By fermentation.* When vegetable or animal substances, especially the former, are fermented, they yield a great quantity of fixed air. In breweries, on the surface of the fermenting liquor, there is always a stratum of fixed air reaching as high as the edge of the vats; so that if these vessels are deep, and the fermenting liquor much below their edges, the above-mentioned stratum may be some feet in thickness. The same phenomenon is observable in the fermentation of wines in general; and it is owing to the production and elasticity of fixed air, that fermenting liquors, when put into close vessels, often burst them with great violence. The case is the same whatever substance it is that undergoes the vinous fermentation, though the quantity of fixed air produced is not the same in all substances, nor even in the same substance at different times. From 42 cubic inches of beer Dr Hales obtained 639 cubic inches of air in 13 days. From a quantity of sugar undergoing

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undergoing the vinous fermentation, Mr Cavendish obtained so much fixed air, that out of 100 parts of the former 57 appeared to have been volatilized and converted into fixed air.

But though a vast quantity of fixed air escapes during this process of fermentation, a very considerable portion still remains united with the fermented liquor, and to this it owes all its briskness and agreeable pungent acidulous taste; for when the fixed air is totally evaporated, the liquor becomes entirely vapid and flat. Hence also we are furnished with a method of restoring the briskness of these liquors after they have lost it in consequence of being exposed to the atmosphere, viz. by impregnating them again with fixed air, either naturally or artificially produced.

Dr Priestley has made several experiments in order to determine the quantity of fixed air contained in several sorts of wine. His method was to take a glass phial (fitted with a ground stopple and tube), capable of containing  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ounce-measure. This he filled with wine, plunging it into a proper vessel of water. The whole was then put over the fire, and the water, into which the phial was plunged, suffered to boil. The end of the tube being placed under the mouth of an inverted receiver filled with quicksilver, the heat expelled the fixed air from the wine, which entering into the receiver, ascended in bubbles through the quicksilver to the top, pushing out part of the metal and taking its place. The result of his experiments was as follows:

$1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. measure of	{	Madeira	{ contained of pure fixed air }	} of an ounce mea- sure.
		Port of six years old		
		Hock of five years		
		Barrelled claret		
		Tokay of 16 years		
		Champagne of 2 years		
		Bottled cyder of 12 years		2 oz. measures.
				$3\frac{1}{2}$ ditto.

During the acetous fermentation also, liquors emit a vapour, great part of which is fixed air, though the nature of its other component parts has not yet been thoroughly ascertained.

Fixed air is likewise produced, though in no great quantity, by putrefaction. In this case, however, a great part of the elastic fluid consists of inflammable and phlogisticated air, and the fixed air itself seems to be intimately connected with a putrid offensive effluvi-um. It seemed to Dr Priestley to "depend in some measure upon the time and other circumstances in the dissolution of animal or vegetable substances, whether they yield the proper putrid effluvi-um, or fixed or inflammable air."

The elastic fluid produced by putrefying vegetables, when kept in a moderate degree of heat, is almost all fixed air; while that from animal substances contains several times more inflammable than fixed air. Vegetable substances yield almost all the permanently elastic fluid in a few days, but animal bodies continue to emit it for several weeks. When the elastic fluid yielded by animal substances is absorbed by water, and that water boiled, the fixed air may then be obtained without any mixture of the putrid effluvi-um. It is also to be observed, that the quantity of elastic fluid producible from animal substances is various according to the nature of the parts of the animal employed. Thus the muscular parts will yield less elastic fluid, and also

less mixed with any putrid or offensive effluvi-um, than a whole animal, or than the liver, &c. The proportion of inflammable and of fixed air is also various, according to the various parts employed.

(2.) *By heat.* In every combustion, except that of sulphur or of metals, a quantity of fixed air is generated. This may be observed by fixing a lighted candle in an inverted receiver over a basin of lime-water, for a precipitation of the lime will presently ensue; and the same precipitation (which is one of the characteristics of fixed air) will always ensue, whether a candle, a burning piece of wood, or, in short, any other combustible substance, except sulphur or metals, be made use of.

During this production or extrication of fixed from atmospherical air, the latter is commonly supposed to be considerably diminished, though Mr Lavoisier and Mr Scheele have now rendered that opinion doubtful. If a piece of charcoal be burned by throwing the focus of a lens upon it when contained in a glass-receiver inverted in water, after the apparatus is cooled, the water will have mounted a small way into the receiver. The diminution, however, is limited, and depends on several circumstances. Dr Hales has observed, that, in equal receivers, the air suffers a greater diminution by burning large candles than small ones; and likewise that, when equal candles are made use of, the diminution is greater in small than in large receivers. The cause of this phenomenon probably is, that the air contained in the receiver cannot all come into contact with the flame of the candle; whence, as soon as the air which is nearest the flame becomes contaminated, the candle is extinguished. Thus the author of a Concise Treatise on the Various Kinds of Permanently Elastic Fluids, has diminished the air of an inverted receiver one sixth part, by moving the candle whilst it burned through the different parts of the vessel, so that the flame was brought into contact with a greater quantity of the confined air than if it had remained in one situation till it became extinct. Dr Mayow observed, that by the burning of a candle the air was diminished of one thirtieth only; Dr Hales found it to be diminished of one twenty sixth part; and Dr Priestley found it to be diminished of one fifteenth or sixteenth. Mr Cavendish observed that air suffered a diminution of one tenth of the whole quantity, by passing through an iron-tube filled with red-hot powder of charcoal. A candle or any other combustible body, will cease to burn by itself, and consequently to contaminate a quantity of confined air much sooner than when it is in some manner forced to burn by the external application of heat. "The focus of a burning mirror," says Dr Priestley, "thrown for a sufficient time either upon brimstone or wood, after it has ceased to burn of its own accord, and has become charcoal, will have a much greater effect of the same kind, diminishing the air to its utmost extent, and making it thoroughly noxious." The combustion of the phosphorus of urine diminishes air in a great degree. Mr Lavoisier has observed, that by the combustion of phosphorus, air may be diminished of about one-fifth or one-sixth. This accurate philosopher has also observed, that the acid of phosphorus thus formed, acquires the weight lost by the diminishing air; finding that about three inches of air were absorbed by every

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Dr Hales remarked, that after the extinction of candles in a receiver, the air continued to diminish for several days after. This may be owing to the gradual absorption of part of it by the water; it having been remarked by Dr Priestley, "that this diminution of air by burning is not always immediately apparent, till the air has passed several times through water; and that when the experiment was made with vessels standing in quicksilver instead of water, the diminution was generally inconsiderable till the air had passed through water."

In these experiments of burning combustible bodies in a quantity of air, and measuring the diminution, we should always remark two causes of mistake, viz. the absorption of air by the coaly residuum of the burned matter, which sometimes is very considerable, or by the fluid in which the receiver is inverted, and the production of elastic fluid from the burning substances; thus gunpowder generates a great quantity of elastic fluid when inflamed, &c.

Even the electric spark separates fixed air from common atmospherical air; for when a number of these sparks are taken in a small quantity of common air over lime-water, a diminution will take place, the lime will be precipitated, and if we put a blue vegetable juice instead of the lime-water, it will be turned red by the acidity of the fixed air deposited upon it. Dr Priestley having cemented a wire into one end of a glass tube, the diameter of which was about one-tenth of an inch, and having fixed a brass ball to that extremity of the wire which was out of the tube, filled the lower part of it with the juice of turnsole or archil, so that a quantity of common air was contained in the tube between the extremity of the wire and the surface of the liquor. Then taking the electric sparks between the said wire and liquor for about one minute, the upper part of the liquor began to look red, and in about two minutes it was manifestly so. The air, at the same time, was diminished in proportion as the liquor became red; but when the diminution arrived to be one-fifth of the quantity of the air contained, then a longer electrization produced no sensible effect. "To determine," says the Doctor, "whether the cause of the change of colour was in the air or in the electric matter, I expanded the air which had been diminished in the tube by means of an air-pump, till it expelled all the liquor, and admitted fresh blue liquor in its place; but after that, electricity produced no sensible effect, either on the air or on the liquor; so that it was evident that the electric matter had decomposed the air, and had made it deposit something that was of an acid nature."

The calcination of metals, as already observed, phlogisticates, and consequently diminishes common air;

but does not produce any fixed air, since the lime-water, over which the calcination is made, does not become turbid; and when metallic calxes are exposed to a sufficiently strong heat, they in general yield some fixed air: so that it seems that the fixed air which is formed in the act of the calcination of metals is absorbed by the calx. Some fixed air may be obtained from red lead, by no greater degree of heat than that of the flame of a candle applied to the phial that contains it.

The calcareous earths, which, when acted on by acids, yield a vast quantity of fixed air, produce a very small quantity of it when exposed to a strong heat by themselves, in a proper vessel, even when exposed to the focus of a lens. Dr Priestley, in his experiments relating to the production of dephlogisticated air from various substances, when moistened with nitrous acid, and afterwards exposed to a sufficient degree of heat, generally found that some fixed air was produced together with the dephlogisticated air; but often obtained fixed air only, without any dephlogisticated air being mixed with it, or fixed and nitrous air together. From half an ounce of rust of iron, moistened with spirit of nitre, and dried, he obtained about a quart of elastic fluid; about one-third of which was fixed and the rest nitrous air. From ashes of pit-coal, treated in the same manner, he obtained nearly the like result. But in those experiments, the Doctor mostly used a gun-barrel, into which he introduced the substances to be tried; so that it is very probable, as he justly observes, that the iron might have contributed to the formation of the fixed air. In fact, when he tried substances of the same sort, first in a gun-barrel and then in glass vessels, he obtained much more fixed air in the former than in the latter case. One of those experiments he made with tobacco pipe-clay, which, after being moistened with spirit of nitre, was when dry exposed to the fire in a gun-barrel, and yielded some elastic fluid, which appeared to be wholly fixed air; but repeating the experiment in a glass-phial with a ground stopple, and taking the produced elastic fluid at eight different times, found that on the beginning some fixed air was produced, but afterwards the produce was dephlogisticated air. He made a similar experiment with flints carefully calcined in close vessels, and obtained a similar result.

Most minerals contain fixed air, which may be extracted to a certain degree by means of heat. Mr Krenger, distilling a greenish fusible spar, which was luminous in the dark, obtained from it some permanently elastic fluid, which, like fixed air, crystallized a solution of fixed alkali. Mr Fontana, in his analysis of the malachite, finds that that mineral contains a vast quantity of fixed air, as pure as that which is extracted from chalk by means of vitriolic acid.

From almost every metallic ore or earthy mineral some fixed air may be obtained, as well as from chalk, lime-stone, marble, marine shells, fixed and volatile alkali, and from magnesia alba, by means of a violent fire, or of acids.

In Mr Boyle's, Dr Boerhaave's, and Dr Hales's works, and in other books, the quantities of elastic fluid generated in various processes, and by divers substances, are mentioned with distinction; but as those writers were not acquainted with the characteristic properties of fixed air, we do not know whether the elastic fluid mentioned by them was pure fixed air or not.

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From animal substances, mixed with spirit of nitre, and sometimes heated a little, in order to facilitate the production of elastic fluid, Dr Priestley obtained, in general, fixed air; but whereas the fixed air produced by a similar process with vegetable substances is mostly mixed with nitrous air, this is mixed with an elastic fluid, which is seldom nitrous in a very slight degree, but is often phlogisticated air, viz. in such a state as extinguishes a candle, does not diminish common air, nor is itself diminished by nitrous air. Towards the end of the process, the Doctor remarks, "that when, by means of a strong heat, the produce of air is very rapid, and the air full of clouds, it is, like air, produced from vegetable substances in the same circumstances, slightly inflammable, burning with a lambent, greenish, or bluish flame.

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(3.) *By acids.* Calcareous substances in general produce abundance of fixed air when acted upon by any acid, only the strongest acids will expel from them more fixed air than the weakest; and it happens to be peculiarly advantageous for those who want to produce a great quantity of fixed air, that the vitriolic acid is both the cheapest and strongest acid, and, upon the whole, the fittest for this purpose. The phenomena attending the production of fixed air from calcareous substances, &c. are themselves very remarkable, and furnish the subject of much speculation in philosophy.—The principal facts are the following. 1. When calcareous earths, alkalis, and magnesia, in their usual state, are mixed with acids, they cause an effervescence; and consequently the production of a permanently elastic fluid, namely, fixed air. 2. These substances retain the fixed air very obstinately; so that a strong fire is necessary to expel it from magnesia, and the strongest is not sufficient to expel it entirely from fixed alkalis, and especially from calcareous earths (A). When these substances are treated with acids, they yield the fixed air, because they have a stronger attraction to those acids than to the fixed air. 3. The calcareous earths which are insoluble in water, when deprived of the fixed air, become soluble in it. Thus lime-stone is not soluble in water, but lime (viz. lime-stone deprived of its fixed air) is soluble in water. And if those substances, deprived of their fixed air, are put into a situation proper to recover their lost fixed air, they lose the property of being soluble in water. Thus, when lime-water is exposed to fixed air, the lime absorbs the fixed air; and, losing at the same time its property of being soluble in water, is precipitated from it in the state it was before calcination, viz. of a calcareous earth insoluble in water, and capable of effervescing with acids. 4. Alkalis, both fixed and volatile, when deprived of their fixed air, become more caustic, and more powerful solvents, incapable of crystallization, and of effervescing with acids. But if to those alkalis, and also earths rendered more caustic, their fixed air be restored, they acquire at once all the properties they had before they were deprived of the fixed air, viz. they become more mild, effervesce with acids, recover their weight, &c.

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Those properties of calcareous earths and alkalis were ascertained by the learned Dr Black, who performed a variety of decisive and well-contrived experiments, upon which he formed a just theory, viz. that the causticity, sharpness, solubility, &c. of those substances, was owing to the fixed air being expelled from them; and that when they were combined with a proper quantity of fixed air, they were mild, &c. The Doctor gives the epithet of *mild* to those substances when they are combined with air, and of *caustic* when deprived of it; as caustic calcareous earth, caustic fixed alkali, &c. Among the other experiments, he connected two phials by means of a bent tube; in one of which he put some caustic spirit of sal-ammoniac, and in the other some mild alkali, or mild calcareous earth; then pouring, through a hole made in the side of the latter phial, some acid upon the mild alkali, so as to produce some fixed air, which passing through the tube into the other phial, combined with the spirit of sal-ammoniac, and rendered it mild.

*Easy methods of obtaining Fixable Air for occasional Experiments, &c.*

(1.) *By Fermentation.* Mix together equal parts of brown sugar and good yeast of beer, to which add about twice the bulk of water. This mixture being put into a phial, to which a bent tube with a cork may be adapted, will yield a considerable quantity of fixed air, which may be received into a phial filled with quicksilver or water, as in the following process.

(2.) *By Acids.* Let a glass tube, open at both ends, be bent, by means of a blow-pipe and the flame of a candle, nearly in the shape of an S, as it is represented by AB, and fix a cork D to one of its extremities, so as to fit the neck of a common phial, that may hold about four or five ounce-measures. The hole through the cork may be made with an iron wire red-hot, and the tube may be fastened in it with a bit of soft wax, so as not to let any air go through. Fill a similar phial, or any glass receiver K, with water, and invert it after the manner shown above, in a basin HI, about half filled with water. Now put some chalk or marble, grossly powdered, into the bottle E, so as to fill about a fourth or fifth part of it, and upon it pour some water, just enough to cover the chalk; then add some oil of vitriol to it, which needs not be more than about the fourth or fifth part of the water. Immediately after, apply the cork D; with the tube AB, to the bottle, and putting it in the situation FG, let the extremity B of the tube pass through the water of the basin into the neck of the bottle K, which now must be kept up with the hand, or other convenient support, as it cannot rest upon the bottom of the basin. The mixture of chalk, &c. in the bottle FG, will immediately begin to effervesce, showing a frothing, and an intestine motion accompanied with heat, that may be felt by applying the hand to the outside of the fluid. The elastic fluid called *fixed air* is copiously emitted from this mixture, and passing through the bent tube, will go into the bottle K, as appears by the bubbles which come out of the tube, and, passing

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(A) Chalk, lime-stone, &c. after being kept in a very strong fire for many hours, if they are put into acids, yield a considerable quantity of fixed air; which shows that the purest quick-lime contains some fixed air.

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 sing through the water, ascend to the top of the inverted bottle. In proportion as the elastic fluid fills the bottle K, the water gradually descends, and at last is quite expelled from it; the bottle K then is filled with fixed air, and being corked under water, may be removed from the basin, and kept for use. Another bottle may then be filled with water, and may be inverted over the extremity of the bent tube in the place of K, which other bottle may be filled in a similar manner, and so on till the mixture in FG has finished to yield any fixed air.

If one of these bottles filled with fixed air be uncorked, and, holding it with the mouth upwards, a lighted wax taper, bent like L, or a small piece of it affixed to the extremity of a wire, be immediately let down in it, the flame will be instantly extinguished. The same thing will happen if a lighted piece of wood is let down in it.

Take a clean bowl, and putting the mouth of a bottle, filled with fixed air, in it, uncork it, and keep it in that situation for about a minute. The fixed air being specifically heavier than common air, will come out of the bottle, and will remain at the bottom of the bowl, whilst common air enters into the bottle; which bottle may now be removed; and, in order to show the real existence of the fixed air, which will immediately show its being heavier than common air, put a lighted wax-taper into the bowl, pretty near its bottom, which taper will be extinguished immediately. The air in this experiment must be agitated as little as it is possible. That the flame of the wax taper was really extinguished by the fixed air, may be easily proved in the following manner:—Blow once or twice into the bowl, by which means the fixed air will be expelled from it; and then, on letting down a lighted wax-taper in it as before, it will be found that it is no longer extinguished, but will burn very well, the bowl being now filled with common air. This experiment never fails of surprising the spectators, as it clearly exhibits two remarkable properties of a fluid, which they can neither see nor distinguish by the feeling.

When the bottle K is about half filled with fixed air, put a mark with a bit of soft wax on the outside of it, just coinciding with the level of the water in it, and immediately after shake the bottle; but taking care that its mouth be not lifted above the surface of the water in the basin. After having shaken it for about a minute, on intermitting the agitation, it will be found that the water is above the mark; which shows that some of the fixed air has been absorbed by it. Let this absorption be carried on as far as possible, by agitating the bottle repeatedly, and allowing time to let more fixed air be produced and enter into the bottle in proportion as the water absorbs it. Then apply the hand, or a finger, to the mouth of the bottle whilst under water; bring the bottle out, and turn it with the mouth upwards. The water then will be found to have acquired a pleasant acidulous taste. The water thus impregnated with fixed air changes the blue infusion of some vegetable substances into red; so that if a weak solution of heliotrope is mixed with it, or indeed if it is simply exposed to fixed air, the liquor acquires a reddish appearance. It also corrodes iron, and some other metals, much more easily than common water. But the greatest and most useful property of

this acidulated water, or water impregnated with fixed air, is its being a powerful antiseptic. As the most used mineral waters are medicinal principally on account of their being impregnated with fixed air, besides which they generally contain some small portion of metal or salt dissolved; they may be imitated by impregnating water with fixed air, and then adding that quantity of salt or of metal, that by analysis the original mineral waters are found to contain.

It is for its great property of hindering putrefaction, that fixed air by itself, or incorporated with various fluids, especially with water, and that vegetables, sugar, and other substances which abound with fixed air, are very powerful remedies in putrid diseases. Sir John Pringle supposes, with great probability, that the frequent use of sugar and fresh vegetables, which at this time make up a considerable part of the diet of the European nations, prevents those putrid diseases and plagues which formerly were rather frequent.—Dr Macbride, showing experimentally that fixed air is discharged by such substances as form our common food, ascribes the preservation of the body from putrefaction in a great measure to the fixed air, which in the ordinary process of digestion is disengaged from the aliment, and incorporates with the fluids of the body.

From the same property it may be also usefully applied to several oeconomic purposes. Mr Henry found, that fixed air can preserve fruit for a considerable time. He tried a bunch of Italian grapes, which being suspended in the middle part of Dr Nooth's apparatus, and being supplied with plentiful streams of fixed air every day, was preserved without any signs of decay for about one month longer than a similar bunch suspended in a decanter containing common air. Strawberries and cherries he also found to be preserved without decay some days longer in fixed than in common air. Indeed, fixed air preserves not only fruit, but resists putrefaction in general. Dr Macbride, in his elegant Essays on Medical and Philosophical Subjects, has published various experiments which demonstrate this property of fixed air. He found, that not only good meat was preserved incorrupt for a considerable time, when exposed to fixed air; but that the putrefaction of substances actually putrid was impeded by this means, and even that those substances were restored from the putrescent to a sound state. That putrefaction was checked by fermentation, was discovered by Sir John Pringle; and Dr Macbride observed, that this effect was owing to the fixed air produced in the act of fermentation. But it must be observed, that when the sound, or even putrid substances, expose a very great surface to the fixed air, as is the case with milk, bile, and other fluids impregnated with fixed air, and also with small bits of meat, then they are preserved for a considerable time: but large pieces of solid animal substances, as for instance roundish pieces of flesh of about half a pound weight, do not seem to remain incorrupt much longer in fixed than in common air; at least the difference is inconsiderable. Sir William Lee, baronet, in two of his letters to Dr Priestley, informs him of his having found, that flesh-meat, even in the hot season, could be preserved wholesome for several days, by only washing it two or three times a-day in water impregnated with fixed

Of Artificial fixed air. "We have been enabled," says he, "to preserve meat as perfectly sweet and good to the extent of ten days, as at the first killing; and there seems no doubt it might be preserved much longer." He has even recovered some meat that had begun to change. This useful discovery, Sir William justly observes, may be very beneficial to the public, especially to butchers. "Particularly a butcher," says he, "who deals pretty largely, assures me he found the greatest success from it, and only objects that the veal was a little discoloured, though kept perfectly sweet."

Fixed air, as it combines with water, so it may be combined with other liquors. Beer, wine, and other fermented liquors, may be impregnated with fixed air, and by this means their sharpness may be restored, when they are become vapid, or, as it is commonly said, *dead*. The acidulous taste communicated by the impregnation of fixed air, cannot be discovered in beer, wines, and, in short, in such liquors which have much taste of their own. Milk acquires an acidulous taste by being impregnated with fixed air, and is thereby preserved incorrupt for some days; which affords a very easy expedient of preserving milk in those places where it cannot be had new very often.

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§ 2. *To produce INFLAMMABLE Air.*—The process for making this sort of gas is the same as that for making fixed air: one of the materials only must be different, viz. iron-filings, or grossly powdered zinc, must be used instead of chalk; to which filings some oil of vitriol and water must be added, in the same proportion as in the fixed air, or rather a little more of oil of vitriol.

*N.B.* Instead of the filings of iron, small nails, or small bits of iron-wire, answer equally well.

The inflammable elastic fluid produced by this mixture has a displeasing smell, even when mixed with a very large quantity of common air; so that if any considerable quantity of it comes out of the bottle, before the cork with the bent tube be applied to it, &c. its smell may be perceived all over the room in which the experiment is made, but this smell is not particularly offensive.

When a bottle has been filled with this elastic fluid, stop the mouth of it with your thumb, or any stopper, and taking it out of the basin, bring it near the flame of a candle; and when the mouth of the bottle is very near it, remove the stopper, and the elastic fluid contained in the bottle will be immediately inflamed; and if the capacity of the bottle is nearly equal to four ounce-measures, it will continue burning quietly for about half a minute, the flame gradually descending lower and lower, as far as about the middle of the bottle, in proportion as the inflammable gas is consumed.

In this experiment we see, that inflammable air follows the general rule of all other combustible substances, namely, that of burning only when in contact with common air: thus the flame of this gas, whilst burning, is observable only on that surface of it which is contiguous to the common air; so that if the bottle be closed, the flame is put out immediately, because the air is intercepted from it. But if the inflammable air were put in such a situation as to expose a very great surface to the common air, it is plain that by

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this means its combustion would be accelerated, so as to let it burn instantly, and go off with an explosion, caused by the sudden rarefaction of the air. In fact, this effect may be easily observed in the following manner: When the bottle is to be inverted into the basin, in order to let it be filled with the inflammable gas, instead of filling it entirely with water, let half of it remain filled with common air; then invert it, and let the other half, which is now filled with water, be filled with inflammable air after the usual manner; and when the bottle is full, remove it in the manner shown above, and approach it to the flame of the candle, by which means the inflammable air takes fire; but now it explodes all at once with a large flame and a considerable report, sometimes breaking the bottle in which it is contained. In this case, the bottle being filled with equal parts of inflammable and common air, these two elastic fluids were mixed together, so that almost every particle of the one touched every particle of the other, and hence the sudden combustion was occasioned. The force of this explosion is so very considerable, that some pistols have been contrived, which are charged with a mixture of air and inflammable gas, and being fired by means of an electric spark, are capable of driving a leaden bullet with great violence. Sometimes these pistols are made of glass (but in this case they are not charged with a bullet), and it is very diverting to show that pistols are charged and explode by the combustion of an invisible substance.

When a slender pipe is tied to the neck of a bladder, and the bladder is filled with inflammable air, after the manner described in the preceding experiment (viz. when the bladder was required to be filled with fixed air), two very pleasing experiments may be performed with it. First, the inflammable gas may be inflamed by applying the flame of the candle to the extremity of the pipe; and squeezing at the same time the bladder, a stream of fire will be formed in the air, which will last as long as the bladder contains any inflammable air; for this gas coming out of the pipe with violence, will continue inflamed for a considerable way in the air. Secondly, the extremity of the pipe may be dipped into a solution of soap, then removing it from the solution, and squeezing the bladder very gently, a ball of soap-water may be formed, including inflammable air: which ball, on account of the inflammable gas being much lighter than common air, as soon as it is detached from the pipe will ascend upwards, and will break by dashing against the ceiling, contrary to those commonly made by children, which in still air go downwards.—Whilst the ball is ascending, if the flame of the candle be approached to it, the film of soap-water will be instantly broke, and the inflammable air will take fire; thus a flame may be shown to be seemingly produced from a soap-ball.

By taking electric sparks in any kind of oil, spirit of wine, ether, or spirit of sal-ammoniac, Dr Priestley obtained inflammable air. The oil, or other liquor, was confined in a glass tube by quicksilver, and a wire was cemented in the upper part of the tube, through which the sparks being sent, went to the quicksilver through the oil; but after that a few sparks had been taken, a quantity of inflammable air was generated, &c. Left the production of inflammable air should be attributed to the cement which fastened the

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Alkaline air, by taking electric explosions in it, is changed into inflammable air.

By means of acids, inflammable air is obtained in greater abundance, and more readily. Iron, zinc, or tin, yield plenty of inflammable air when acted on by diluted vitriolic or marine acids.

If iron is put into strong vitriolic acid, the quantity of elastic fluid that is produced is very little, except heat be applied to the phial, for then the production of elastic fluid is more copious; but this elastic fluid is vitriolic acid air, mixed with a small portion of inflammable air, the proportional quantity of it being less when the acid is more concentrated.

Zinc, treated after the same manner, produces the like effects, except that it gives more elastic fluid, without the application of heat, than iron does; and the greatest part of the produced elastic fluid is inflammable.

In order to obtain the greatest quantity of inflammable air from iron or zinc, the vitriolic acid must be diluted with much water, as about one part of strong oil of vitriol to five or six parts of water. Dr Priestley found, that 11 grains of iron yielded  $8\frac{1}{4}$  ounce-measures of inflammable air. According to Mr Cavendish, one ounce of zinc, dissolved either in the vitriolic or marine acid, yields a quantity of inflammable air equal to the bulk of 356 ounces of water; one ounce of iron, dissolved by means of vitriolic acid, yields a quantity of inflammable air equal to the bulk of 412 ounces of water; and one ounce of tin yields half as much inflammable air as iron does.

The solutions of iron, tin, copper, lead, and zinc, in the marine acid, produce marine acid air, and inflammable air, but in various quantities. The proportion of the former to the latter is as one to eight in iron, as one to six in tin, as three to one in copper and lead, and as one to ten in zinc. Regulus of antimony, dissolved in marine acid, with the application of heat, yields a small quantity of elastic fluid, which is weakly inflammable.

Dr Priestley obtained inflammable air, not only by dissolving various substances in marine acid, but also by exposing divers bodies to marine acid air, which is probably the purest part of the marine acid. Having admitted iron filings to this acid air, they were dissolved by it pretty fast; half of the elastic fluid disappeared, and the rest was rendered unabsorbable by water, and inflammable. The same effect was produced by almost every substance which contains phlogiston, as by spirit of wine, oil of olives, spirit of turpentine, charcoal, phosphorus, bees-wax, sulphur, dry cork-wood, pieces of oak, ivory, pieces of roasted beef, and even some pieces of a whitish kind of flint.

A greater or smaller portion of the acid air was absorbed, and the rest sometimes was all inflammable, and often was partly acid air, which was soon absorbed on the admission of water, and partly inflammable. In short, it seems as if this acid air, having a great affinity with phlogiston, separates it from all those substances which contain it even in small quantity, and from that combination becomes inflammable.

By means of nitrous acid, inflammable air may be obtained from various substances containing phlogiston; but it is always mixed with nitrous air, and sometimes also with fixed and common or phlogisticated air. If two parts of spirit of wine, mixed with one part of nitrous acid, are put into a phial with a ground-stopper and tube, and the flame of a candle be applied to it, so as to heat it gradually, the inflammable air will be produced very readily; the inflammability of which is, however, not very permanent, for by a little washing in water it may be annihilated. In the solution of most substances in nitrous acid, it generally happens, that the elastic fluid, which is obtained towards the latter end of the process, possesses the property of being inflammable: thus iron, dissolved in nitrous acid, yields nitrous air; but when the nitrous air ceases to be produced, if the heat of a candle be applied to the solution, more elastic fluid will be produced which is inflammable. "The nitrous acid (says Dr Ingenhousz) when mixed with iron-filings in a very diluted state, gives, by the assistance of a moderate degree of heat, a mixture of different airs, partly fixed, partly common air, and partly phlogisticated air. See further the article AEROSTATION.

§ 3. *To produce Nitrous Air.*—This permanently elastic fluid is never found naturally, like fixed or inflammable air, but is entirely artificial.

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 Either silver, copper, brass, iron, mercury, bismuth, or nickel, when mixed with nitrous acid, yield nitrous air in great quantities. Some of them, especially mercury, require the aid of heat in order to produce the elastic fluid; the flame of a candle applied to the phial is sufficient: but others, especially copper and iron, do not want the application of any heat. Gold, platinum, and the regulus of antimony, when put in aqua regia, yield nitrous air pretty readily. Among the metals, lead yields nitrous air in the smallest quantity. "I poured (says Dr Priestley) smoking spirit of nitre into a phial with a ground-stopper and tube, containing  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ounce-measure filled with small leaden shot, so as to leave no common air at all, either in the phial or in the tube; and I placed it so as to receive the air that might come from it in water. After waiting an hour, in which little or no air was produced, I applied the flame of a candle, though not very near, to it: and in these circumstances I got about an ounce-measure of air; but upon some water rushing into the phial while the candle was withdrawn, air was produced very plentifully. I collected in all about a quarter of a pint; and might probably have got much more, but that the salt formed by the solution of the lead had so nearly closed up the tube, that I thought proper to discontinue the process. The air, both of the first and of the last produce, was of the same quantity; and so far nitrous, that two measures of common air, and one of this, occupied the space of two measures only; excepting that the very first and very last produce, mixed with common air, took up a little more room than that which I got in the middle of the process. When the air was produced very fast, it was exceedingly turbid; as if it had been filled with a white powder."

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 Among the semi-metals, zinc gives the weakest nitrous air, when dissolved in nitrous acid. The elastic fluid

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Nitrous air is entirely artificial.

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The quantity of nitrous air that may be obtained from various metals, is difficult to be ascertained, on account of the diversity occasioned by the strength of the acid, the various nature of the metallic substance, and the method of performing the experiments. The following is a table of the produce of nitrous air from various metals, extracted from Dr Priestley's first volume of Experiments and Observations; but which, as the author himself intimates, is far from being very accurate.

dwt.	grs.		
6	0	of silver yielded	17 $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce-measures.
5	19	of quicksilver,	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	of copper,	14 $\frac{1}{2}$
2	0	of brass,	21
0	20	of iron,	
1	5	of bismuth,	6
0	12	of nickel,	4

The various strength of the nitrous acid produces great diversity in the production of nitrous air. Thus, if copper is dissolved in strong nitrous acid, it will not produce the least quantity of nitrous air; but when dissolved in diluted nitrous acid, it produces a great quantity of that elastic fluid. The strong and pale-coloured nitrous acid should be diluted with at least two or three parts of water to one of the acid, for the easy production of nitrous air from copper and mercury.

The briskness of the effervescence, and the production of nitrous air, are promoted by heat, and also by letting the metallic substance, present a great quantity of surface to the acids.

For the generality of experiments, no other degree of heat is required than that produced by the effervescence itself, except mercury be used, which requires the application of some heat. When the metal exhibits a very great surface to the acid, as is the case when filings are used, the effervescence and production of nitrous air are often much quicker than can be conveniently managed.

Copper or brass, when clipped into flat bits, each about two or three grains in weight, and about a quarter of a square inch in surface, and when dissolved in nitrous acid properly diluted, yield nitrous air very equably; but if iron be used, the pieces of it should be larger and fewer; in short, it should present a much less surface to the diluted acid; otherwise the increase of heat in the process, and the rapid production of

elastic fluid, render the operation both difficult and dangerous for the operator.

As the nitrous air is mostly necessary to try the goodness of respirable air, it is of great consequence to make it always of one constant degree of goodness; but this object is answered, by dissolving substances of a very homologous nature in the nitrous acid; therefore it is plain, that the metals whose nature is more uniform must be preferred for this purpose. Accordingly, brass yields nitrous air of a more uniform nature than iron: copper is superior to brass; but pure mercury is still superior to copper: and indeed this is the metal which, considering its nature, uniformity of substance, and easy solution, is upon the whole the most useful for this purpose.

It has been generally observed, that solid vegetable substances, when dissolved in nitrous acid, yield more nitrous air than the animal substances, though this nitrous air is not so pure as that obtained from metals.

Sometimes it contains some fixed air, and a good deal of inflammable air, which is mostly produced towards the end of the process. On the other hand, the nitrous air extracted from animal-substances generally contains a good deal of phlogisticated air, and sometimes some fixed air. In order to obtain nitrous air from the solution of animal and vegetable substances in nitrous acid, often some degree of heat must be applied to the phial. The acid also sometimes must be very concentrated, and in other cases it must be diluted; but it is hardly worth while, or practicable, to determine with exactness all those particular cases.

*To make Nitrous Air.*—The metal, viz. copper, brass, or mercury, is first put into the bottle (which as well as the whole process, is the same as that described for *fixed Air*), so as to fill about one-third of the same; then some water is poured into the bottle, so as just to cover the metal filings; and lastly, the nitrous acid is added, the quantity of which, when strong, should be about one-third or half the quantity of the water. The smell of the nitrous gas is very penetrating and offensive, and occasions a red smog as soon as it comes into contact with the common air; hence, whenever any of it escapes from the bottle, it may be observed not only by the smell, but also by the slight red colour.

In order to observe the principal property of this elastic fluid, which is that of diminishing the bulk of common air, let a glass tube, closed at one end, and about nine inches long, and half or three quarters of an inch in diameter, be filled with water, and inverted in water; then take a small phial, of about half an ounce-measure, filled with common air, and plunging it under the water contained in the same basin where the inverted tube is kept, let that quantity of air enter into the tube, which will go to the top of it, the water subsiding accordingly. Let a mark be made, either with a file or by sticking soft wax on the tube, just opposite to the surface of the water in it, which will mark how much of the tube is filled by that given measure of air. After the same manner, fill the same small phial (which we shall call the *measure*) again with air; throw that air into the tube, and put a mark on the tube coinciding with the level of the water in it. In this manner let four or five measures be marked on the tube. Now, if three measures of common air are

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§ 4. *To procure DEPHLOGISTICATED Air.*—This is no other than exceedingly pure atmospherical air, entirely free from those heterogeneous vapours which contaminate the air we commonly breathe. The easiest method of procuring this air is to put some red-lead into the bottle, together with some good strong oil of vitriol, but without any water. Let the red-lead fill about a quarter of the bottle, and the vitriolic acid be about the same quantity or very little less; then apply the bent tube to the bottle and proceed in the same manner as above. But it must be remarked, that without heat this mixture of red-lead and vitriolic acid will not give any dephlogisticated air, or it yields an inconsiderable quantity of it; for which reason the flame of a candle (that of a wax taper is sufficient) must be applied under the bottom of the bottle; which for this purpose must be rather thin, otherwise it will be easily cracked (A). In this manner the red-lead will yield a good quantity of elastic fluid, the greatest part of which is dephlogisticated air; but not the whole quantity of it, for a good portion of fixed air comes out with it. In order to separate the fixed air from the dephlogisticated air, the inverted bottle, when filled with the compound of both, as it is emitted from the red-lead, must be shook in the basin for impregnating water with fixed air; by which means the water will absorb the whole quantity of fixed air, and leave the dephlogisticated air by itself.

From every experiment it appears, that dephlogisticated air, if it could readily be obtained, and at a cheap rate, would be a most valuable manufacture. The heat communicated by means of it to burning fuel is incredible.

These are not the only advantages which might be expected from dephlogisticated air. It has been found by experience, that animals will live much longer in this kind of air than in an equal quantity of common air; whence it is supposed, that the breathing of it must be much more healthy, and contribute to longevity much more than the common atmosphere. Nay, there are not wanting some who attribute the longevity of

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the Antediluvians to the great purity of the atmosphere at that time; the whole mass being afterwards tainted by the deluge, in such a manner that it could never regain its former purity and salubrity. But all this as yet is mere conjecture; and excepting the single fact, that animals live much longer in a quantity of dephlogisticated than of common air, there is no evidence that the former contributes more to longevity than the latter. Dr Priestley even throws out a conjecture, that the use of dephlogisticated air might perhaps wear out the system much sooner than common air, in the same manner as it consumes fuel much faster than common air. The great quantity, however, even of the purest air, which is requisite to support animal life, and the expence and trouble of the most ready methods of procuring it, have hitherto prevented any fair trial from being made. Yet philosophers, considering the probability there is of this kind of air being salutary in many diseases, have bestowed some pains in attempting to find out methods of procuring it easily and in large quantity; concerning which we have the following observations in Cavallo's Treatise on Air.

“A man makes in general about 15 inspirations in a minute, and takes in about 30 cubic inches of aerial fluid. But the air which has been once inspired is not thereby much injured, and it may be respired again and again; so that, upon a very moderate calculation, and as appears from actual experiments often repeated, we may safely assert, that a person can breathe 400 cubic inches of good ordinary atmospheric air, at least 30 times, without any inconvenience, i. e. it would serve for two minutes; after which that air, though much depraved, is still in a state of being breathed, but then it would occasion some uneasiness. Now, supposing the dephlogisticated air employed to be four times more pure than common air, 400 cubic inches of dephlogisticated air would serve for at least 120 respirations, or eight minutes.

“But supposing that 30 inches of common air are completely phlogisticated by a single inspiration, and changed for such as is quite fresh, which indeed is the case in common respiration, then 450 cubic inches of common air will be requisite for one minute's respiration, and 27,000 for one hour; and as dephlogisticated air is supposed to be four times as good, the same quantity of it will serve for four hours. Indeed, if we could depend on the assertions of Mr Fontana, that by adding lime-water to absorb the fixed air produced by respiration, an animal can live 30 times as long as without it, no doubt a much smaller quantity would serve.”

But it is certain such assertions cannot be true; because, though the fixed air should be absorbed as soon as produced, the remaining quantity would still be contaminated by phlogiston. Nay, we are informed by Dr Priestley, who repeated Fontana's experiments,

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(A) In this operation the flame of the candle when once applied, must be kept continually near it; and when the mixture does not produce any more elastic fluid, or the operation is required to be intermitted, care should be taken to remove the extremity of the bent tube from the water first, and then to take off the flame of the candle from under the bottle; otherwise, if the flame of the candle be first removed, the materials within the bottle condensing by cold, the water immediately enters, which in an instant fills the bottle, and generally breaks it.

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that animals *will not* live longer in a quantity of dephlogisticated air when it stands in contact with lime-water, than they will when no lime-water is used. In what manner a difference so enormous can take place, between philosophers in other respects so accurate, we can by no means determine. It is plain, however, that if 27,000 inches of common air are necessary for a person in one hour, the same quantity of dephlogisticated air cannot be breathed longer than four hours, nor even so long with any real advantage. Mr Cavallo indeed allows only 12000 inches for four hours; but though this might no doubt sustain life for that time, the person must at best expect nothing from it superior to the common atmosphere, if he was not materially injured by it.

A very ready method of procuring dephlogisticated air in large quantity, is by means of nitre; and on the supposition that 12,000 inches are sufficient for four hours, (or for 40 hours, as he limits the Abbé Fontana's supposition), Mr Cavallo proceeds in the following manner; "The instruments necessary for the production of dephlogisticated air from nitre are the following; viz. earthen retorts, or earthen vessels with a straight neck, somewhat in the shape of Florence flasks, but with a longer neck, these being cheaper than the retorts, and answering as well;—a small furnace, in which the earthen retort must be kept red-hot; a common chimney-fire is not sufficient. These furnaces may be very easily made out of large black lead crucibles. The nitre must be put into the retort or other vessel, so as to fill half or nearly three quarters of its belly; then a bent glass tube is luted to the neck of the earthen vessel, in such a manner as not to let any elastic fluid escape into the open air. The best lute or cement for this or similar purposes is made by mixing together whiting and drying oil. The retort being put into the furnace, must be surrounded with lighted charcoal, which is to be supplied according as it wastes: in short, the belly of the retort must be kept quite red-hot, or rather white-hot, for about three hours at least. If, instead of the retort, the other described earthen vessel be used, care should be had to place it with the neck as little inclined to the horizon as possible, lest the nitre should stop the neck and break it." The air is then to be received into large glass jars, as is usual in other experiments on air.

"The retort or other earthen vessel that is used for this purpose cannot serve for more than once, because it generally breaks in cooling; and besides, the decomposed nitre cannot be easily taken out of it. The retort capable of holding a pound of nitre (the quantity necessary for producing 12,000 cubic inches of dephlogisticated air) for this operation, costs at least half-a-crown; the other earthen vessels in the shape of Florence flasks, but with longer necks, cost about 18d. a-piece, or 2s.; so that the price of these vessels forms a considerable part of the expence. If glass vessels are employed, the nitre will not yield near so much air, though of a purer sort, because the glass vessels cannot endure such a great fire as the earthen ones. The retorts of metal, or at least of those metals which are most usually employed for this purpose, viz. iron and copper, phlogisticate in a great measure the air as soon as produced. Considering, then, all these circumstances, it appears, that when a person has all the

usual apparatus and furnace, the expences at present necessary in London for the production of 12,000 cubic inches of dephlogisticated air, (viz. the price of one pound of nitre, of an earthen retort or other vessel, and of charcoal), amount to about 4s. or 4s. 6d.

Another method of preparing dephlogisticated air is, by blowing that of the common atmosphere through melted nitre. In this process the phlogiston contained in the atmosphere is gradually consumed, by detonating with the acid of the nitre, and therefore issues much more pure than before. This method has the appearance at first of being much easier and more commodious than the former; but as it is impossible to mix the atmospheric air so exactly with the melted nitre that every particle of the one may come in contact with every particle of the other, it is plain that the former method must be preferable; not to mention that it will be found exceedingly troublesome to blow the air thro' the nitre, as the latter will be perpetually apt to cool and concreate into lumps by the cold blast.

§ 5. *To procure VITRIOLIC Acid Air.*—This consists of the vitriolic acid, united with some phlogiston, which volatilizes and renders it capable of assuming the form of a permanently elastic fluid. To obtain it, some strong concentrated vitriolic acid must be put into the usual bottle, together with some substance capable of furnishing phlogiston. Olive oil answers very well. The oil of vitriol should be about three or four times as much as the sweet oil, and both together should fill about one-third or half the bottle. A gentle degree of heat is then required, in order to let these materials yield any elastic fluid; which may be done by applying the flame of a wax taper, as directed above for the production of dephlogisticated air.

§ 6. *To procure MARINE Acid Air*, which is no other than the marine acid itself, and which without any addition becomes a permanently elastic fluid; put some sea-salt, or common kitchen salt, into the usual bottle in which the materials for producing elastic fluids are generally put, so as to fill about a fourth part of it, and upon this salt pour a small quantity of good concentrated vitriolic acid: then apply the bent tube to the bottle, and introduce it through the quicksilver into the receiver, filled with and inverted in quicksilver after the usual method, and the elastic fluid is copiously produced.

§ 7. *To procure NITROUS Acid Air.*—This may be obtained from heated nitrous acid, the vapour of which acquires a permanent elasticity, and it has been found to remain uncondensed into a visible fluid by any cold to which it has been hitherto exposed. The great difficulty is to find a fluid capable of confining this acid air; because it is easily and abundantly absorbed by water, which is one of its properties by which it differs from nitrous air. It acts upon quicksilver, and also upon oils: hence its examination cannot be made but very imperfectly; for substances must be exposed to it, or mixed with it, whilst it is actually changing its nature by acting on the mercury or other fluid that confines it.

When water has absorbed a good quantity of this elastic fluid, it acquires the properties of nitrous acid; and when heated, it yields a large quantity of nitrous air.

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When the nitrous acid air is combined with essential oils, a considerable effervescence and heat are produced, nearly in the same manner as when the nitrous acid itself is poured upon those oils.

§ 8. *FLUOR Acid Air.*—Put some of those minerals called *fluors*, or *fusible spars*, pulverized, into the usual bottle, and upon it pour some concentrated oil of vitriol; then adapt the bent tube, &c. The fluor acid

air is at first produced without the help of heat; but in a short time it will be necessary to apply the flame of a candle to the bottle, by which means a considerable quantity of this elastic fluid is obtained.

§ 9. *ALKALINE Air.*—Let the usual bottle be about half filled with volatile spirit of sal-ammoniac; and after applying the bent tube, &c. let the flame of a candle be brought under the bottle, by which means the alkaline air will be produced copiously.

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## A E R

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**AEROMANCY**, a species of divination performed by means of air, wind, &c. See DIVINATION, n° 5.

**AEROMETRY**, the science of measuring the air. It comprehends not only the doctrine of the air itself, considered as a fluid body; but also its pressure, elasticity, rarefaction, and condensation. But the term is at present not much in use, this branch of natural philosophy being more frequently called Pneumatics. See PNEUMATICS.

**AERONAUT**, a person who attends and guides an air-balloon. See AEROSTATION and AIR-Balloon.

**AERONAUTICA**, from *αἴρ* and *ναυτικός*, derived from *ναύς*, ship; the art of sailing in a vessel or machine

through the atmosphere, sustained as a ship in the sea. See AEROSTATION. **Aerophylacea.**

**AEROPHYLACEA**, a term used by naturalists for caverns or reservoirs of air, supposed to exist in the bowels of the earth. Kircher speaks much of aerophylacea, or huge caverns, replete with air, disposed under ground; from whence, through numerous occult passages, that element is conveyed either to subterraneous receptacles of water, which, according to him, are hereby raised into springs or rivers, or into the funds of subterraneous fire, which are hereby fed and kept alive for the reparation of metals, minerals, and the like.

## AEROSTATION.

## A E R O S T A T I O N

**I**S a science newly introduced into the Encyclopædia. The word, in its primitive sense, denotes the science of suspending weights in the air; but in its modern acceptation, it signifies *aerial navigation*, or the art of navigating through the atmosphere. Hence also the machines which are employed for this purpose are called *aerostats*, or *aerostatic machines*; and from their globular shape, *air-balloons*.

The romances of almost every nation have recorded instances of persons being carried through the air, both by the agency of spirits and by mechanical inventions; but till the time of the celebrated Lord Bacon, no rational principle appears ever to have been thought of by which this might be accomplished. Before that time, indeed, Friar Bacon had written upon the subject; and many had been of opinion, that, by means of artificial wings, fixed to the arms or legs, a man might fly as well as a bird: but these opinions were thoroughly refuted by Borelli in his treatise *De Motu Animalium*, where, from a comparison between the power of the muscles which move the wings of a bird, and those which move the arms of a man, he demonstrates that the latter are utterly insufficient to strike the air with such force as to raise him from the ground. It cannot be denied, however, that wings of this kind, if properly constructed, and dextrously managed, might be sufficient to break the fall of a human body from an high place, so that some adventurers in this way might possibly come off with safety; though by far the greatest number of those who have rashly adopted such schemes, have either lost their lives or limbs in the attempt.

In the year 1672, Bishop Wilkins published a treatise, intitled, *The Discovery of the New World*; in which he mentions, though in a very indistinct and confused manner, the true principle on which the air is navigable; quoting, from Albertus de Saxonia and Francis Mendoca, "that the air is in some part of it navigable: and upon this static principle, any brass or iron vessel (suppose a kettle), whose substance is much heavier than that of water, yet being filled with the lighter air, it will swim upon it and not sink. So suppose a cup or wooden vessel upon the outward borders of this elementary air, the capacity of it being filled with fire, or rather ethereal air, it must necessarily, upon the same ground, remain swimming there, and of itself can no more fall than an empty ship can sink." This idea, however, he did not by any means pursue, but rested his hopes entirely upon mechanical motions, to be accomplished by the mere strength of a man, or by springs, &c. and which have been demonstrated incapable of answering any useful purpose.

The only person who brought his scheme of flying to any kind of rational principle was the Jesuit Francis Lana, cotemporary with Bishop Wilkins. He, being acquainted with the real weight of the atmosphere, justly concluded, that if a globular vessel were exhausted of air, it would weigh less than before; and confi-

dering that the solid contents of vessels increase in much greater proportion than their surfaces; he supposed that a metalline vessel might be made so large, that, when emptied of its air, it would be able not only to raise itself in the atmosphere, but to carry up passengers along with it; and he made a number of calculations necessary for putting the project in execution. But though the theory was here unexceptionable, the means proposed were certainly insufficient to accomplish the end; for a vessel of copper, made so thin as was necessary to make it float in the atmosphere, would be utterly unable to resist the external pressure; which being demonstrated by those skilled in mechanics, no attempt was made on that principle.

In the year 1709, however, as we are informed by a letter published in France in 1784, a Portuguese projector, Friar Gusman, applied to the king for encouragement to his invention of a flying machine. The principle on which this was constructed, if indeed it had any principle, seems to have been that of the paper kite. The machine was constructed in form of a bird, and contained several tubes through which the wind was to pass, in order to fill a kind of sails, which were to elevate it; and when the wind was deficient, the same effect was to be performed by means of bellows concealed within the body of the machine. The ascent was also to be promoted by the electric attraction of pieces of amber placed in the top, and by two spheres inclosing magnets in the same situation.

These childish inventions show the low state of science at that time in Portugal, especially as the king, in order to encourage him to farther exertions in such an useful invention, granted him the first vacant place in his college of Barcelos or Santarem, with the first professorship in the University of Coimbra, and an annual pension of 600,000 reis during his life. Of this De Gusman, it is also related, that in the year 1736, he made a wicker basket of about seven or eight feet diameter, and covered with paper, which raised itself about 200 feet in the air, and the effect was generally attributed to witchcraft.

In the year 1766, Mr Henry Cavendish ascertained the weight and other properties of inflammable air, determining it to be at least seven times lighter than common air. Soon after which, it occurred to Dr Black, that perhaps a thin bag filled with inflammable air might be buoyed up by the common atmosphere; and he thought of having the allantois of a calf prepared for this purpose: but his other avocations prevented him from prosecuting the experiment. The same thought occurred some years afterwards to Mr Cavallo; and he has the honour of being the first who made experiments on the subject. He first tried bladders; but the thinnest of these, however well scraped and prepared, were found too heavy. He then tried Chinese paper; but that proved so permeable, that the vapour passed through it like water through a sieve. His experiments, therefore, made in the year 1782, proceeded

1  
Lord Bacon first published the true principles of aerostation.

2  
Impossibility of flying by mechanical means

3  
Scheme of Bishop Wilkins and Albertus de Saxonia.

4  
Bishop Lana's scheme

5  
Strange proposal of Friar Gusman.

6  
Possibility of bodies rising in the air thought of by Dr Black and Mr Cavallo.

ed no farther than blowing up soap-bubbles with inflammable air, which ascended rapidly to the ceiling, and broke against it.

<sup>7</sup> **Aerostation discovered by Montgolfier.** But while the discovery of the art of aerostation seemed thus on the point of being made in Britain, it was all at once announced in France, and that from a quarter whence nothing of the kind was to have been expected. Two brothers, Stephen and John Montgolfier, natives of Annonay, and masters of a considerable paper-manufactory there, had turned their thoughts towards this project as early as the middle of the year 1782. The idea was first suggested by the natural ascent of the smoke and clouds in the atmosphere; and their design was to form an artificial cloud, by inclosing the smoke in a bag, and making it carry up the covering along with it. Towards the middle of November that year, the experiment was made at Avignon with a fine silk bag of a paralleloiped shape. By applying burning paper to the lower aperture, the air was rarefied, and the bag ascended in the atmosphere, and struck rapidly against the ceiling. On repeating the experiment in the open air, it rose to the height of about 70 feet.

<sup>8</sup> **Account of his experiments.**

An experiment on a more enlarged scale was now projected; and a new machine, containing about 650 cubic feet, was made, which broke the cords that confined it, and rose to the height of about 600 feet. Another of 35 feet in diameter rose about 1000 feet high, and fell to the ground three quarters of a mile from the place where it ascended. A public exhibition was next made on the 5th of June 1783, at Annonay, where a vast number of spectators assembled. An immense bag of linen, lined with paper, and containing upwards of 23,000 cubic feet, was found to have a power of lifting about 500 pounds, including its own weight. The operation was begun by burning chopped straw and wool under the aperture of the machine, which immediately began to swell; and after being set at liberty, ascended into the atmosphere. In ten minutes it had ascended 6000 feet; and when its force was exhausted, it fell to the ground at the distance of 7668 feet from the place from whence it set out.

Soon after this, one of the brothers arrived at Paris, where he was invited by the Academy of Sciences to repeat his experiments at their expence. In consequence of this invitation, he constructed, in a garden in the Fauxbourg of St Germain, a large balloon of an elliptical form. In a preliminary experiment, this machine lifted up from the ground eight persons who held it, and would have carried them all off if more had not quickly come to their assistance. Next day the experiment was repeated in presence of the members of the academy; the machine was filled by the combustion of 50 pounds of straw made up in small bundles, upon which about 12 pounds of chopped wool were thrown at intervals. The usual success attended this exhibition: The machine soon swelled; endeavoured to ascend, and immediately after sustained itself in the air, together with the charge of between 4 and 500 pounds weight. It was evident that it would have ascended to a greater height; but as it was designed to repeat the experiment before the king and royal family at Versailles, the cords by which it was tied down were not cut. But in consequence of a violent rain and wind which happened at this time, the machine was

so far damaged, that it became necessary to prepare a new one for the time that it had been determined to honour the experiment with the royal presence; and such expedition was used, that this vast machine, of near 60 feet in height and 43 in diameter, was made, painted with water-colours both within and without, and finely decorated, in no more than four days and four nights. Along with this machine was sent a wicker cage, containing a sheep, a cock, and a duck, which were the first animals ever sent through the atmosphere. The full success of the experiment was prevented by a violent gust of wind which tore the cloth in two places near the top before it ascended: However, it rose to the height of 1440 feet; and, after remaining in the air about eight minutes, fell to the ground at the distance of 10,200 feet from the place of its setting out. The animals were not in the least hurt.

<sup>9</sup> **Some animals safely sent thro' the air.**

The great power of these aerostatic machines, and their very gradual descent in falling to the ground, had originally showed that they were capable of transporting people through the air with all imaginable safety; and this was further confirmed by the experiment already mentioned. As Mr Montgolfier, therefore, proposed to make a new aerostatic machine of a firmer and better construction than the former, Mr Pilatre de Rozier offered himself to be the first aerial adventurer.

<sup>10</sup> **Mr Pilatre de Rozier the first aerial navigator.**

This new machine was constructed in a garden in the Fauxbourg of St Antoine. It was of an oval shape, about 48 feet in diameter and 74 in height; elegantly painted on the outside with the signs of the zodiac, cyphers of the king's name, and other ornaments. A proper gallery, grate, &c. were appended in the manner afterwards described; so that it was easy for the person who ascended to supply the fire with fuel, and thus keep up the machine as long as he pleased. The weight of the whole apparatus was upwards of 1600 pounds. The experiment was performed on the 15th of October 1783. Mr Pilatre having placed himself in the gallery, the machine was inflated, and permitted to ascend to the height of 84 feet, where he kept it afloat for about four minutes and a half; after which it descended very gently; and such was its tendency to ascend, that it rebounded to a considerable height after touching the ground. Two days after, he repeated the experiment with the same success as before; but the wind being strong, the machine did not sustain itself so well as formerly. On repeating the experiment in calmer weather, he ascended to the height of 210 feet. His next ascent was 262 feet; and in the descent, a gust of wind having blown the machine over some large trees of an adjoining garden, Mr Pilatre suddenly extricated himself from so dangerous a situation, by throwing some straw and chopped wool on the fire, which raised him at once to a sufficient height. On descending again, he once more raised himself to a proper height by throwing straw on the fire. Some time after, he ascended in company with Mr Girond de Villette to the height of 330 feet; hovering over Paris at least nine minutes in sight of all the inhabitants, and the machine keeping all the while perfectly steady.

<sup>11</sup> **Account of his different voyages.**

These experiments had shown, that the aerostatic machines might be raised or lowered at the pleasure of the:

the persons who ascended; they had likewise discovered, that the keeping them fast with ropes was no advantage; but, on the contrary, that this was attended with inconvenience and hazard. On the 21st of November 1783, therefore, Mr Pilatre determined to undertake an aerial voyage in which the machine should be fully set at liberty. Every thing being got in readiness, the balloon was filled in a few minutes; and Mr Pilatre placed himself in the gallery, counterpoised by the Marquis d'Arlandes, who occupied the other side. It was intended to make some preliminary experiments on the ascending power of the machine: but the violence of the wind prevented this from being done, and even damaged the balloon essentially; so that it would have been entirely destroyed had not timely assistance been given. The extraordinary exertions of the workmen, however, repaired it again in two hours, and the adventurers set out. They met with no inconvenience during their voyage, which lasted about 25 minutes; during which time they had passed over a space of above five miles.—From the account given by the Marquis d'Arlandes, it appears that they met with several different currents of air; the effect of which was, to give a very sensible shock to the machine, and the direction of the motion seemed to be from the upper part downwards. It appears also that they were in some danger of having the balloon burnt altogether; as the Marquis observed several round holes made by the fire in the lower part of it, which alarmed him considerably, and indeed not without reason. However, the progress of the fire was easily stopped by the application of a wet sponge, and all appearance of danger ceased in a very short time.

12  
Montgolfier's machines furnished by those filled with inflammable air.

This voyage of M. Pilatre and the Marquis d'Arlandes may be said to conclude the history of those aerostatic machines which are elevated by means of fire; for though many other attempts have been made upon the same principle, most of them have either proved unsuccessful or were of little consequence. They have therefore given place to the other kind, filled with inflammable air; which, by reason of its smaller specific gravity, is both more manageable, and capable of performing voyages of greater length, as it does not require to be supplied with fuel like the others. This was invented a very short time after the discovery had been made by M. Montgolfier. This gentleman had indeed designed to keep his method in some degree a secret from the world; but as it could not be concealed, that a bag filled with any kind of fluid lighter than the common atmosphere would rise in it, inflammable air was naturally thought of as a proper succedaneum for the rarefied air of M. Montgolfier. The first experiment was made by two brothers Messrs Roberts, and M. Charles a professor of experimental philosophy. The bag which contained the gas was composed of lutestring, varnished over with a solution of the elastic gum called *caoutchouc*; and that with which they made their first essay was only about 13 English feet in diameter. Many difficulties occurred in filling it with the inflammable air, chiefly owing to their ignorance of the proper apparatus; insomuch, that, after a whole day's labour from nine in the morning, they had got the balloon only one third part full. Next morning they were surpris'd to find that it had

13  
Experiment of Messrs Charles & Roberts.

fully inflated of itself during the night: but upon inquiry, it was found, that they had inadvertently left open a stop-cock connected with the balloon, by which the common air gaining access, had mixed itself with the inflammable air; forming a compound still lighter than the common atmosphere, but not sufficiently light to answer the purposes of aerostation. Thus they were obliged to renew their operation; and, by six o'clock in the evening of next day, they found the machine considerably lighter than the common air; and, in an hour after, it made a considerable effort to ascend. The public exhibition, however, had been announced only for the third day after; so that the balloon was allowed to remain in an inflated state for a whole day; during which they found it had lost a power of ascent equal to about three pounds, being one seventh part of the whole. When it was at last set at liberty, after having been well filled with inflammable air, it was 35 pounds lighter than an equal bulk of common air. It remained in the atmosphere only three quarters of an hour, during which it had traversed 15 miles. Its sudden descent was supposed to have been owing to a rupture which had taken place when it ascended into the higher regions of the atmosphere.

14  
In what manner a balloon partly filled may inflate itself.

15  
Loss of power in their balloon.

The success of this experiment, and the aerial voyage made by Messrs Rozier and Arlandes, naturally suggested the idea of undertaking something of the same kind with a balloon filled with inflammable air. The machine used on this occasion was formed of gores of silk, covered over with a varnish made of *caoutchouc*, of a spherical figure, and measuring  $27\frac{1}{2}$  feet in diameter. A net was spread over the upper hemisphere, and was fastened to an hoop which passed round the middle of the balloon. To this a sort of car, or rather boat, was suspended by ropes, in such a manner as to hang a few feet below the lower part of the balloon; and, in order to prevent the bursting of the machine, a valve was placed in it; by opening of which some of the inflammable air might be occasionally let out. A long silken pipe communicated with the balloon, by means of which it was filled. The boat was made of basket-work, covered with painted linen, and beautifully ornamented; being 8 feet long, 4 broad, and  $3\frac{1}{2}$  deep; its weight 130 pounds. At this time, however, as at the former, they met with great difficulties in filling the machine with inflammable air, owing to their ignorance of the most proper apparatus. But at last, all obstacles being removed, the two adventurers took their seats at three quarters after one in the afternoon of the first of December 1783. Persons skilled in mathematics were conveniently stationed with proper instruments to calculate the height, velocity, &c. of the balloon. The weight of the whole apparatus, including that of the two adventurers, was found to be  $604\frac{1}{2}$  pounds, and the power of ascent when they set out was 20 pounds; so that the whole difference betwixt the weight of this balloon and an equal bulk of common air was 624 pounds. But the weight of common atmosphere displaced by the inflammable gas was calculated to be 771 pounds, so that there remains 147 for the weight of the latter; and this calculation makes it only  $5\frac{1}{7}$  times lighter than common air.

16  
First aerial voyage of Messrs Charles & Roberts.

17  
Specific gravity of the inflammable air in this first voyage.

At the time the balloon left the ground, the thermometer stood at  $9^{\circ}$  of Fahrenheit's scale, and the quicksilver in the barometer at 30.18 inches; and, by means

means of the power of ascent with which they left the ground, the balloon rose till the mercury fell to 27 inches, from which they calculated their height to be about 600 yards. By throwing out ballast occasionally as they found the machine descending by the escape of some of the inflammable air, they found it practicable to keep at pretty near the same distance from the earth during the rest of their voyage; the quicksilver fluctuating between 27 and 27.65 inches, and the thermometer between 53° and 57°, the whole time. They continued in the air for the space of an hour and three quarters, when they alighted at the distance of 27 miles from Paris; having suffered no inconvenience during their voyage, nor experienced any contrary currents of air, as had been felt by Messrs Pilatre and Arlandes. As the balloon still retained a great quantity of inflammable gas, Mr Charles determined to take another voyage by himself. Mr Robert accordingly got out of the boat, which was thus lightened by 130 pounds, and of consequence the aerostatic machine now had nearly as much power of ascent. Thus he was carried up with such velocity, that in twenty minutes he was almost 9000 feet high, and entirely out of sight of terrestrial objects. At the moment of his parting with the ground, the globe had been rather flaccid; but it soon began to swell, and the inflammable air escaped from it in great quantity through the silken tube. He also frequently drew the valve that it might be the more freely emitted, and the balloon effectually prevented from bursting. The inflammable gas being considerably warmer than the external air, diffused itself all round, and was felt like a warm atmosphere; but in ten minutes the thermometer indicated a variation of temperature as great as that between the warmth of spring and the ordinary cold of winter. His fingers were benumbed by the cold, and he felt a violent pain in his right ear and jaw, which he ascribed to the dilatation of the air in these organs as well as to the external cold. The beauty of the prospect which he now enjoyed, however, made amends for these inconveniences. At his departure the sun was set on the valleys; but the height to which Mr Charles was got in the atmosphere, rendered him again visible, tho' only for a short time. He saw, for a few seconds, vapours rising from the valleys and rivers. The clouds seemed to ascend from the earth, and collect one upon the other, still preserving their usual form; only their colour was grey and monotonous for want of sufficient light in the atmosphere. By the light of the moon, he perceived that the machine was turning round with him in the air; and he observed that there were contrary currents which brought him back again. He observed also, with surprise, the effects of the wind, and that the streamers of his banners pointed upwards; which, he says, could not be the effect either of his ascent or descent, as he was moving horizontally at the time. At last, recollecting his promise of returning to his friends in half an hour, he pulled the valve, and accelerated his descent. When within 200 feet of the earth, he threw out two or three pounds of ballast, which rendered the balloon again stationary: but, in a little time afterwards, he gently alighted in a field about three miles distant from the place whence he set out; though, by making allowance for all the turn-

ings and windings of the voyage, he supposes that he had gone through nine miles at least. By the calculations of M. de Mauvier, he rose at this time not less than 10,500 feet high; a height somewhat greater than that of Mount *Ætna*. A small balloon, which had been sent off before the two brothers set out on their voyage, took a direction opposite to that of the large one, having met with an opposite current of air, probably at a much greater height.

The subsequent aerial voyages differ so little from that just now related, that any particular description of them seems to be superfluous. It had occurred to Mr Charles, however, in his last flight, that there might be a possibility of directing the machine in the atmosphere; and this was soon attempted by Mr Jean-Pierre Blanchard, a gentleman who had, for several years before, amused himself with endeavours to fly by mechanical means, though he had never succeeded in the undertaking. As soon as the discovery of the aerostatic machines was announced, however, he resolved to add the wings of his former machine to a balloon, and made no doubt that it would then be in his power to direct himself through the air at pleasure. In his first attempt he was frustrated by the impetuosity of a young gentleman, who insisted, right or wrong, on ascending along with him. In the scuffle which ensued on this occasion, the wings and other apparatus were entirely destroyed; so that Mr Blanchard was obliged to commit himself to the direction of the wind; and in another attempt it was found, that all the strength he could apply to the wings was scarce sufficient to counteract the impression of the wind in any degree. In his voyage, he found his balloon, at a certain period, acted upon by two contrary winds; but, on throwing out four pounds of ballast, he ascended to a place where he met with the same current he had at setting out from the earth. His account of the sensations he felt during this voyage, was somewhat different from that of Mr Charles; having, in one part of it, found the atmosphere very warm, in another cold; and having once found himself very hungry, and at another time almost overcome by a propensity to sleep. The height to which he rose, as measured by several observations with mathematical instruments, was thought to be very little less than 20,000 feet; and he remained in the atmosphere an hour and a quarter.

The attempts of Mr Blanchard to direct his machine through the atmosphere, were repeated in the month of April 1784 by Messrs Morveau and Bertrand, at Dijon, who raised themselves with an inflammable air-balloon to the height, as it was thought, of 13,000 feet; passing through a space of 18 miles in an hour and 25 minutes. Mr Morveau had prepared a kind of oars for directing the machine through the air; but they were damaged by a gust of wind, so that only two of them remained serviceable; by working these, however, they were able to produce a sensible effect on the motion of the machine. In a third aerial voyage performed by Mr Blanchard, he seemed to produce some effect by the agitation of his wings, both in ascending, descending, moving sidewise, and even in some measure against the wind; however, this is supposed, with some probability, to have been a mistake, as, in all his succeeding voyages, the effects of his machinery could not be perceived.

22  
Attempts to guide aerostatic machines in the atmosphere.

23  
Two first voyages of Mr Blanchard.

24  
His sensations while in the atmosphere.

25  
Voyage of Messrs Morveau and Bertrand.

26  
Third voyage of Mr Blanchard.

18  
Mr Charles ascends by himself.

19  
Has a pain in his ear and jaw when in the higher regions.

20  
Various currents of wind and eddies in these regions.

21  
Streamers of his banners stand upwards.

27  
Second  
voyage of  
Messrs.  
Charles &  
Robert.

The success of Messrs Charles and Robert in their former experiments encouraged them soon to repeat them, with the addition of some machinery to direct their course. Having enlarged their former balloon to the size of an oblong spheroid  $46\frac{1}{2}$  feet long and  $27\frac{1}{2}$  in diameter, they made it to float with its longest part parallel to the horizon. The wings were made in the shape of an umbrella without the handle, to the top of which a stick was fastened parallel to the aperture of the umbrella. Five of these were disposed round the boat, which was near 17 feet in length. The balloon was filled in three hours, and, with the addition of 450 pounds of ballast, remained in *æquilibrio* with the atmosphere. About noon, on the 19th of September 1784, they began to ascend very gently in consequence of throwing out 24 pounds of ballast, but were soon obliged to throw out eight pounds more in order to avoid running against some trees. Thus they rose to the height of 1400 feet, when they perceived some thunder clouds near the horizon. On this they ascended and descended, to avoid the danger, as the wind blew directly towards the threatening clouds; but, from the height of 600 feet to that of 4200 above the surface of the earth, the current was quite uniform and in one direction. During their voyage they lost one of their oars; but found, that by means of those which remained, they considerably accelerated their course. From the account of their voyage, it would seem that they had passed safely through the thunder-clouds; as we are informed, that, about 40 minutes after three, they heard a loud clap of thunder; and, three minutes after, another much louder; at which time the thermometer sunk from 77 to 59 degrees. This sudden cold, occasioned by the approach of the clouds, condensed the inflammable air so that the balloon descended very low, and they were obliged to throw out 40 pounds of ballast; yet on examining the heat of the air within the balloon, they found it to be  $104^{\circ}$ , when that of the external atmosphere was only 63. When they had got so high that the mercury in the barometer stood only at 23.94 inches, they found themselves becalmed; so that the machine did not go even at the rate of two feet in a second, though it had before gone at the rate of 24 feet in a second. On this they determined to try the effect of their oars to the utmost; and, by working them for 35 minutes, and marking the shadow of the balloon on the ground, they found, in that time, that they had described the segment of an ellipsis whose longest diameter was 6000 feet. After having travelled about 150 miles, they descended, only on account of the approach of night, having still 200 pounds of ballast left.

28  
Are in dan-  
ger of run-  
ning into  
thunder  
clouds.

29  
Heat of the  
air within  
their bal-  
loon.

30  
Effect of  
their oars in  
moving the  
machine.

Their conclusion, with regard to the effect of their wings, is as follows: "Those experiments show, that far from going against the wind, as is said by some persons to be possible in a certain manner, and some aeronauts pretend to have actually done, we only obtained, by means of two oars, a deviation of 22 degrees: it is certain, however, that if we could have used our four oars, we might have deviated about 40 degrees from the direction of the wind, and as our machine would have been capable of carrying seven persons, it would have been easy for five persons to have gone, and to have put in action eight oars, by means of

which a deviation of about 80 degrees would have been obtained.

"We had already observed (say they), that if we did not deviate more than 22 degrees, it was because the wind carried us at the rate of 24 miles an hour; and it is natural to judge, that, if the wind had been twice as strong as it was, we should not have deviated more than one-half of what we actually did; and, on the contrary, if the wind had been only half as strong, our deviation would have been proportionably greater."

Having thus related all that has been done with regard to the conducting of aërostatic machines through the atmosphere, we shall now relate the attempts that have been made to lessen their expence, by falling upon some contrivance to ascend without throwing out ballast, and to descend without losing any of the inflammable air. The first attempt of this kind was made by the Duke de Chartres; who, on the 15th of July 1784, ascended with the two brothers, Charles and Robert, from the park of St Cloud. The balloon was of an oblong form, made to ascend with its longest diameter horizontally, and measured 55 feet in length and 24 in breadth. It contained within it a smaller balloon filled with common air; by blowing into which with a pair of bellows, and thus throwing in a considerable quantity of common air, it was supposed that the machine would become sufficiently heavy to descend, especially as, by the inflation of the internal bag, the inflammable air in the external one would be condensed into a smaller space, and thus become specifically heavier. The voyage, however, was attended with such circumstances as rendered it impossible to know what would have been the event of the scheme. The power of ascent with which they set out, seems to have been very great; as, in three minutes after parting with the ground, they were lost in the clouds, and involved in such a dense vapour that they could see neither the sky nor the earth. In this situation they seemed to be attacked by a whirlwind, which, besides turning the balloon three times round from right to left, shocked, and beat it so about, that they were rendered incapable of using any of the means proposed for directing their course, and the silk stuff of which the helm had been composed was even torn away. No scene can be conceived more terrible than that in which they were now involved. An immense ocean of shapeless clouds rolled one upon another below them, and seemed to prevent any return to the earth, which still continued invisible, while the agitation of the balloon became greater every moment. In this extremity they cut the cords which held the interior balloon, and of consequence it fell down upon the aperture of the tube that came from the large balloon into the boat, and stopped it up. They were then driven upwards by a gust of wind from below, which carried them to the top of the stormy vapour in which they had been involved. They now saw the sun without a cloud; but the heat of his rays, with the diminished density of the atmosphere, had such an effect on the inflammable air, that the balloon seemed every moment ready to burst. To prevent this they introduced a stick through the tube, in order to push away the inner balloon from its aperture; but the expansion of the inflammable air pushed it so close, that

31  
Contrivances used to prevent the waste of inflammable air.

32  
Voyage of the Duke de Chartres.

33  
Is involved in dark clouds and attacked by a whirlwind.



all attempts of this kind proved ineffectual. It was now, however, become absolutely necessary to give vent to a very considerable quantity of the inflammable air; for which purpose the Duke de Chartres himself bored two holes in the balloon, which tore open for the length of seven or eight feet. On this they descended with great rapidity; and would have fallen into a lake, had they not hastily thrown out 60 pounds of ballast, which enabled them just to reach the water's edge.

The success of the scheme for raising or lowering aerostatic machines by means of bags filled with common air being thus rendered dubious, another method was thought of. This was to put a small aerostatic machine with rarefied air under an inflammable air-balloon, but at such a distance that the inflammable air of the latter might be perfectly out of the reach of the fire used for inflating the former; and thus, by increasing or diminishing the fire in the small machine, the absolute weight of the whole would be considerably diminished or augmented. This scheme was unhappily put in execution by the celebrated Mr Pilatre de Rozier, and another gentleman named Mr Romaine. Their inflammable air balloon was about 37 feet in diameter, and the power of the rarefied-air one was equivalent to about 60 pounds. They ascended without any appearance of danger or sinister accident; but had not been long in the atmosphere when the inflammable-air balloon was seen to swell very considerably, at the same time that the aeronauts were observed, by means of telescopes, very anxious to get down, and busied in pulling the valve and opening the appendages to the balloon, in order to facilitate the escape of as much inflammable air as possible. A short time after this the whole machine was on fire, when they had then attained the height of about three quarters of a mile from the ground. No explosion was heard; and the silk which composed the air-balloon continued expanded, and seemed to resist the atmosphere for about a minute; after which it collapsed, and the remains of the apparatus descended along with the two unfortunate travellers so rapidly, that both of them were killed. Mr Pilatre seemed to have been dead before he came to the ground; but Mr Romaine was alive when some persons came up to the place where he lay, though he expired immediately after.

These are the most remarkable attempts that have been made to improve the science of aerostation; tho' a great number of other expeditions through the atmosphere have taken place. But of all the voyages which had been hitherto projected or put in execution, the most daring was that of Mr Blanchard and Dr Jeffries across the straits of Dover, which separate Britain from France. This took place on the 7th of January 1785, being a clear frosty morning, with a wind, barely perceptible, at N.N.W. The operation of filling the balloon began at 10 o'clock, and, at three quarters after twelve, every thing was ready for their departure. At one o'clock Mr Blanchard desired the boat to be pushed off, which now stood only two feet distant from that precipice so finely described by Shakespeare in his tragedy of King

Lear. As the balloon was scarcely sufficient to carry two, they were obliged to throw out all their ballast except three bags of 10 pounds each; when they at last rose gently, though making very little way on account of there being so little wind. At a quarter after one o'clock, the barometer, which on the cliff stood at 29.7 inches, was now fallen to 27.3, and the weather proved fine and warm. They had now a most beautiful prospect of the south coast of England, and were able to count 37 villages upon it. After passing over several vessels, they found that the balloon, at 50 minutes after one, was descending, on which they threw out a sack and an half of ballast; but as they saw that it still descended, and that with much greater velocity than before, they now threw out all the ballast. This still proving ineffectual, they next threw out a parcel of books they carried along with them, which made the balloon ascend, when they were about midway betwixt France and England. At a quarter past two, finding themselves again descending, they threw away the remainder of their books, and, ten minutes after, they had a most enchanting prospect of the French coast. Still, however, the machine descended; and as they had now no more ballast, they were fain to throw away their provisions for eating, the wings of the boat, and every other moveable they could easily spare. "We threw away, says Dr Jeffries, our only bottle, which, in its descent, cast out a steam like smoke, with a rushing noise; and when it struck the water, we heard and felt the shock very perceptibly on our car and balloon." All this proving insufficient to stop the descent of the balloon, they next threw out their anchors and cords, and at last stripped of their clothes, fastening themselves to certain slings, and intending to cut away the boat as their last resource. They had now the satisfaction, however, to find that they were rising; and as they passed over the high lands between Cape Blanc and Calais, the machine rose very fast, and carried them to a greater height than they had been at any former part of their voyage. They descended safely among some trees in the forest of Guennes, where there was just opening enough to admit them.

It would be tedious as well as unnecessary to recount all the other aerial voyages that have been performed in different parts of Europe: It appeared sufficient for the purpose of this article to notice those which were most remarkable and interesting; and therefore an account of the ingenious Mr Baldwin's excursion from Chester, alluded to above, shall now close our enumeration.

On the 8th of September 1785, at forty minutes past one P. M. Mr Baldwin ascended from Chester in Mr Lunardi's (A) balloon. After traversing in a variety of different directions, he first alighted, at 28 minutes after three, about twelve miles from Chester, in the neighbourhood of Frodsham; then reascending and pursuing his excursion, he finally landed at Rixton moss, five miles N.N.E of Wavington, and 25 miles from Chester. Mr Baldwin has published his Observations and Remarks made during his voyage, and taken from minutes. Our limits will not admit of relating many

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(A) Accounts of this gentleman's adventurous excursions have been published in all the Newspapers; and therefore it appeared unnecessary to take up room with an account of them in this article.

34  
Unfortunate voyage and death of Messrs Rozier and Romaine.

35  
Voyage of Mess. Blanchard and Jeffries across the Straits of Dover.

many of his observations; but the few following are some of the most important and curious. "The sensation of ascending is compared to that of a strong pressure from the bottom of the car upwards against the soles of his feet. At the distance of what appeared to him seven miles from the earth, though by the barometer scarcely a mile and a half, he had a grand and most enchanting view of the city of Chester and its adjacent places below. The river Dec appeared of a red colour; the city very diminutive; and the town entirely blue. The whole appeared a perfect plain, the highest building having no apparent height, but reduced all to the same level, and the whole terrestrial prospect appeared like a coloured map. Just after his first ascent, being in a well-watered and maritime part of the country, he observed a remarkable and regular tendency of the balloon towards the sea; but shortly after rising into another current of air, he escaped the danger: this upper current, he says, was visible to him at the time of his ascent, by a lofty found stratum of clouds flying in a safe direction. The perspective appearance of things to him was very remarkable. The lowest bed of vapour that first appeared as cloud was pure white, in detached fleeces, increasing as they rose: they presently coalesced, and formed, as he expresses it, a sea of cotton, tufting here and there by the action of the air in the undisturbed part of the clouds. The whole became an extended white floor of cloud, the upper surface being smooth and even. Above this white floor he observed, at great and unequal distances, a vast assemblage of thunder-clouds, each parcel consisting of whole acres in the densest form: he compares their form and appearance to the smoke of pieces of ordnance, which had consolidated as it were into masses of snow, and penetrated through the upper surface or white floor of common clouds, there remaining visible and at rest. Some clouds had motions in flow and various directions, forming an appearance truly stupendous and majestic. He endeavours to convey some idea of the scene by a figure; (and from which fig. 13. of Plate III. is copied). *A* represents a circular view he had from the car of the ball, himself being over the centre of the view, looking down on the white floor of clouds and seeing the city of Chester through an opening, which discovered the landscape below, limited by surrounding vapour, to less than two miles in diameter. The breadth of the outer margin defines his apparent height in the balloon (*viz.* 4 miles) above the white floor of clouds. Mr Baldwin also gives a curious description of his tracing the shadow of the balloon over tops of volumes of clouds. At first it was small, in size and shape like an egg; and soon increased to the magnitude of the sun's disc, still growing larger, and attended with a most captivating appearance of an iris encircling the whole shadow at some distance round it, the colours of which were remarkably brilliant. The regions did not feel colder, but rather warmer, than below. The sun was hottest to him when the balloon was stationary. The discharge of a cannon when the balloon was at a considerable height, was distinctly heard by the aeronaut; and a discharge from the same piece, when at the height of 30 yards, so disturbed him as to oblige him for safety to lay hold firmly of the cords of the balloon. At a considerable

height he poured down a pint-bottle full of water; and as the air did not oppose a resistance sufficient to break the stream into small drops, it mostly fell down in large drops. In the course of the balloon's tract it was found much affected by the water (a circumstance observed in former aerial voyages). At one time the direction of the balloon kept continually over the water, going directly towards the sea, so much as to endanger the aeronaut; the mouth of the balloon was opened, and he in two minutes descended into an under current blowing from the sea: he kept descending, and landed at Bellair farm in Rinsley, 12 miles from Chester. Here he lightened his car by 31 pounds, and instantly reascending, was carried into the interior part of the country, performing a number of different manœuvres. At his greatest altitude he found his respiration free and easy. Several bladders which he had along with him crackled and expanded very considerably. Clouds and land, as before, appeared on the same level. By way of experiment, he tried the upper valve two or three times, the neck of the balloon being close; and remarked, that the escape of the gas was attended with a growling noise like millstones, but not near so loud. Again, round the shadow of the balloon, on the clouds he observed the iris." A variety of other circumstances and appearances he met with, is fancifully described; and at 53 minutes past three he finally landed.

The frequency of aerial voyages, accompanied with particular details of trifling and uninteresting circumstances, and apparently made with a view to promote the interest of particular persons, regardless of any advancement in knowledge, have now sunk the science of aerostation so low in the opinion of most people, that before giving any account of the most proper method of constructing these machines, it may seem necessary to premise something concerning the uses to which they may possibly be applied. These, according to Mr Cavallo, are the following.

"The small balloons, especially those made of paper, and raised by means of spirit of wine, may serve to explore the direction of the winds in the upper regions of the atmosphere, particularly when there is a calm below: they may serve for signals in various circumstances, in which no other means can be used; and letters or other small things may be easily sent by them, as, for instance, from ships that cannot safely land on account of storms, from besieged places, islands, or the like. The larger aerostatic machines may answer all the abovementioned purposes in a better manner, and they may, besides, be used as a help to a person who wants to ascend a mountain, a precipice, or to cross a river: and perhaps one of those machines tied to a boat by a long rope, may be, in some cases, a better sort of sail than any that is used at present. The largest sort of machines, which can take up one or more men, may evidently be subservient to various economical and philosophical purposes. Their conveying people from place to place with great swiftness, and without trouble, may be of essential use, even if the art of guiding them in a direction different from that of the wind should never be discovered. By means of those machines the shape of certain seas and lands may be better ascertained; men may ascend to the tops of mountains they never visited before; they may be carried over marshy  
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and dangerous grounds; they may by that means come out of a besieged place, or an island; and they may, in hot climates, ascend to a cold region of the atmosphere, either to refresh themselves, or to observe the ice, which is never seen below; and, in short, they may be thus taken to several places, to which human art hitherto knew of no conveyance.

“The philosophical uses, to which these machines may be subservient, are numerous indeed; and it may be sufficient to say, that hardly any thing which passes in the atmosphere is known with precision, and that principally for want of a method of ascending into it. The formation of rain, of thunder-storms, of vapours, hail, snow, and meteors in general, require to be attentively examined and ascertained. The action of the barometer, the rarefaction and temperature of the air in various regions, the descent of bodies, the propagation of sound, &c. are subjects which all require a series of observations and experiments, the performance of which could never have been properly expected before the discovery of aerostatic machines.”

To those uses we may add the gratification of curiosity and pleasure as a very strong inducement to the practice of an art, in which, with any tolerable degree of caution, there appears not to be the smallest danger. Every one who has tried the experiment testifies, that the beauty of the prospect afforded by an ascent, or the pleasure of being conveyed through the atmosphere, cannot be exceeded. No one has felt the least of that giddiness consequent upon looking from the top of a very high building or of a precipice, nor have they any of the sickness arising from the motion of a vessel at sea. Many have been carried by balloons at the rate of 30, 40, or even 50 miles an hour, without feeling the least inconvenience, or even agitation of the wind; the reason of which is, that as the machine moves nearly with the velocity of the wind itself, they are always in a calm, and without uneasiness. Some have apprehended danger from the electricity of the atmosphere; and have thought that a stroke of lightning, or the smallest electric spark, happening near a balloon, might set fire to the inflammable air, and destroy both the machine and the adventurers. Mr Cavallo has suggested several considerations for diminishing apprehensions of this kind. Balloons have been already raised in every season of the year, and even when thunder has been heard, without injury. In case of danger, the aeronauts may either descend to the earth, or ascend above the region of the clouds and thunder-storms. Besides, as balloons are formed of materials that are not conductors of electricity, they are not likely to receive strokes, especially as by being encompassed with air they stand insulated. Moreover, inflammable air by itself, or unmixed with a certain quantity of common air, will not burn; so that if an electric spark should happen to pass through the balloon it would not set fire to the inflammable air, unless a hole was made in the covering.

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Principles  
of aerosta-  
tion.

The general principles of aerostation are so little different from those of hydrostatics, that it may seem superfluous to insist much upon them. It is a fact universally known, That when a body is immersed in any fluid, if its weight be less than an equal bulk of that fluid, it will rise to the surface; but if heavier, it will sink; and if equal, it will remain in the place where it

is left. For this reason smoke ascends into the atmosphere, and heated air in that which is colder. The ascent of the latter is shown in a very easy and satisfactory manner by bringing a red-hot iron under one of the scales of a balance, by which the latter is instantly made to ascend; for as soon as the red-hot iron is brought under the scale, the hot air being lighter than that which is colder, ascends, and strikes the bottom, which is thus impelled upwards, and the opposite scale descends, as if a weight had been put into it.

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Experiments  
showing  
the impulse  
of heated  
air.

Upon this simple principle depends the whole theory of aerostation: for it is the same thing whether we render the air lighter by introducing a quantity of heat into it, or inclosing a quantity of gas specifically lighter than the common atmosphere in a certain space; both will ascend, and for the same reason. A cubic foot of air, by the most accurate experiments, has been found to weigh about 554 grains, and to be expanded by every degree of heat, marked on Fahrenheit's thermometer, about  $\frac{1}{500}$ th part of the whole. By heating a quantity of air, therefore, to 500 degrees of Fahrenheit, we will just double its bulk when the thermometer stands at 54 in the open air, and in the same proportion we will diminish its weight; and if such a quantity of this hot air be inclosed in a bag, that the excess of the weight of an equal bulk of common air weighs more than the bag with the air contained in it, both the bag and air will rise into the atmosphere; and continue to do so until they arrive at a place where the external air is naturally so much rarefied that the weight becomes equal; and here the whole will float.

The power of hot air in raising weights, or rather that by which it is itself impelled upwards, may be shown in the following manner: Roll up a sheet of paper into a conical form, and, by thrusting a pin into it near the apex, prevent it from unrolling. Fasten it then, by its apex, under one of the scales of a balance by means of a thread, and, having properly counterpoised it by weights, put it into the opposite scale; apply the flame of a candle underneath, you will instantly perceive the cone to arise, and it will not be brought into equilibrium with the other but by a much greater weight than those who have never seen the experiment would believe. If we try this experiment with more accuracy, by getting proper receptacles made which contain determinate quantities of air, we will find that the power of the heat depends much more on the capacity of the bag which contains it than could well be supposed. Thus, let a cubical receptacle be made of a small wooden frame covered with paper capable of containing one foot of air, and let the power of a candle be tried with this as above directed for the paper cone. It will then be found that a certain weight may be raised; but a much greater one will be raised by having a receptacle of the same kind which contains two cubic feet; a still greater by one of three feet; a yet greater by one of four feet, &c. and this even though the very same candle be made use of; nor is it known to what extent even the power of this small flame might be carried.

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Rarefied  
air balloons  
ought to be  
made as  
large as  
possible.

From these experiments it appears, that in the aerostatic machines constructed on Montgolfier's plan, it must be an advantage to have them as large as possible; because.

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How balloons might rise by the common heat of the atmosphere.

because a smaller quantity of fire will then have a greater effect in raising them, and the danger from that element, which in this kind of machines is chiefly to be dreaded, will be in a great measure avoided. On this subject it may be remarked, that as the cubical contents of a globe, or any other figure of which balloons are made, increase much more rapidly than their surfaces, there must ultimately be a degree of magnitude at which the smallest imaginable heat would raise any weight whatever. Thus, supposing any aerostatic machine capable of containing 500 cubic feet, and the air within it to be only one degree hotter than the external atmosphere; the tendency of this machine to rise even without the application of artificial heat, would be near an ounce. Let its capacity be increased 16 times; and its tendency to rise will be equivalent to a pound, though this may be done without making the machine 16 times heavier than before. It is certain, however, that all aerostatic machines have a tendency to produce or preserve heat within them, which would by no means be imagined by those who have not made the experiment. When Messrs Charles and Robert made their longest aerial voyage of 150 miles, they had the curiosity to try the temperature of the air within their balloon, in comparison with that of the external atmosphere; and at this time they found, that, when the external atmosphere was 63°, the thermometer within the balloon stood at 104°. Such a difference of temperature must have given a machine of the magnitude which carried them a considerable ascending power independent of any other cause, as it amounted to 41 grains on every cubic foot; and therefore in a machine containing 50,000 such feet would have been almost 200 pounds. Hence we may easily account for what happened at Dijon, and is recorded by Mr Morveau. "A balloon, intended to be filled with inflammable air, being compleated, was, by way of trial, filled with common air, and in that state exposed to the atmosphere. Now it was observed, and indeed a similar observation had been made before, that the air within the balloon was much hotter than the circumambient air: the thermometer in the former stood at 120°; whereas in the latter, even when the sun shone upon it, the thermometer stood at 84°. This showed a considerable degree of rarefaction within the balloon; and consequently it was suspected, that, by means of this rarefaction alone, especially if it were to increase a little, the balloon might ascend. On the 30th of May, about noon, the wind being rather strong, agitated the balloon so that two men were employed to take care of it; but, notwithstanding all their endeavours, it escaped from its confinement, and, lifting up about 65 pounds weight of cords, equatorial circle, &c. rose many feet high, and, passing over some houses, went to the distance of 250 yards, where at length it was properly secured."

41  
A balloon at Dijon rises thus into the atmosphere.

42  
Internal heat of the balloons has great influence on aerial voyages.

This difference between the external and internal heat being so very considerable, must have a great influence upon aerostatic machines, and will undoubtedly influence those filled with inflammable air as well as the other kind. Nor is it unlikely, that the short time which many aerial voyagers have been able to continue in the atmosphere, may have been owing to the want of a method of preserving this internal heat. It may naturally be supposed, and indeed it has always been

found, that balloons, in passing through the higher regions of the atmosphere, acquire a very considerable quantity of moisture, not only from the rain or snow they sometimes meet with, but even from the dew and vapour which condenses upon them. On this an evaporation will instantly take place; and, as it is the property of this operation to produce a very violent cold, the internal heat of the balloon must be soon exhausted in such a manner as to make it become specifically heavier than the common atmosphere, and consequently descend in a much shorter time than it would have done by the mere loss of air. To this, in all probability, we are to ascribe the descent of the balloon which carried Messrs Blanchard and Jeffries; and which seemed so extraordinary to many people, that they were obliged to have recourse to an imaginary attraction in the waters of the ocean in order to solve the phenomenon. This supposition is rejected by Mr Cavallo; who explains the matter, by remarking, that in two former voyages made with the same machine, it could not long support two men in the atmosphere; so that we had no occasion to wonder at its weakness on this occasion. "As for its rising higher (says he) just when it got over the land, that may be easily accounted for. In the first place, the two travellers threw out their clothes just about that time; secondly, in consequence of the winds then increasing, the balloon travelled at a much greater rate than it had done whilst over the sea; which increase of velocity lessened its tendency to descend: besides which, the vicissitudes of heat and cold may produce a very considerable effect; for if we suppose, that the air over the land was colder than that over the sea, the balloon coming into the latter from the former, continued to be hotter than the circumambient air for some time after; and consequently, it was comparatively much lighter when in the cold air over the land, than when in the hotter air over the sea: hence it floated easier in the former than in the latter case."

It seems indeed very probable, that there was something uncommon in the case of Mr Blanchard's balloon while passing over the sea; for, as it rose higher after reaching the land than in any former period of the voyage, and likewise carried them to the distance over land more than half of that which they had passed over water, we can scarce avoid supposing, that it had a tendency to descend when over the water more than when over land, independent of any loss of air. Now, it does not appear that the air over the sea is at all warmer than that above land: on the contrary, there is every reason to believe, that the superior reflective power of the land renders the atmosphere above it warmer than the sea can do: but it is very natural to suppose, that the air above the sea is more moist than that above land: and consequently, by letting fall its moisture upon the balloon, must have occasioned an evaporation that would deprive the machine of its internal heat, which it would partly recover after it entered the warmer and drier atmosphere over land.

We shall now proceed to the construction of aerostatic machines; of which the smaller are only for amusement, or some slight experiments, and are very easily made. As in all of them, however, it is of the utmost consequence to have the weight as little as possible, the shape becomes an object of great consideration,

43  
Great tendency of Mr Blanchard's balloon to descend accounted for

44  
Construction of aerostatic machines.

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Of their  
shape.

tion. For this purpose a spherical figure has been mathematically demonstrated to be the best; as capable of containing a greater quantity under a smaller surface than any other. Thus a perfect sphere contains less surface in proportion to its solidity than a spheroid; a spheroid less than a cylinder; the latter less than a cube; and a cube still less than a parallelopiped. In all cases, therefore, where we can fill the whole capacity of the balloon with air equally light, the spherical figure is undoubtedly to be preferred; and this holds good with regard to all inflammable air-balloons, whether their size be great or small; but in the rarefied air ones, where the under part must necessarily be much colder than the upper, the globular shape seems not so proper. An inverted cone, or truncated pyramid, with the smaller part undermost, seems then to be most proper, as it allows the heated air (which has a great tendency to expand as well as to ascend) to collect in the wide part at the top, while the useless surface in the lower part, and which, in any other figure, would contain only the colder and heavier air, is thus thrown aside. In fact, it has been found, that acrostatic machines, raised by means of rarefied air, when made of the shape of a parallelopiped, or even one deviating still more from the shape of a globe, have answered the purpose as well as they could have been supposed to do, had ever so much care been taken in forming them exactly to that shape. The very first machine made by Mr Montgolfier was in form of a parallelopiped; and though it contained only 40 cubic feet, showed a very considerable power of ascent. A very large one, 74 feet high, which Mr. Montgolfier had designed to exhibit before the royal family, had the middle part of it prismatic for about the height of 25 feet; its top was a pyramid of 29 feet; and its lower part was a truncated cone of near 20 feet. It weighed 1000 pounds; and, notwithstanding its shape, in a very short time manifested a power of ascent equal to 500 pounds. Another acrostatic machine of a smaller size, but of the figure of a parallelopiped, being suffered to ascend with 30 sheets of oiled paper fixed to a wire frame, and set on fire, rose to a great height, and in 22 minutes could not be seen. It seems, therefore, that, with regard to the shape of these machines, it is by no means necessary to adhere rigidly to that of a sphere; but that any oblong form answers very well.

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Materials.

For experimental purposes, both the inflammable and rarefied air-balloons may be made of paper; the former being made of that kind called *thin-post*, varnished over with linseed-oil: the latter either of that or any other kind, without varnish. In order to avoid the danger of burning, however, it has been proposed to impregnate the paper of which these small rarefied air-balloons are made with solution of sal-ammoniac, alum or some other salt; but this does not seem to be necessary. Those filled with inflammable air have been made of gold-beater skin or peeled bladders; but the cheaper material of paper is undoubtedly preferable.

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Best varnish  
for inflammable  
air balloons,  
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to Mr de St  
Fond.

For acrostatic machines of a larger size, the material universally employed is varnished silk; and for those of the rarefied air kind, linen painted over with some size colour, or lined with paper. The best varnish for an inflammable air-balloon is that made with bird-lime, and recommended by Mr Faujas de Saint-Fond, in a treatise published on the subject. The following is his

method of preparing it: "Take one pound of bird-lime, put it into a new proper earthen pot that can resist the fire, and let it boil gently for about one hour, viz. till it ceases to crackle; or, which is the same thing, till it is so far boiled, as that a drop of it being let fall upon the fire will burn: then pour upon it a pound of spirits of turpentine, stirring it at the same time with a wooden spatula, and keeping the pot at a good distance from the flame, lest the vapour of this essential oil should take fire. After this, let it boil for about six minutes longer; then pour upon the whole three pounds of boiling oil of nuts, linseed, or poppy, rendered drying by means of litharge; stir it well, let it boil for a quarter of an hour longer, and the varnish is made. After it has rested for 24 hours, and the sediment has gone to the bottom, decant it into another pot; and when you want to use it, warm and apply it with a flat brush upon the silk stuff, whilst that is kept well stretched. One coat of it may be sufficient; but if two are necessary, it will be proper to give one on each side of the silk, and to let them dry in the open air while the silk remains extended."

Mr Cavallo gives the following method of preparing this varnish, which he prefers to that of M. de St Fond.—<sup>48</sup> "In order to render linseed-oil drying, boil <sup>Mr Cavallo's method.</sup> it with two ounces of saccharum saturni and three ounces of litharge, for every pint of oil, till the oil has dissolved them, which will be accomplished in half an hour; then put a pound of birdlime and half a pint of the drying oil into a pot (iron or copper pots are the safest for this purpose), the capacity of which may be equal to about one gallon, and let it boil very gently over a slow charcoal fire till the birdlime ceases to crackle, which will be in about half or three quarters of an hour; then pour upon it two pints and a half more of drying oil, and let it boil for one hour longer, stirring it very frequently with an iron or wooden spatula. As the varnish, whilst boiling, and especially when it is nearly done, swells very much, care should be had to remove, in those cases, the pot from the fire, and to replace it when the varnish subsides, otherwise it will boil over. Whilst the stuff is boiling, the operator should, from time to time, examine whether the varnish has boiled enough; which is thus known:—Take some of it upon the blade of a knife, and then, after rubbing the blade of another knife upon it, separate the knives; and when, on this separation, the varnish begins to form threads between the two, you may conclude that it is done; and, without losing time, it must be removed from the fire. When it is almost, though not quite, cold, add about an equal quantity of spirit of turpentine: mix it well together, and let it rest till the next day; when, having warmed it a little, strain and bottle it. If it is too thick, add some more spirit of turpentine. When this varnish is laid upon the silk, the stuff should be made perfectly dry, and stretched; so that the varnish, which ought to be used lukewarm, may fill up the pores of the stuff. The varnish should be laid once very thin upon one side of the stuff; and, about 12 hours after, two other coats of it should be laid on, one on each side; and, 24 hours after, the silk may be used, though, in cold weather, it may be left to dry some time longer."

Much has been said in France of their elastic gum-varnish.

varnish, and its composition kept a secret; but Mr Baldwin, after many expensive trials, declares to the world what he considers as the secret; and it is merely this: "Take any quantity of caoutchouc, as two ounces averdupois; cut it into small bits with a pair of scissars; put a strong iron ladle (like that used by plumbers) over a common pitcoal or other fire. The fire must be gentle, glowing, and without smoke. When the ladle is hot, much below a red heat, put a single bit into the ladle. If *black* smoke issues, it will presently flame and disappear, or it will evaporate without flame: the ladle is then too hot. When the ladle is less hot, put in a second bit, which will produce a *white* smoke. This *white* smoke will continue during the operation, and evaporate the caoutchouc: therefore no time is to be lost; but little bits are to be put in, a few at a time, till the whole are melted. It should be continually and gently stirred with an iron or brass spoon. Two pounds or one quart of the best drying oil (or of raw linseed-oil, which, together with a few drops of neats-foot oil, has stood a month, or not so long, on a lump of quicklime, to make it more or less drying), is to be put into the melted caoutchouc, and stirred till hot, and the whole poured into a glazed vessel, through a coarse gauze or fine sieve. When settled and clear, which will be in a few minutes, it will be fit for use, either hot or cold." Mr Baldwin is not at liberty, he observes, to publish the art of laying on the varnish: but says, that it consists in making no *intestine motion* in the varnish, which would create minute bubbles; that therefore brushes are improper. Mr Blanchard's method of making elastic-gum varnish for the silk of a balloon, is the following. "Dissolve elastic gum (caoutchouc) cut small in five times its weight of spirit of turpentine, by keeping them some days together; then boil one ounce of this solution in eight ounces of drying linseed-oil for a few minutes; lastly, strain it. It must be used warm." The pieces of silk for the balloon must be cut out of a proper size, according to the dimensions, after the varnish is sufficiently dry. They may be joined by laying about half an inch of the edge of one piece over the edge of the other, and sewing them by a double stitching. Mr Blanchard uses expeditiously the following method. He lays about half an inch of the edge of one piece flat over the edge of the other, and passes a hot iron over it; in doing which a piece of paper ought to be laid both under and over the silk. The joining may be rendered more secure by running it with a silk thread, and sticking a ribband over it. The ribbands laid over seams may be stuck with common glue, provided the varnish of the silk is properly dried. When the glue is quite dry, the ribbands should be varnished over, to prevent their being unglued by the rain.

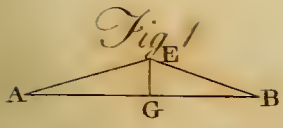
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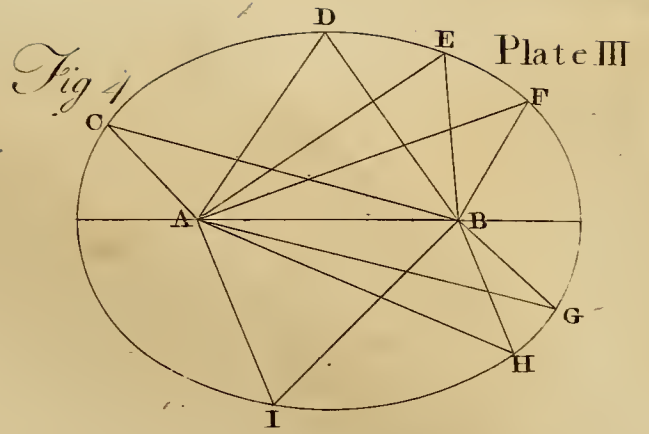
The best method of cutting the pieces of silk that are to form a balloon, is to describe a pattern of wood or stiff card-paper, and then to cut the silk upon it. As the edges of such a pattern are not perfect circles, they cannot be described by a pair of compasses: but the best method of drawing them is as follows. First, draw on a flat surface two right lines AE and BC, perpendicular to each other. Secondly, find the circumference answering to the given diameter of the balloon in feet and decimals of a foot; and make AD and DE

each equal to a quarter of the circumference, so that the whole length AE of the pattern may be equal to half the circumference. Thirdly, divide AD into 18 equal parts; and to the points of division apply the lines *fg*, *hi*, *kl*, &c. parallel to each other, and perpendicular to AD. Fourthly, divide the whole circumference in twice the given number of pieces, and make DC and BB each equal to the quotient of this division; so that the whole, BC, is equal to the greatest breadth of one of these pieces. Fifthly, multiply the above-mentioned quotient by the decimals annexed to *fg*, viz. 0.99619, and then the product expresses the length of *fg*: again multiply the same length of DE by the decimals annexed to *hi*, and the product expresses the length of *hi*; and, in short, the product arising from the multiplication of the length of DC by the decimals annexed to each of the parallel lines, gives the length of that line. Lastly, having found the lengths of all these lines, draw by hand a curve-line passing through all the extremities of the said lines, and that is the edge of one quarter of the pattern. The other quarters may be easily described, by applying to them a piece of paper cut according to the that already found.—Suppose, for example, that the diameter of the balloon to be constructed is 20 feet, and that it is required to make it of 12 pieces: then, in order to draw the pattern for those pieces, find the circumference of the balloon, which is 62.83 feet, and, dividing it by four, the quotient is 15.7 feet; make therefore AD equal to 15.7 feet, and DE likewise of the same length. Divide the circumference 62.83 by 24, which is double the number of pieces that are to form the balloon, and the quotient, 2.618 feet, is the length of DC and likewise of BD; so that BC is equal to 5.236 feet. Then, having divided the line AD into 18 equal parts, and having drawn the parallel lines from those points of division, find the length of each of these lines by multiplying 2.618 by the decimals annexed to that line. Thus, 2.618, multiplied by 0.99619, gives 2.608 feet for the length of *fg*; and again, multiplying 2.618 by 0.98481, gives 2.578 feet for the length of *hi*; and so of the rest.—In cutting the pieces after such a pattern, care should be taken to leave them about three quarters of an inch all round larger than the pattern, which will be taken up by the seams.

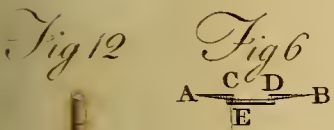
To the upper part of the balloon there should be adapted, and well fitted in, a valve opening inwards; to which should be fastened a string passing through a hole made in a small piece of round wood fixed in the lower part of the balloon opposite to the valve, the end of this string fastened to the car below, so that the aeronaut may open the valve when occasion requires. The action of this valve may be understood from fig. 6. A round brass plate AB has a round hole CD, about two or three inches diameter, covered on both sides with strong smooth leather. On the inside there is a shutter E, also of brass, covered with leather, which is to close the hole CD; being about two inches larger in diameter than the hole. It is fastened to the leather of the plate AB; and by a spring, which need not be very strong, it is kept against the hole. The elasticity of the gas itself will help to keep it shut. To this shutter the string is fastened, by which it is occasionally opened for the escape of gas. A small string



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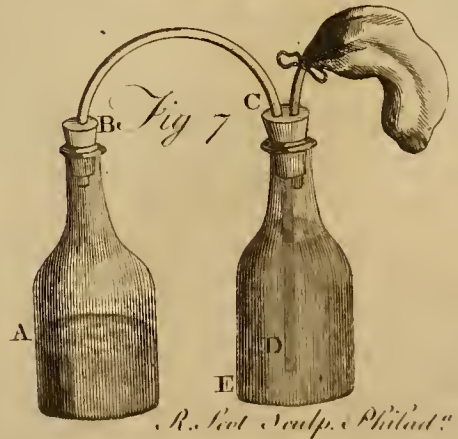
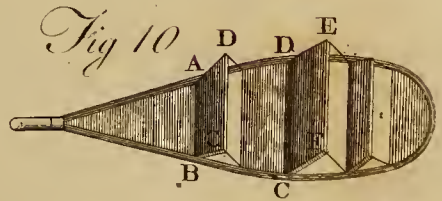
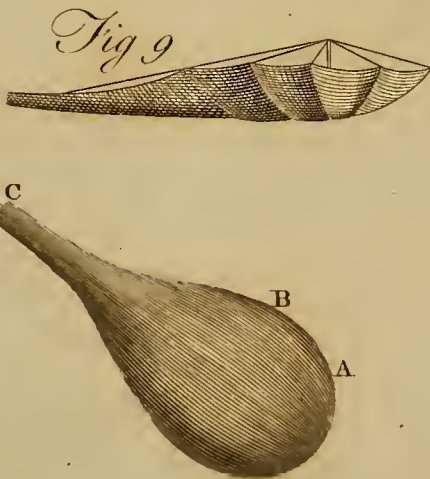
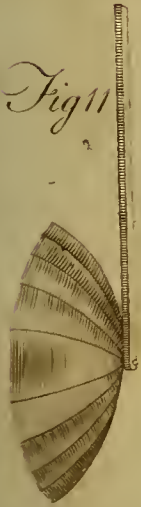
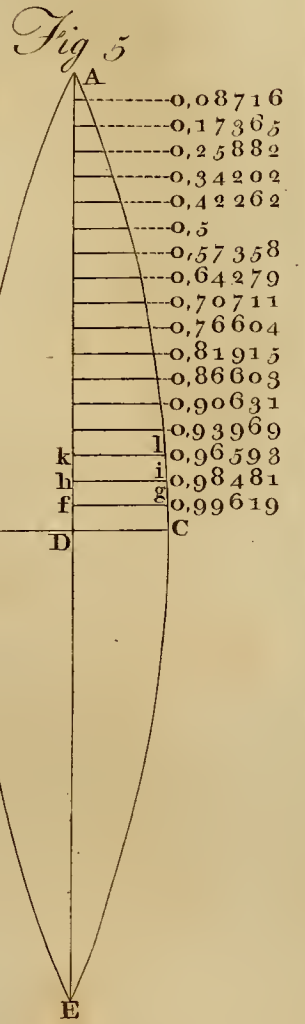
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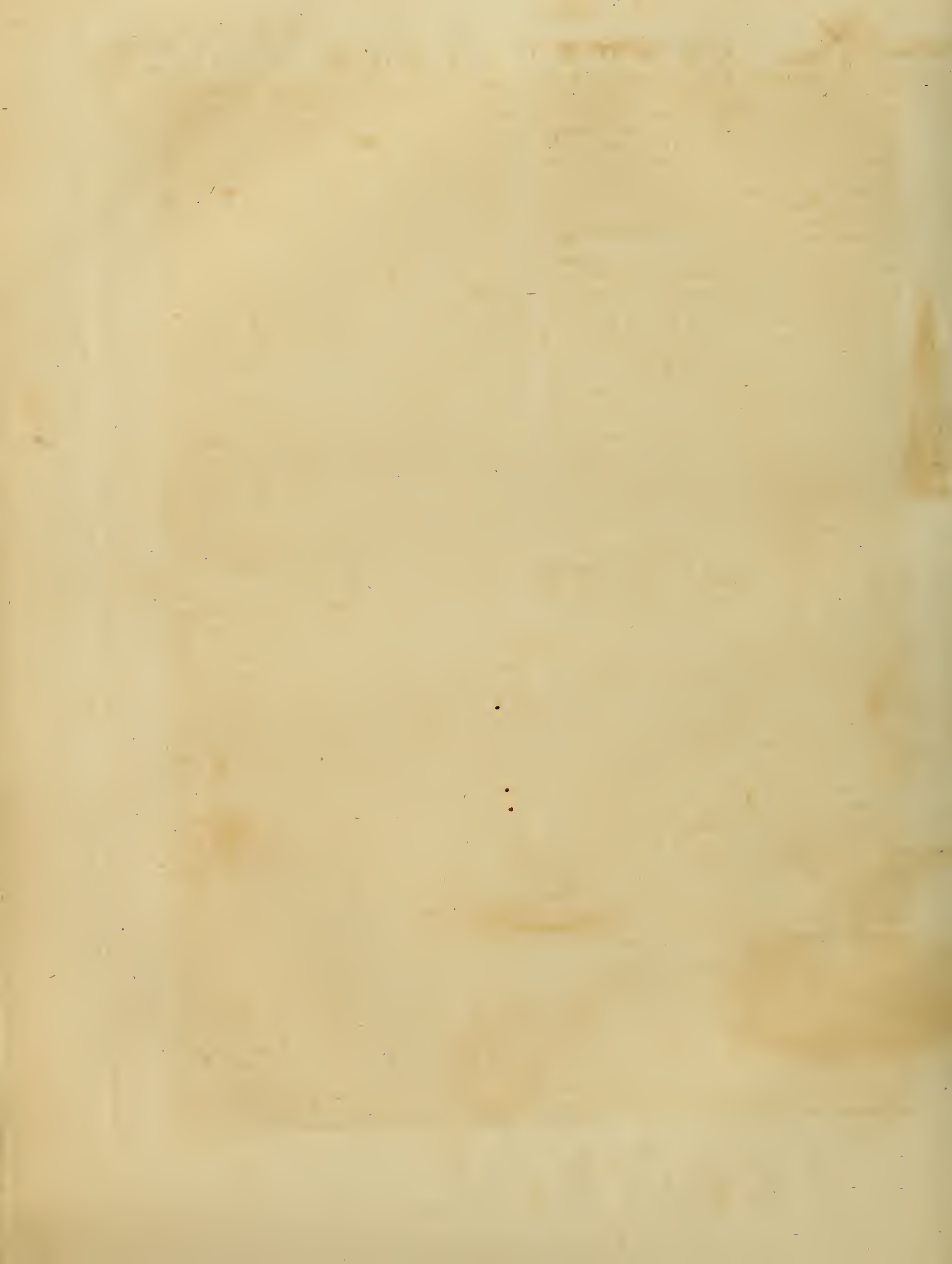
*Fig 13*



*View from a Balloon above the clouds seen by Mr Baldwin*



*R. Scot Sculpt. & Philat.*





string or other security should be fixed to the shutter and the plate, so as not to admit the shutter to be opened beyond a certain safe distance. To the lower part of the balloon two pipes should be fixed, made of the same stuff as the envelope; 6 inches diameter for a balloon of 30 feet, and proportionally larger for balloons of a greater capacity. They must be long enough for the car. For balloons of 18 feet and less diameter, one neck or pipe will be sufficient. These pipes are the apertures through which the inflammable gas is introduced into the balloon.

The car or boat is best made of wicker-work, covered with leather, and well painted or varnished over; and the proper method of suspending it, is by ropes proceeding from the net which goes over the balloon. This net should be formed to the shape of the balloon, and fall down to the middle of it, with various cords proceeding from it to the circumference of a circle about two feet below the balloon; and from that circle other ropes should go to the edge of the boat. This circle may be made of wood, or of several pieces of slender cane bound together. The meshes of the net may be small at top, against which part of the balloon the inflammable air exerts the greatest force; and increase in size as they recede from the top. A hoop has sometimes been applied round the middle of the balloon to fasten the net. This, though not absolutely necessary, is best made of pieces of cane bound together, and covered with leather.

With regard to the rarefied-air machines, Mr Cavallo recommends first to soak the cloth in a solution of sal-ammoniac and common size, using one pound of each to every gallon of water; and when the cloth is quite dry, to paint it over in the inside with some earthy colour, and strong size or glue. When this paint has dried perfectly, it will then be proper to varnish it with oily varnish, which might dry before it could penetrate quite through the cloth. Simple drying linseed oil will answer the purpose as well as any, provided it be not very fluid.

It now only remains to give some account of the method by which aerostatic machines may be filled with their proper gas, in order to give them their power of ascending into the atmosphere; and here we are enabled to determine with much greater precision concerning the inflammable-air balloons than the others.

With regard to them, a primary consideration is, the most proper method of procuring the inflammable air. It may be obtained in various ways, as has been shown under the article AEROLOGY; but the most advantageous methods are, by applying acids to certain metals; by exposing animal, vegetable, and some mineral substances, in a close vessel to a strong fire; or by transmitting the vapour of certain fluids through red-hot tubes.

1. In the first of these methods, iron, zinc, and vitriolic acid, are the materials most generally used. The vitriolic acid must be diluted by five or six parts of water. Iron may be expected to yield in the common way 1700 times its own bulk of gas; or one cubic foot of inflammable air to be produced by  $4\frac{1}{7}$  ounces of iron, the like weight of oil of vitriol, and  $22\frac{1}{7}$  ounces of water. Six ounces of zinc, an equal weight of oil of vitriol, and 30 ounces of water, are necessary for producing the same quantity of gas. It is more

proper to use the turnings or chippings of great pieces of iron, as of cannon, &c. than the filings of that metal, because the heat attending the effervescence will be diminished; and the diluted acid will pass more readily through the interstices of the turnings when they are heaped together, than through the filings which stick closer to one another. The weight of the inflammable air thus obtained by means of acid of vitriol, is, in the common way of procuring it, generally one seventh part of the weight of common air; but with the necessary precautions for philosophical experiments, less than one-tenth of the weight of common air. Two other sorts of elastic fluids are sometimes generated with the inflammable air. These may be separated from it by passing the inflammable air through water in which quicklime has been dissolved. The water will absorb these fluids, cool the inflammable air, and prevent its over-heating the balloon when introduced into it.

Fig. 7. of Plate III. represents an apparatus described by Mr Cavallo as proper for filling balloons of the size of two or three feet in diameter with inflammable air, after passing it through water.—A is the bottle with the ingredients; BCD a tube fastened in the neck at B, and passing through C, the cork of the other bottle, in which there is another hole made to receive the tube on which the balloon is tied. Thus it is plain, that the inflammable air coming out of the tube D will pass first through the water of the bottle E, and then into the balloon. Two small casks may be used instead of the bottles A and E.

2. Inflammable air may be obtained at a much cheaper rate by the action of fire on various substances; but the gas which these yield is not so light as that produced by the effervescence of acids and metals. The substances proper to be used in this way are, pit-coal, asphaltum, amber, rock-oil, and other minerals; wood, and especially oak, camphor-oil, spirits of wine, ether, and animal substances, which yield air in different degrees, and of various specific gravities; but pit-coal is the preferable substance. A pound of this exposed to a red heat, yields about three cubic feet of inflammable air, which, whether it be passed through water or not, weighs about one-fourth of the weight of common air. Dr Priestley found, as we have elsewhere noticed, that animal or vegetable substances will yield six or seven times more inflammable air when the fire is suddenly increased than when it is gently raised, though it be afterwards made very strong. Mr Cavallo observes, that the various substances above enumerated generally yield all their inflammable air in about one hour's time. The general method is, to inclose the substances in iron or earthen vessels, and thus expose them to a strong fire sufficient to make the vessels red-hot: the inflammable air proceeding from the aperture of the vessel is received into a tube or refrigerator, and, passing through the tube or worm, is at last collected in a balloon or other vessel. A gun-barrel has often been used for effects of this kind. The substance is put into it so as to fill six or eight inches of its lowest part, the remainder filled with dry sand: a tube, adapted to the mouth of the barrel, is brought into a basin of water under an inverted receiver; and the part of the barrel containing the substance being put into the fire and made red-hot, the inflammable air is collected

lected in the inverted receiver. As the gun-barrel cannot serve for producing a large quantity of inflammable air, Mr Cavallo recommends, as the most advantageous shape, the following contrivance:—Let the vessel be made of clay, or rather of iron, in the shape of a Florence flask, somewhat larger, and whose neck is longer and larger (See ABC, fig. 8.) Put the substance to be used in this vessel, so as to fill about four-fifths or less of its cavity AB. If the substance is of such a nature as to swell much by the action of the fire, lute a tube of brass, or first a brass and then a leaden tube, to the neck C of the vessel; and let the end D of the tube be shaped as in the figure, so that going into the water of a tub HI, it may terminate under a sort of inverted vessel EF, to the upper aperture of which the balloon G is adapted. Things thus prepared, if the part AB of the vessel is put into the fire, and made red-hot, the inflammable air produced will come out of the tube CD, and passing through the water will at last enter into the balloon G. Previous to the operation, as a considerable quantity of common air remains in the inverted vessel EF, which it is more proper to expel, the vessel EF should have a stop-cock K, through which the common air may be sucked out, and the water ascend as high as the stop-cock. The dimensions of such an apparatus Mr Cavallo gives thus: Diameter of largest part of the vessel ABC seven inches, length of whole vessel 16 inches; diameter of its aperture one inch, diameter of the cavity of tube CD three-fourths of an inch; lower aperture of the vessel EF six inches, least height of the vessel EF 24 inches; its aperture F about two inches. The aperture of the vessel EF should be at least one foot below the surface of the water in HI. Care must be taken that the fire used in this process be at a sufficient distance, otherwise it may happen to fire the inflammable air which may escape out of the vessel EF.

3. The last method of obtaining inflammable air was lately discovered by Mr Lavoisier, and also by Dr Priestley. Mr Lavoisier made the steam of boiling water pass through the barrel of a gun, kept red-hot by burning coals. Dr Priestley uses, instead of the gun-barrel, a tube of red-hot brass, upon which the steam of water has no effect, and which he fills with the pieces of iron which are separated in the boring of cannon. By this method he obtains an inflammable air, the specific gravity of which is to that of common air as 1 to 13. In this method, not yet indeed reduced to general practice, a tube, about three quarters of an inch in diameter, and about three feet long, is filled with iron turnings; then the neck of a retort, or close boiler, is luted to one of its ends, and the worm of a refrigeratory is adapted to its other extremity. The middle part of the tube is then surrounded with burning coals, so as to keep about one foot in length of it red-hot, and a fire is always made under the retort or boiler sufficient to make the water boil with vehemence. In this process a considerable quantity of inflammable air comes out of the worm of the refrigeratory. It is said that iron yields one half more air by this means than by the action of vitriolic acid.

For filling large balloons, a greater apparatus is necessary; and the only materials that can, with any certainty of success, be employed for producing the proper gas, are, oil of vitriol, and iron filings or turnings.

It has indeed been recommended to use zinc instead of iron filings, because white vitriol, the salt produced by the union of the vitriolic acid and zinc, is much more valuable than the green sort produced by the union of the same acid with iron. But though this is undoubtedly the case, it will as certainly be found, upon trial, that the superior price of the zinc will be more than an equivalent for all the advantage that can be derived from the additional price of the white vitriol. For a balloon of 30 feet diameter, Mr Cavallo recommends 3900 pounds of iron turnings, as much oil of vitriol and 19,500 pounds of water. These proportions, however, appear too great with respect to the acid and metal, and too little with respect to the water. Oil of vitriol will not exert its power upon iron unless it be diluted with five or six times its quantity of water; in which case, a much smaller quantity of both acid and metal will serve. Mr Lunardi, who from the number of his voyages had certainly much practical knowledge in aerostation, filled his balloon at Edinburgh and Glasgow with about 2000 pounds of iron (the borings of cannon procured from Carron), as much vitriolic acid, and 12,000 pounds of water. The iron was placed in his vessels in layers, with straw between them, in order to increase the surface. His apparatus was not materially different from that of Mr Cavallo, represented bottom of Plate I. fig. 2. where AA are two tubs, about three feet in diameter and nearly two feet deep, inverted in large tubs BB filled with water. In the bottom of each of the inverted tubs a hole is made, and a tube E of tin adapted, which is about seven inches in diameter, and seven or eight long. To these tubes the silken ones of the balloon are to be tied. Round each of the tubes B, five, six, or more strong casks are placed; in the top of each two holes are made, and to one of these holes a tin tube is adapted, and so shaped, that, passing over the edge of the tub B, and through the water, it may terminate with its aperture under the inverted tub A. The other hole of these casks serves for the introduction of materials, and is stopped with a wooden plug. When the balloon is to be filled, put the net over it, and let it be suspended as shown by CDF; and having expelled all the common air from it, let the silken tubes be fastened round the tin ones EE; and the materials being put into the casks, the inflammable air, passing into the balloon, will soon distend, and render it capable of supporting itself; after which the rope GH may be slipped off. As the balloon continues to be filled, the net is adjusted properly round it; the cords that surround it are fastened to the hoop MN; then the boat IK being placed between the two sets of casks, is fastened to the hoop MN, and every thing that is required to be sent up, as ballast, instruments, &c. is placed in it. At last, when the balloon is little more than three quarters full, the silken tubes are separated from the tin ones of the inverted tubs, and their extremities being tied up, are placed in the boat. Lastly, the aeronauts being seated in the boat, the lateral ropes are slipped off, and the machine is abandoned to the air. (See *Blanchard's balloon*, Plate II.) This apparatus was at last reduced by Mr Lunardi to its utmost simplicity, by using only two large casks, and suffering the vapour to go into the balloon without passing through water. Thus his balloon was filled

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Mr Cavallo's receipt.

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Mr Lunardi's method

in less than half an hour, when, before, it had required two hours at least. The sinking of his casks in the ground was also an additional convenience, as it created no confusion, and rendered the materials much more easily conveyed into them.

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balloons.

With regard to the rarefied-air balloons, the method of filling them is as follows. A scaffold ABCD, the breadth of which is at least two-thirds of the diameter of the machine, is elevated about six or eight feet above the ground. From the middle of it descends a well E, rising about two or three feet above it, and reaching to the ground, furnished with a door or two, through which the fire in the well is supplied with fuel. The well should be constructed of brick or of plastered wood, and its diameter should be somewhat less than that of the machine. On each side of the scaffold are erected two masts HI, KL, each of which has a pulley at the top, and rendered firm by means of ropes KG, KP, HP, HG. The machine to be filled is to be placed on the scaffold, with its neck round the aperture of the well. The rope passing over the pulleys of the two masts, serves, by pulling its two ends, to lift the balloon about 15 feet or more above the scaffold; and the rest of the machine is represented by the dotted lines in the figure MNO. The machine is kept steady, and held down, whilst filling, by ropes passing through loops or holes about its equator; and these ropes may easily be disengaged from the machine, by slipping them through the loops when it is able to sustain itself. The proper combustibles to be lighted in the well, are those which burn quick and clear, rather than such as produce much smoke; because it is hot air, and not smoke, that is required to be introduced into the machine. Small wood and straw have been found to be very fit for this purpose. Mr Cavallo observes, as the result of many experiments with small machines, that spirits of wine are upon the whole the best combustible; but its price may prevent its being used for large machines. As the current of hot air ascends, the machine will soon dilate, and lift itself above the scaffold and gallery which was covered by it. The passengers, fuel, instruments, &c. are then placed in the gallery. When the machine makes efforts to ascend, this aperture must be brought, by means of ropes annexed to it, towards the side of the well a little above the scaffold; the fire-place is then suspended in it, the fire lighted in the grate, and the lateral ropes being slipped off the machine is abandoned to the air. (See *Montgolfier's balloon*, Plate II.) It has been determined by accurate experiments, that only one third of the common air can be expelled from these large machines; and therefore the ascending power of the rarefied air in them can be estimated as only equal to half an ounce averdupoise for every cubic foot.

The conduct of balloons, when constructed, filled, and actually ascending in the atmosphere, is an object of great importance in the practice of aerostation. The method generally used for elevating or lowering the balloons with rarefied air, has been the increase or diminution of the fire; and this is entirely at the command of the aeronaut, as long as he has any fuel in the gallery. The inflammable-air balloons have been generally raised or lowered by diminishing the weight in the boat, or by letting out some of the gas through the valve: but the alternate escape of the air in de-

scending, and discharge of the ballast for ascending, will by degrees render the machine incapable of floating; for in the air it is impossible to supply the loss of ballast, and very difficult to supply that of inflammable air. These balloons will also rise or fall by means of the rarefaction or condensation of the inclosed air, occasioned by heat and cold. It has been proposed to aid a balloon in its alternate motion of ascent and descent, by annexing to it a vessel of common air, which might be condensed for lowering the machine, and rarefied again, by expelling part of it, for raising the machine: But a vessel adapted to this purpose must be very strong; and, after all, the assistance afforded by it would not be very considerable. M. Meunier, in order to attain this end, proposes to inclose one balloon filled with common air in another filled with inflammable air: as the balloon ascends, the inflammable air is dilated, and of course compresses the internal balloon containing the common air; and by diminishing its quantity, lessens its weight. If it should be necessary to supply this loss, he says it may be easily done by a pair of bellows fixed in the gallery. Others have proposed to annex a small machine with rarefied air to an inflammable-air balloon by ropes, at such a distance that the fire of the former might not affect the inflammable air of the latter: the whole apparatus, thus combined, of balloons formed on the two principles of heated and inflammable air, might be raised or lowered by merely increasing or diminishing the fire in the lower balloon.

Wings or oars are the only means of this sort that have been used with some success; and, as Mr Cavallo observes, they seem to be capable of considerable improvement. Although great effects are not to be expected from them, when the machine goes at a great rate, the best methods of moving those wings are by the human strength applied similarly to the oars of a waterman. They may be made in general of silk stretched between wires, tubes, or sticks; and when used, must be turned edgewise when they are moved in the direction in which the machine is intended to be impelled, but flat in the opposite direction. Fig. 9. Plate III. is the representation of one of Mr Blanchard's wings. Fig. 10. is one of those used by Mr Lunardi, which consists of many silk shutters or valves, ABCD, DECF, &c. every one of which opens on one side only, viz. ADBC opens upon the line AB, DECF opens upon the line DC, &c. In consequence of this construction, this sort of oars do not need being turned edgewise. Fig. 11. represents one of the wings used by the brothers Roberts in the aerial voyage of the 19th September 1784; and fig. 12. represents one of the wings constructed by Count Zambèccari, which consists of a piece of silk stretched between two tin tubes set at an angle; but these wings are so contrived as to turn edgewise by themselves when they go on one direction. Other contrivances have been made to direct aerostatic machines, but they have mostly been invented to effect a power upon them as upon a ship. It appears, however, that they can have no effect when a machine is only moved by the wind alone, because the circumambient air is at rest in respect to the machine. The case is quite different with a vessel at sea, because the water on which it floats stands still whilst the vessel goes on; but it must be time and experience that can realize the expectations suggested by these contrivances.

Aerſhot  
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Æſchines.

**AERSHOT**, a town in the Netherlands, in the duchy of Brabant, and the capital of the duchy of Aerſhot. It is ſeated on the river Demur, ten miles eaſt of Malines or Mechlin, and eight north of Louvain. E. Long. 5. 4. N. Lat. 51. 15.

**ÆRUGINOUS**, an epithet given to ſuch things as reſemble or partake of the nature of the ruſt of copper.

**ÆRUGO**, in natural hiſtory, properly ſignifies the ruſt of copper, whether natural or artificial. The former is found about copper mines, and the latter, called *verdegris*, made by corroding copper-plates with acids. See *Verdegris*.

**ÆRUSCATORES**, in antiquity, a kind of ſtrolling beggars, not unlike gypſies, who drew money from the credulous by fortune-telling, &c. It was alſo a denomination given to griping exactors, or collectors of the revenue. The Galli, or prieſts of Cybele, were called *æruſcatores magnæ matris*; and *μυτράγυρται*, on account of their begging or collecting alms in the ſtreets; to which end they had little bells whereby to draw people's attention to them, much like ſome orders of mendicants in ſome parts of Europe.

**AERY**, or **AIRY**, among ſportſmen. See **AIRY**.

**ÆS UXORIUM**, in antiquity, a ſum paid by bachelors, as a penalty for living ſingle to old age. This tax for not marrying ſeems to have been firſt impoſed in the year of Rome 350, under the cenſorſhip of M. Furius Camillus and M. Poſthumus. At the cenſus, or review of the people, each perſon was aſked, *Et tu ex animâ ſententiâ uxorem habes liberum quærendorum cauſa?* He who had no wife was hereupon fined after a certain rate, called *æs uxorium*.

*Æs per et libram* was a formula in the Roman law, whereby purchaſes and ſales were ratified. Originally the phraſe ſeems to have been only uſed in ſpeaking of things ſold by weight, or by the ſcales; but it afterwards was uſed on other occaſions. Hence even in adoptions, as there was a kind of imaginary purchaſe; the formula whereof expreſſed, that the perſon adopted was bought *per æs et libram*.

*Æs Flavum*, yellow copper, among the Romans, an appellation given to the coarſer kinds of braſs.

*Æs Caldarium*, a term uſed by the German mineraliſts, for a ſubſtance which ſometimes occurs to thoſe who work upon cobalt, and is uſed for the making the fine blue colour called *ſmalt*.

*Æs Uſtum*, a chemical preparation, made of thin leaves of copper, ſulphur, and nitre, placed *ſtratum ſuper ſtratum* in a crucible, and ſet in a charcoal fire till all the ſulphur is conſumed; after which, the copper is taken out of the crucible, and reduced to powder. Some quench the leaves of copper in vinegar, and repeat the calcination.—Its principal uſe is in colouring glaſs, to which it gives a beautiful tincture. The ſurgeons uſe it as a deterſive, and ſome have given it internally; but it is certainly a very dangerous medicine, and ſhould be avoided.

**ÆSCHINES**, a Socratic philoſopher, the ſon of Charinus a ſauſage-maker. He was continually with Socrates; which occaſioned this philoſopher to ſay, that the ſauſage-maker's ſon was the only perſon who knew how to pay a due regard to him. It is ſaid that poverty obliged him to go to Sicily to Dionyſius the Tyrant; and that he met with great contempt from Plato, but was extremely well received by Ariſtippus; to whom

he ſhewed ſome of his dialogues, and received from him a handſome reward. He would not venture to profeſs philoſophy at Athens, Plato and Ariſtippus being in ſuch high eſteem; but he ſet up a ſchool to maintain himſelf. He afterwards wrote orations for the Forum. Phrynicius, in Photius, ranks him among the beſt orators, and mentions his orations as the ſtandard of the pure Attic ſtyle. Hermogenes has alſo ſpoken very highly of him.—He alſo wrote ſeveral dialogues, of which there are only three extant: 1. Concerning Virtue, whether it can be taught. 2. Eryxias, or Eraſiſtratus; concerning riches, whether they are good. 3. Axiochus; concerning death, whether it is to be feared. Mr Le Clerc has given a Latin tranſlation of them with notes, and ſeveral diſſertations intitled *Sylvæ Philologicæ*.

**ÆSCHYLUS**, the tragic poet, was born at Athens. Authors differ in regard to the time of his birth, ſome placing it in the 65th, others in the 70th Olympiad; but according to Stanley, who relies on the Arundelian marbles, he was born in the 63d Olympiad. He was the ſon of Euphorion, and brother to Cynegirus and Aminias, who diſtinguiſhed themſelves in the battle of Marathon, and the ſea-fight of Salamis, at which engagements Æſchylus was likewiſe preſent. In this laſt action, according to Diodorus Siculus, Aminias, the younger of the three brothers, commanded a ſquadron of ſhips, and behaved with ſo much conduct and bravery, that he ſunk the admiral of the Perſian fleet, and ſignalized himſelf above all the Athenians. To this brother our poet was, upon a particular occaſion, obliged for ſaving his life: Ælian relates, that Æſchylus being charged by the Athenians with certain blaſphemous expreſſions in ſome of his pieces, was accuſed of impiety, and condemned to be ſtoned to death: they were juſt going to put the ſentence in execution, when Aminias, with a happy preſence of mind, throwing aſide his cloak, ſhewed his arm without a hand, which he had loſt in the battle of Salamis in defence of his country. This ſight made ſuch an impreſſion on the judges, that, touched with the remembrance of his valour, and with the friendſhip he ſhewed for his brother, they pardoned Æſchylus. Our poet however repented the indignity of this proſecution, and reſolved to leave a place where his life had been in danger. He became more determined in this reſolution when he found his pieces leſs pleaſing to the Athenians than thoſe of Sophocles, tho' a much younger writer. Some affirm, that Æſchylus never ſat down to compoſe but when he had drank liberally. He wrote a great number of tragedies, of which there are but ſeven remaining: and notwithſtanding the ſharpcenſures of ſome critics, he muſt be allowed to have been the father of the tragic art. In the time of Theſpis, there was no public theatre to act upon; the ſtrollers driving about from place to place in a cart. Æſchylus furniſhed his actors with masks, and dreſſed them ſuitably to their characters. He likewiſe introduced the buſkin, to make them appear more like heroes.—The ancients gave Æſchylus alſo the praiſe of having been the firſt who removed murders and ſhocking ſights from the eyes of the ſpectators. He is ſaid likewiſe to have leſſened the number of the chorus. M. Le Fevre has obſerved, that Æſchylus never repreſented women in love in his tragedies; which, he ſays, was not ſuited to his genius; but, in repreſenting a woman tranſported with fury he was incomparable. Longius ſays, that

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Æschylus has a noble boldness of expression; and that his imagination is lofty and heroic. It must be owned, however, that he affected pompous words, and that his sense is too often obscured by figures: this gave Salmastius occasion to say, that he was more difficult to be understood than the scripture itself. But notwithstanding these imperfections, this poet was held in great veneration by the Athenians, who made a public decree that his tragedies should be played after his death. He was killed in the 69th year of his age, by an eagle letting fall a tortoise upon his head as he was walking in the fields. He had the honour of a pompous funeral from the Sicilians, who buried him near the river Gela; and the tragedians of the country performed plays and theatrical exercises at his tomb.—The best edition of his plays is that of London, 1663, fol. with a Latin translation and a learned commentary by Thomas Stanley.

**ÆSCHYNOMENE, BASTARD SENSITIVE-PLANT:**

A genus of the decandria order, belonging to the diadelphia class of plants; the characters of which are: The *calyx* is a one-leav'd campanulated bilabiate perianthium; the lips equal, but the superior one two-cleft, the inferior tridentate. The *corolla* is papilionaceous; the banner cordated and subringent; the *alæ* ovate, obtuse, and shorter than the banner; and the *carina* lunated, pointed, and the length of the *alæ*. The *stamina* consist of 10 simple 9-cleft filaments; the antheræ small. The *pistillum* is an oblong villous columnar germen; the stylus subulated and ascending, the stigma simple and somewhat obtuse. The *pericarpium* is a long, compressed, unilocular jointed pod. The *seeds* are kidney-shaped, and solitary within each joint. Of this genus there are reckoned six.

*Species*. 1. The *aspera* (as well as the rest of this genus) is a native of warm countries. It rises to the height of four or five feet, having a single herbaceous stalk, which is rough in some parts. The leaves come out on every side towards the top, forming a sort of head; the flowers come out between the leaves, two or three together upon long footstalks; they are yellow, and shaped like those of peas: after the flower is past, the germen becomes a flat jointed pod, which, when ripe, parts at the joints, and in each division is lodged a single kidney-shaped seed. 2. The *Americana*, seldom rises more than two feet in height. The flowers come out from the leaves on branching footstalks, five or six together; these are much less than the former, and of a paler yellow colour. The seed is lodged in pods like the other. 3. The *arborea*, grows to the height of six or seven feet, with a single stem; the flowers come out two or three together, of a copper colour, and as large as those of the *aspera*. 4. The *sesban* hath woody stems, and branches garnished with smooth leaves. The flowers are small, of a deep yellow colour, and come out on long spikes hanging downward. The seed is contained in a smooth pod not jointed. 5. The *pumila*, rises to the height of about three feet; has flowers of a pale yellow colour, which come out sometimes single, at other times two or three upon each footstalk. The seeds are contained in a long falcated pod having 13 or 14 divisions, each of which lodges a single seed. 6. The *grandiflora*, rises six or eight feet high, with a woody stem, sending out branches towards the top, garnished with obtuse leaves. The flowers are large, yellow, and

succeeded by large pods containing kidney-shaped seeds. *Æsculapius*  
*Culture*. These plants are propagated by seeds, which should be sown early in the spring, on a hot-bed: and when the plants have strength enough to be removed, they should each be put into a separate pot filled with light earth, and plunged into a hot-bed. As they increase in size, they must be removed into larger pots; but if these are too large, the plants will not thrive. They must be brought forward early in the year, otherwise the second kind will not perfect its seed.

**ÆSCULAPIUS**, in the Heathen mythology, the god of physic, was the son of Apollo and the nymph Coronis. He was educated by the centaur Chiron, who taught him physic; by which means Æsculapius cured the most desperate diseases. But Jupiter, enraged at his restoring to life Hippolitus, who had been torn in pieces by his own horses, killed him with a thunder-bolt. According to Cicero, there were three deities of this name: the first, the son of Apollo, worshipped in Arcadia, who invented the probe, and bandages for wounds; the second, the brother of Mercury, killed by lightning; and the third, the son of Arisippus and Arsinoe, who first taught the art of tooth-drawing and purging. At Epidaurus, Æsculapius's statue was of gold and ivory; with a long beard, his head surrounded with rays, holding in one hand a knotty stick, and the other entwined with a serpent; he was seated on a throne of the same materials as his statue; and had a dog lying at his feet. The Romans crowned him with laurel, to represent his descent from Apollo; and the Phalians represented him as beardless. The cock, the raven, and the goat, were sacred to this deity. His chief temples were at Pergamus, Smyrna, Trica a city in Ionia, and the isle of Coos; in all which, votive tablets were hung up, showing the diseases cured by his assistance. But his most famous shrine was at Epidaurus; where, every five years, games were instituted to him, nine days after the Isthmian games at Corinth.

**ÆSCULUS**, the HORSE-CHESTNUT: A genus of the monogynia order, belonging to the heptandria class of plants; and ranking, in the natural method, under the 39th order, *Tribilata*.—The characters are: The *calyx* is a small, single-leaved, bellied perianthium, divided into five segments. The *corolla* (except in the *pavia*, where it is four-petal'd and close) consists of five roundish, flat, expanding petals, unequally coloured, and with narrow claws inserted into the calyx. The *stamina* have seven subulated declining filaments, the length of the corolla; the antheræ ascending. The *pistillum* is a roundish germen, ending in a subulated stylus; the stigma pointed. The *pericarpium* is a leathery, roundish, trilocular, three-valved capsule. The *seeds* are two, and subglobular.—In this genus Van Rozen and Miller observe both male and hermaphrodite flowers. There are two.

*Species*. 1. The *hippocastanum*, or common horse-chestnut. It was brought from the northern parts of Asia about the year 1550; and sent to Vienna about 1588. This tree makes a noble appearance all the month of May, the extremities of the branches being terminated by fine spikes of flowers spotted with rose colours, so that the whole tree seems covered with them. It is quick in its growth; so that in a few years it arrives at a size large enough to afford a good shade in summer,

*Æsculus.* summer, as also to produce plenty of flowers. They have, however, this great inconvenience, that their wood is of no use, being unfit even for burning; and their leaves beginning to fall in July, soon deprive the trees of their beauty. There is something very singular in the growth of these trees; which is, that the whole shoot is performed in less than three weeks after the buds are opened.—The nuts are reckoned good food for horses. In Turkey, they are ground, and mixed with the provender of these animals, especially those which are troubled with coughs or broken-winded. Deer are also very fond of the fruit; and at the time of their ripening keep much about the trees, but especially in strong winds, when the nuts are blown down, which they carefully watch, and greedily devour as they fall.

2. The pavia, or scarlet-flowering horse-chestnut, a native of Carolina, the Brasils, and the East. It grows to about fifteen or sixteen feet high; and there is a delicacy in this tree that makes it desirable. The bark of the young shoots is quite smooth, and the growing shoots in summer are of a reddish hue. The leaves are palmated, being pretty much like those of the horse-chestnut, only much smaller, and the indentures at the edges are deeper and more acute. The lobes of which they are composed are spear-shaped; they are five in number, are united at their base, and stand on a long red footstalk. The leaves grow opposite by pairs on the branches, which are spread abroad on every side. The flowers come out from the ends of the branches. The first appearance of the buds is in May; though they will not be in full blow till the middle of June. They are of a bright red colour, and consequently have a pleasing effect among the vast tribe of yellow-flowering sorts which show themselves in bloom at that season. They continue in succession for upwards of six weeks; and sometimes are succeeded by ripe seeds in our gardens.

*Propagation and culture.* The first species is propagated from the nuts. In autumn, therefore, when they fall, a sufficient quantity should be gathered. These should be sown soon afterwards in drills, about two inches asunder. If the nuts are kept till spring, many of them will be faulty; but where the seminary-ground cannot be got ready before, and they are kept so long, it may be proper to put them in water, to try their goodness. The good nuts will sink, whilst those which are faulty will swim; so that by proving them this way you may be sure of good nuts, and have more promising hopes of a crop. In the spring the plants will come up; and when they have stood one year, they may be taken up, their tap-roots shortened, and afterwards planted in the nursery. When they are of sufficient size to be planted out finally, they must be taken out of the nursery with care, the great side-shoots and the bruised parts of the roots should be taken off, and then planted in large holes level with the surface of the ground, at the top of their roots; the fibres being all spread and lapped in the fine mould, and the turf also worked to the bottom. A stake should be placed to keep them safe from the winds; and they must be fenced from the cattle till they are of a sufficient size to defend themselves. The best season for all this work is October. After the trees are planted, neither knife nor hatchet should come near them; but

*Æsculus.* they should be left to Nature to form their beautiful parabolic heads, and assume their utmost beauty.—The horse-chestnut, like most other trees, delights most in good fat land; but it will grow exceedingly well on clayey and marley grounds.

Miller says, “When these trees are transplanted, their roots should be preserved as entire as possible, for they do not succeed well when torn or cut; nor should any of the branches be shortened, for there is scarce any tree that will not bear amputation better than this; so that when any branches are by accident broken, they should be cut off close by the stem, that the wound may heal over.”

The second species is propagated, 1. By budding it upon the young plants of the horse-chestnut. These stocks should be raised as was directed in that article. They should be planted in the nursery way, one foot asunder, and two feet distant in the rows, which should be kept clean of weeds, and must be dug between every winter till the operation is to be performed. After they have stood in the nursery-ground about two years, and have made at least one good summer's shoot, the summer following is the time for the operation. Then, having your cuttings ready soon after midsummer, the evenings and cloudy weather should be made choice of for the work. Whoever has a great number of trees to inoculate, must regard no weather, but keep working on, to get his business over before the season ends; and, indeed, a good hand will be always pretty sure of success be the weather what it will. If the stocks were healthy, the summer following they will make pretty good shoots; and in a year or two after that will flower. This is one method of propagating this tree; and those plants that are propagated this way will grow to a larger size than those raised immediately from seeds.—2. This tree also may be propagated by seeds; which will sometimes ripen with us, and may be obtained out of our own gardens. The manner of raising them this way is as follows: Let a warm border be prepared; and if it is not naturally sandy, let drift-sand be mixed with the soil; and in this border let the seeds be sown in the month of March, about half an inch deep. After this, constant weeding must be observed; and when the plants are come up, if they could be shaded in the heat of the day, it would be much better. These, with now and then a gentle watering in a dry season, will be all the precautions they will require the first summer. The winter following if the situation is not extremely well-sheltered, protection must be given them from the hard black frosts, which will otherwise often destroy them; so that it will be the safest way to have the bed hooped, to cover them with mats in such weather, if the situation is not well defended: if it is, this trouble may be saved; for, even when young, they are tolerably hardy. In about two or three years they may be removed into the nursery, or planted where they are to remain, and they will flower in three or four years after. The usual nursery-care must be taken of them when planted in that way; and the best time for planting them there, or where they are to remain, is October; though they will grow exceeding well if removed in any of the winter months; but, if planted late in the spring, they will require more watering, as the ground will not be so regularly settled

Æsop. settled to the roots as if they had been planted earlier.

ÆSOP, the Phrygian, lived in the time of Solon, about the 50th Olympiad, under the reign of Cræsus the last king of Lydia. As to genius and abilities, he was greatly indebted to nature; but in other respects not so fortunate, being born a slave and extremely deformed. St Jerome, speaking of him, says he was unfortunate in his birth, condition in life, and death; hinting thereby at his deformity, servile state, and tragical end. His great genius, however, enabled him to support his misfortunes; and, in order to alleviate the hardships of servitude, he composed those entertaining and instructive fables which have acquired him so much reputation. He is generally supposed to have been the inventor of that kind of writing; but this is contested by several; particularly Quintilian, who seems to think that Hesiod was the first author of fables. Æsop, however, certainly improved this art to a very great degree; and hence it is that he has been accounted the author of this sort of productions;

Æsopus auctor quam materiam reperit,  
Hanc ego pollivi versibus fenariis.

*Phœd. Prol. ad lib. i.*

“ If any thoughts in these iambics shine,  
Th’ invention’s Æsop’s, and the verse is mine.”

The first master whom Æsop served, was one Caræus Demarchus, an inhabitant of Athens; and there in all probability he acquired his purity in the Greek tongue. After him he had several masters, and at length came under a philosopher named Idmon or Iadmon, who enfranchised him. After he had recovered his liberty, he soon acquired a great reputation amongst the Greeks; so that, according to Meziriac, the report of his wisdom having reached Cræsus, he sent to enquire after him, and engaged him in his service. He travelled through Greece, according to the same author; whether for his own pleasure, or upon the affairs of Cræsus, is uncertain: and passing by Athens soon after Pisistratus had usurped the sovereign power, and finding that the Athenians bore the yoke very impatiently, he told them the fable of the frogs who petitioned Jupiter for a king. The images made use of by Æsop are certainly very happy inventions to instruct mankind; they possess all that is necessary to perfect a precept, having a mixture of the useful with the agreeable. “ Æsop the fabulist (says Aulus Gellius), was deservedly esteemed wise, since he did not, after the manner of the philosophers, rigidly and imperiously dictate such things as were proper to be advised and persuaded; but, framing entertaining and agreeable apologues, he thereby charms and captivates the human mind.”—Æsop was put to death at Delphi. Plutarch tells us, that he came there with a great quantity of gold and silver, being ordered by Cræsus to offer a sacrifice to Apollo, and to give a considerable sum to each inhabitant: but a quarrel arising betwixt him and the Delphians, he sent back the money to Cræsus; for he thought those for whom that prince designed it, had rendered themselves unworthy of it. The inhabitants of Delphi contrived an accusation of sacrilege against him; and pretending they had convicted him, threw him headlong from a rock. For this cruelty and injustice, we are told they were visited with famine and pestilence; and consulting the oracle, they received for answer, that the god de-

signed this as a punishment for their treatment of Æsop; they endeavoured to make an atonement by raising a pyramid to his honour.

ÆSOP (Clodius), a celebrated actor, who flourished about the 670th year of Rome. He and Roscius were cotemporaries; and the best performers who ever appeared upon the Roman stage, the former excelling in tragedy, the latter in comedy. Cicero put himself under their direction to perfect his action. Æsop lived in a most expensive manner, and at one entertainment is said to have had a dish which cost above eight hundred pounds; this dish, we are told, was filled with singing and speaking birds, some of which cost near 50l. The delight which Æsop took in this sort of birds proceeded, as Mr Bayle observes, from the expence: He did not make a dish of them because they could speak, according to the refinement of Pliny upon this circumstance, this motive being only by accident; but because of their extraordinary price. If there had been any birds that could not speak, and yet more scarce and dear than these, he would have procured such for his table. Æsop’s son was no less luxurious than the father; for he dissolved pearls for his guests to swallow. Some speak of this as a common practice of his; but others mention his falling into this excess only on a particular day, when he was treating his friends. Horace\* speaks only of one pearl of great value, which he dissolved in vinegar, and drank. Æsop, notwithstanding his expences, is said to have died worth above 160,000l. When he was upon the stage, he entered into his part to such a degree, as sometimes to be seized with a perfect ecstasy: Plutarch mentions it as reported of him, that whilst he was representing Atreus deliberating how he should revenge himself on Thyestes, he was so transported beyond himself in the heat of action, that with his truncheon he smote one of the servants crossing the stage, and laid him dead on the spot.

ÆSTIMATIO CAPITIS, a term met with in old law-books for a fine anciently ordained to be paid for offences committed against persons of quality, according to their several degrees.

ÆSTIVAL, in a general sense, denotes something connected with, or belonging to, summer. Hence æstival sign, æstival solstice, &c.

ÆSTUARIA, in geography, denotes an arm of the sea, which runs a good way within land. Such is the Chesapeake bay, &c.

ÆSTUARIES, in ancient baths, were secret passages from the hypocaustum into the chambers.

ÆSTUARY; among physicians, a vapour-bath, or any other instrument for conveying heat to the body.

ÆSYMNIUM, in antiquity, a monument erected to the memory of the heroes, by Æsymnus the Megarean. He consulting the oracle in what manner the Megareans might be most happily governed, was answered, *If they held consultation with the more numerous*: whom he taking for the dead, built the said monument, and a senate-house that took within its compass the monument; imagining that thus the dead would assist in their consultations. (Pausanias.)

ÆETH, or AETH, a strong little town in the Austrian Netherlands and province of Hainault, situated on the river Dender, about 20 miles S. W. of Brussels.

ÆTHALIA, or ILVA (anc. geog.) now *Elba*; an island.

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\*Sat. iii.  
lib. ii. 239.

Æthelstan, island on the coast of Etruria, in compass an hundred miles, abounding in iron, as Elba still does. Stephanus calle it *Aethale*. The port of Aethalia was called *Argous*, (Diod Sicul.)

ÆTHELSTAN, see ATHELSTAN.

ÆTHER, is usually understood of a thin, subtile matter, or medium, much finer and rarer than air; which commencing from the limits of our atmosphere, possesses the whole heavenly space.—The word is Greek, *αιθηρ*, supposed to be formed from the verb *αιθω*, “to burn, to flame;” some of the ancients, particularly Anaxagoras, supposing it of the nature of fire. See FIRE.

The philosophers cannot conceive that the largest part of the creation should be perfectly void; and therefore they fill it with a species of matter under the denomination of *æther*. But they vary extremely as to the nature and character of this *æther*. Some conceive it as a body *sui generis*, appointed only to fill up the vacuities between the heavenly bodies; and therefore confined to the regions above our atmosphere. Others suppose it of so subtile and penetrating a nature, as to pervade the air, and other bodies, and possesses the pores and intervals thereof. Others deny the existence of any such specific matter; and think the air itself, by that immense tenuity and expansion it is found capable of, may diffuse itself through the interstellar spaces, and be the only matter found therein.

In effect, *æther*, being no object of our senses, but the mere work of imagination, brought only upon the stage for the sake of hypothesis, or to solve some phenomenon, real or imaginary; authors take the liberty to modify it how they please. Some suppose it of an elementary nature, like other bodies; and only distinguished by its tenuity, and the other affections consequent thereon: which is the philosophical *æther*. Others will have it of another species, and not elementary; but rather a sort of fifth element, of a purer, more refined, and spirituous nature, than the substances about our earth: and void of the common affections thereof, as gravity, &c. The heavenly spaces being the supposed region or residence of a more exalted class of beings, the medium must be more exalted in proportion. Such is the ancient and popular idea of *æther*, or *ætherial matter*.

The term *æther* being thus embarrassed with a variety of ideas, and arbitrarily applied to so many different things, the later and severer philosophers choose to set it aside, and in lieu thereof to substitute other more determinate ones. Thus, the Cartesians use the term *materia subtilis*; which is their *æther*: and Sir Isaac Newton, sometimes a *subtile spirit*, as in the close of his *Principia*; and sometimes a *subtile* or *ætherial medium*, as in his *Optics*.

The truth is, there are abundance of considerations, which seem to evince the existence of some matter in the air, much finer than the air itself. There is an unknown something, which remains behind when the air is taken away; as appears from certain effects which we see produced *in vacuo*. Heat, Sir Isaac Newton observes, is communicated through a vacuum almost as readily as through air: but such communication cannot be without some interjacent body, to act as a medium. And such body may be subtile enough to penetrate the pores of glass; and may be very well con-

cluded to permeate those of all other bodies, and consequently be diffused through all the parts of space which answers to the full character of an *æther*. See HEAT.

The existence of such an *ætherial medium* being settled, that author proceeds to its properties; inferring it to be not only rarer and more fluid than air, but exceedingly more elastic and active: in virtue of which properties, he shows, that a great part of the phenomena of nature may be produced by it. To the weight, *e. g.* of this medium, he attributes gravitation, or the weight of all other bodies; and to its elasticity, the elastic force of the air and of nervous fibres, and the emission, refraction, reflection, and other phenomena of light; as also, sensation, muscular motion, &c. In fine, this same matter seems the *primum mobile*, the first source or spring of physical action in the modern system.

The Cartesian *æther* is supposed not only to pervade, but adequately to fill, all the vacuities of bodies; and thus to make an absolute plenum in the universe.

But Sir Isaac Newton overturns this opinion, from divers considerations; by showing, that the celestial spaces are void of all sensible resistance: for, hence it follows, that the matter contained therein must be immensely rare, in regard the resistance of bodies is chiefly as their density; so that if the heavens were thus adequately filled with a medium or matter, how subtile soever, they would resist the motion of the planets and comets much more than quicksilver or gold.

The late discoveries in electricity have thrown great light upon this subject, and render it extremely probable that the *æther* so often talked of is no other than the electric fluid, or solar light, which diffuses itself throughout the whole system of nature. See ELECTRICITY, FIRE, HEAT, LIGHT, &c.

ÆTHER, in chemistry, the lightest, most volatile, and most inflammable of all liquids, is produced by distillation of acids with rectified spirit of wine. See CHEMISTRY and PHARMACY (the *Indexes*).

ÆTHERIAL, ETHERIUS, something that belongs to, or partakes of, the nature of ÆTHER. Thus we say, the *ætherial space*, *ætherial regions*, &c.

Some of the ancients divided the universe, with respect to the matter contained therein, into elementary and *ætherial*.

Under the *ætherial world* was included all that space above the uppermost element, viz. fire. This they supposed to be perfectly homogeneous, incorruptible, unchangeable, &c. See CORRUPTION. The Chaldees placed an *ætherial world* between the empyreum and the region of the fixed stars. Besides which, they sometimes also speak of a second *ætherial world*, meaning by it the starry orb; and a third *ætherial world*, by which is meant the planetary region.

ÆTHIOPIA. See ETHIOPIA.

ÆTHIOPS, *Mineral*, *Martial*, and *Antimonial*. See PHARMACY (*Index*).

ÆTHUSA, in botany, a genus of the pentandria digynia class; and, in the natural method, ranking under the 45th order, *Umbellatæ*. The characters are: The *calyx* is an universal umbel expanding, the interior rays shorter by degrees; with a partial umbel, small, and expanding. There is no universal involucre; the partial one is dimidiated, with three or five leaflets,



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lets, and pendulous; the proper perianthium scarcely discernible. The universal *corolla* is uniform with fertile florets; the partial one has five heart-inflected unequal petals. The *stamina* consist of five simple filaments, with roundish antheræ. The  *pistillum* is a germen beneath; with two reflected styli; the stigmata obtuse. There is no *pericarpium*; the fruit is ovate, striated, and tripartite. The *seeds* are two, roundish and striated. There is but one species, viz. the æthusa synapium, fools-parsley, or lesser hemlock (a native of Britain), which grows in corn-fields and gardens. This plant, from its resemblance to common parsley, hath sometimes been mistaken for it; and when eaten, it occasions sickness. If the curled-leaved parsley only was cultivated in gardens, no such mistakes would happen in future. Cows, horses, sheep, goats, and swine, eat it. It is noxious to geese.

AETIANS, in church-history, a branch of Arians who maintained, that the Son and Holy Ghost are in all things dissimilar to the Father. See AETIUS.

ÆTIOLOGY, is that part of Pathology which is employed in exploring the causes of diseases.

AETION, a celebrated painter, who has left us an excellent picture of Roxana and Alexander, which he exhibited at the Olympic Games: it represents a magnificent chamber, where Roxana is sitting on a bed of a most splendid appearance, which is rendered still more brilliant by her beauty. She looks downwards, in a kind of confusion, being struck with the presence of Alexander standing before her. A number of little Cupids flutter about, some holding up the curtain, as if to show Roxana to the prince, whilst others are busied in undressing the lady; some pull Alexander by the cloak, who appears like a young bashful bridegroom, and present him to his mistress: he lays his crown at her feet, being accompanied by Ephestion, who holds a torch in his hand, and leans upon a youth, who represents Hymen. Several other little Cupids are represented playing with his arms; some carry his lance, stooping under so heavy a weight; others bear along his buckler, upon which one of them is seated, whom the rest carry in triumph; another lies in ambush in his armour, waiting to frighten the rest as they pass by. This picture gained Aetion so much reputation, that the president of the games gave him his daughter in marriage.

ÆTITES, or EAGLE-STONE, in natural history, a flinty or crustated stone, hollow within, and containing a *nucleus*, which, on shaking, rattles within. It was formerly in repute for several extraordinary magical as well as medical powers; such as preventing abortion, discovering thieves, and other ridiculous properties. The word is formed from *αιτῶν*, "eagle;" the popular tradition being, that it is found in the eagle's nest, whither it is supposed to be carried while the female sits, to prevent her eggs from being rotten. It is found in several parts, near Trevoux in France, one can scarce dig a few feet, without finding considerable strata or beds of the coarser or ferruginous kind. They are originally soft, and of the colour of yellow ochre. But the finest and most valued of all the eagle-stones, are accidental states of one or other of our common pebbles.

AETIUS, one of the most zealous defenders of Arianism, was born in Syria, and flourished about the year 336. After being servant to a grammarian, of

whom he learned grammar and logic, he was ordained deacon, and at length bishop, by Eudoxus patriarch of Constantinople. St Epiphanius has preserved 47 of his propositions against the Trinity. His followers were called AETIANS.

AETIUS, a famous physician, born at Amida in Mesopotamia, and the author of a work intitled *Tetrabiblos*, which is a collection from the writings of those physicians who went before him. He lived, according to Dr Friend, at the end of the 5th or the beginning of the 6th century.

AETIUS, governor of Gallia Narbonensis in the reign of Valentinian III. forced the Franks who were passing into Gaul to repass the Rhine. He defeated the Goths; and routed Attila king of the Huns, who invaded Gaul with an army of 700,000 men. But the emperor, jealous of the merit of this great man, killed him in 454 with his own hand, under the pretence that he had permitted the invasion of the Huns, after Attila's defeat.

ÆTNA, (in the Itineraries *Æthna*, supposed from *αιθω*, "to burn"; according to Bochart, from *Athuna*, a furnace, or *Ætuna*, darkness), now *Monte Gibello*: a vulcano or burning mountain of Sicily, situated in lat. 38°. N. long. 15°. E.

This mountain, famous from the remotest antiquity, both for its bulk and terrible eruptions, stands in the eastern part of the island, in a very extensive plain, called *Val Demoni*, from the notion of its being inhabited by devils, who torment the spirits of the damned in the bowels of this vulcano.

Concerning the dimensions of mount Ætna, we can scarce extract any thing consistent, even from the accounts of the latest and most ingenious travellers. Pindar, who lived about 435 years before Christ, calls it the *Pillar of heaven*, on account of its great height. All modern writers likewise agree, that this mountain is very high, and very large; but differ excessively both as to its height and magnitude: some making it no less than twelve miles high, others eight, others six, some four, while Mr Brydone, and Sir William Hamilton, who lately ascended to its highest summit, reduce its height to little more than two miles; nay, by some it is reduced to 10,036 feet, somewhat less than two miles. No less remarkable are the differences concerning its circumference: some making it only 60 miles round, others 100; and Signior Recuperò, from whom Mr Brydone had his information in this respect, affirms it to be no less than 183 miles in circuit.

We are sorry to detract from the merit of Mr Brydone, or to involve in obscurity what he hath been at so much pains to elucidate; but every person who compares the account of mount Ætna's circumference, given by Signior Recuperò, and to which Mr Brydone seems to have assented, with its apparent circumference on the map prefixed to that gentleman's tour through Sicily and Malta, must at once be struck with the prodigious disparity. Indeed, it is plain, that, in the map, the geographer hath not left room for any such mountain; nor can we help thinking, that, by comparing the distances of some of the Sicilian towns from one another, Signior Recuperò's dimensions will be found enormously exaggerated.—Certain it is, that there the geographer hath placed Catania, which stands at the foot of mount Ætna, on one side, no more than 28 miles from the most distant point of the river Alcantara,

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*Ætna.* tara, which forms the boundary on the opposite side ; so that a circle, whose radius is 14 or 15 miles, must encompass as much space as we can possibly think is occupied by the basis of mount *Ætna*. Thus we will reduce the circumference of this famous mountain to between 80 and 90 miles ; and even when we do so, it must still be acknowledged to be very great.

But if we are embarrassed with the circumference of *Ætna*, we are much more so with the accounts relating to its height ; and one circumstance, particularly, creates almost insurmountable difficulties. It is agreed upon by all travellers, and among the rest by Sir William Hamilton, that from Catania, where the ascent first begins, to the summit, is no less than 30 miles. The descent on the other side we have no account of ; but, whatever supposition we make, the height of the mountain must be prodigious. If we suppose it likewise to be 30 miles, and that mount *Ætna* can be represented by an equilateral triangle, each of whose sides is 30 miles, we will have an amazing elevation indeed, no less than 26 miles perpendicular !—Such a height being beyond all credibility, we must contract the sides of our triangle, in proportion to its basis. We shall begin with allowing 10 miles for the difference between a straight line from Catania to the summit, and the length of the road, occasioned by the inequalities of the mountain ; and supposing the descent on the other side to be somewhat shorter, we may call it 15 miles. Mount *Ætna* will now be represented by a scalene triangle, whose base is 30 miles, its longest side 20, and its shortest 15 ; from which proportions we will still find its height to be betwixt eight and nine miles.—This is still incredible ; and when all the various relations concerning the height of *Ætna* are compared, we hope it will not be thought presumptuous in us to give it as our opinion, that the true dimensions of this mountain are as yet unknown. The following measures are given by different authors :

Dimensions uncertain.

Height above the surface of the sea, 10,036 feet.

One hundred and eighty miles circumference at the base.—Faujas de S. Fon in his *Volcans du Vivarais*.

Height 12,000 feet.—Brydone. Tour to Sicily.

Height 2500 toises.—La Patrière, said as from *Recupero*.

Height 1950 toises.—Diameter 30 miles.—Mentelle *Geogr. comp.*

Others make its height only 2000 toises, and its superficies 300 square miles.

General appearance, &c.

Concerning the products and general appearance of this volcano, authors are much better agreed.—The journey from Catania to its summit has been lately described by three travellers, M. D'Orville, Mr Brydone, and Sir William Hamilton. All these agree, that this single mountain affords an epitome of the different climates throughout the whole world : towards the foot, it is very hot ; farther up, more temperate ; and grows gradually more and more cold the higher we ascend. At the very top, it is perpetually covered with snow : from thence the whole island is supplied with that article, so necessary in a hot climate, and without which the natives say Sicily could not be inhabited. So great is the demand for this commodity, that the bishop's revenues, which are considerable, arise from the sale of mount *Ætna's* snow ; and he is said to draw 1000*l.* a year from one small portion lying on the north side of the mountain. Great quantities of snow and ice are like-

wise exported to Malta and Italy, making a considerable branch of commerce. On the north side of this snowy region, Mr Brydone was assured, that there are several small lakes which never thaw ; and that the snow mixed with the ashes and salt of the mountain are accumulated to a vast depth. The quantity of salts contained in this mountain, he, with great probability, conjectures to be one reason of the preservation of its snows ; for salt increases the coldness of snow to a surprising degree\*.

*Ætna.* \* See *Cold, and Congelation.*

In the middle of the snowy regions stands the great crater, or mouth of *Ætna* ; from which, though contrary to the usual method of travellers, we shall begin our particular account of this mountain. Sir William Hamilton describes the crater as a little mountain, about a quarter of a mile perpendicular, and very steep, situated in the middle of a gently inclining plain, of about nine miles in circumference. It is entirely formed of stones and ashes ; and, as Mr Hamilton was informed by several people of Catania, had been thrown up about 25 or 30 years before the time (1769) he visited mount *Ætna*. Before this mountain was thrown up, there was only a prodigious large chasm, or gulph, in the middle of the above-mentioned plain ; and it has been remarked, that about once in 100 years the top of *Ætna* falls in ; which undoubtedly must be the case at certain periods, or the mountain behaved continually to increase in height. As this little mountain, though emitting smoke from every pore, appeared solid and firm, Mr Hamilton and his companions went up to the very top. In the middle is a hollow, about two miles and a half in circumference, according to Mr Hamilton ; three miles and a half, according to Mr Brydone ; and three or four, according to Mr D'Orville. The inside is crusted over with salts and sulphur of different colours. It goes shelving down, from the top, like an inverted cone ; the depth, in Mr Hamilton's opinion, nearly corresponding to the height of the little mountain. From many places of this space issue volumes of sulphureous smoke, which being much heavier than the circumambient air, instead of ascending in it, roll down the side of the mountain, till, coming to a more dense atmosphere, it shoots off horizontally, and forms a large tract in the air, according to the direction of the wind ; which, happily for our travellers, carried it exactly to the side opposite to which they were placed. In the middle of this funnel is the tremendous and unfathomable gulph ; so much celebrated in all ages, both as the terror of this life, and the place of punishment in the next. From this gulph continually issue terrible and confused noises, which in eruptions are increased to such a degree as to be heard at a prodigious distance. Its diameter is probably very different at different times : for Mr Hamilton observed, by the wind clearing away the smoke from time to time, that the inverted hollow cone was contracted almost to a point ; while Mr D'Orville and Mr Brydone found the opening very large. Both Mr Brydone and Mr Hamilton found the crater too hot to descend into it ; but Mr D'Orville was bolder ; and accordingly he and his fellow-traveller, fastened to ropes which two or three men held at a distance for fear of accidents, descended as near as possible to the brink of the gulph ; but the small flames and smoke which issued from it on every side, and a greenish sulphur, and pumice-stones, quite black, which covered the margin, would not permit them to come so near

**Ætna.** as to have a full view. They only saw distinctly in the middle, a mass of matter which rose, in the shape of a cone, to the height of above 60 feet, and which towards the base, as far as their sight could reach, might be 600 or 800. while they were observing this substance some motion was perceived on the north side, opposite to that whereon they stood; and immediately the mountain began to send forth smoke and ashes. This eruption was preceded by a sensible increase of its internal roarings; which, however, did not continue; but after a moment's dilatation, as if to give it vent, the volcano resumed its former tranquillity; but as it was by no means proper to make a longer stay in such a place, our travellers immediately returned to their attendants.

On the summit of mount Ætna, Mr Hamilton observes, that he was sensible of a difficulty in respiration from the too great subtilty of the air, independent of what arose from the sulphureous smoke of the mountain. Mr Brydone takes no notice of this; which probably arose from the air being in a more rarefied state at the time of Mr Hamilton's observations than of Mr Brydone's; the barometer as observed by the former, standing at 18 inches and 10 lines, by the latter at 19 inches  $6\frac{1}{2}$  lines.

In these high regions there is generally a very violent wind, which, as all our travellers found it constantly blowing from the south, may possibly be commonly directed from that point. Here Mr Brydone's thermometer fell to  $27^{\circ}$ .

**Splendor of the stars seen from the top of Ætna.** The top of Ætna being above the common region of vapours, the heavens appear with exceeding great splendor.—Mr Brydone and his company observed, as they ascended in the night, that the number of stars seemed to be infinitely increased, and the light of each of them appeared brighter than usual; the whiteness of the milky-way was like a pure flame which shot across the heavens; and with the naked eye, they could observe clusters of stars that were invisible from below. Had Jupiter been visible, he is of opinion that some of his satellites might have been discovered with the naked eye, or at least with a very small pocket-glass. He likewise took notice of several of those meteors called *falling stars*; which appeared as much elevated as when viewed from the plain: a proof, according to Mr Brydone, that “these bodies move in regions much beyond the bounds that some philosophers have assigned to our atmosphere.”

**Extensive prospect.** To have a full and clear prospect from the summit of mount Ætna, it is necessary to be there before sunrise; as the vapours raised by the sun, in the day-time, will obscure every object: accordingly, our travellers took care to arrive there early enough; and all agree, that the beauty of the prospect from thence cannot be expressed.—Here Mr Brydone and Mr Hamilton had a view of Calabria in Italy, with the sea beyond it; the Lipari islands, and Stromboli, a volcano at about 70 miles distance, appeared just under their feet; the whole island of Sicily, with its rivers, towns, harbours, &c. appeared distinct, as if seen on a map. Massa, a Sicilian author, affirms, that the African coast, as well as that of Naples, with many of its islands, have been discovered from the top of Ætna. The visible horizon here is not less than 8 or 900 miles in diameter. The pyramidal shadow of the mountain reaches across the

whole island, and far into the sea on the other side, forming a visible tract in the air, which, as the sun rises above the horizon, is shortened, and at last confined to the neighbourhood of Ætna. The most beautiful part of the scene, however, in Mr Brydone's opinion, is the mountain itself, the island of Sicily, and the numerous islands lying round it. These last seem to be close to the skirts of Ætna; the distances appearing reduced to nothing.

This mountain is divided into three zones, which might properly enough be distinguished by the names of *torrid*, *temperate*, and *frigid*: they are, however, known by the names of the *Piedmontese*, or *Regione culta*, the cultivated, or fertile region; the *Sylvosa*, woody, or temperate zone; and the *Regione deserta*, the frigid, or desert zone, or region. All these are plainly distinguished from the summit. The *Regione deserta* is marked out by a circle of snow and ice, which extends on all sides to the distance of about eight miles, beginning at the foot of the crater. Greatest part of this region is smooth and even. This is immediately succeeded by the *Sylvosa*, or woody region; which forms a circle of the most beautiful green, surrounding the mountain on all sides. This region is variegated with a vast number of mountains of a conical form, thrown up by Ætna in those eruptions which burst out from its sides. Mr Hamilton counted 44 on the Catania side, each having its crater, many with large trees flourishing both within and without the craters. All these, except a few of late date, have acquired a wonderful degree of fertility. The circumference of this zone, or great circle, according to Recupero, is not less than 70 or 80 miles. It is everywhere succeeded by the *Regione culta*; which is much broader than the rest, and extends on all sides to the foot of the mountain. Here terrible devastations are sometimes committed by the eruptions; and the whole region is likewise full of conical mountains thrown up by them. The circumference of this region, is, by Recupero, reckoned 183 miles; but we have already given our reasons for rejecting these dimensions.—This region is bounded by the sea to the south and south-east; and on all other sides, by the river Semetus and Alcantara, which form the boundaries of mount Ætna.

About a mile below the foot of the great crater, are found the ruins of an ancient structure, called *Il Torre del Filosofo*, by some supposed to have been built by the philosopher Empedocles, who took up his habitation here, the better to study the nature of Mount Ætna. By others they are supposed to be ruins of a temple of Vulcan. They are of brick, and seem to have been ornamented with marble. Somewhere in this region also, Mr D'Orville found a great oblong block of polished marble, eight or ten feet high, and three or four thick; though how it came there, was quite unaccountable to him. From Mr D'Orville's and Mr Brydone's accounts, we must reckon this part of the mountain pretty steep: but Mr Hamilton says, that the ascent was so gradual, as not to be in the least fatiguing; and had it not been for the snows, they might have rode on their mules to the very foot of the crater.

The woody region descends eight or nine miles below the *Regione deserta*, but differs greatly in the temperature of its climate. Mr Hamilton observed a gradual decrease of the vegetation as he advanced; the under part being covered with large timber trees, which

**Ætna.** grew gradually less as he approached the third region, at last they degenerated into the small plants of the northern climates. He also observed quantities of juniper and tansy; and was informed by his guide, that later in the season (he visited Ætna in June 1769) there are a great many curious plants, and in some places rhubarb and saffron in great plenty. In Carrera's history of Catania, there is a list of all the plants and herbs of Ætna in alphabetical order.

This region is extolled by Mr Brydone as one of the most delightful spots on earth. He lodged for a night in a large cave near the middle, formed by one of the most ancient lavas. It is called *La Spelonca del Capriole*, or the goats cavern; because it is frequented by those animals, which take refuge there in bad weather. Here his rest was disturbed by a mountain thrown up in the eruption 1766. It discharged great quantities of smoke, and made several explosions like heavy cannon fired at a distance; but they could observe no appearance of fire.

Eruption of boiling water.

This gentleman likewise visited the eastern side of the *Regione sylvoſa*, intending to have ascended that way to the summit, and descended again on the south side to Catania; but found it impracticable; though what the insurmountable difficulties were, he does not mention. On this side, part of the woody region was destroyed, in 1755, by an immense torrent of boiling water, which issued from the great crater. Its traces were still very visible, about a mile and an half broad, and in some places more. The soil was then only beginning to recover its vegetative power, which it seems this torrent had destroyed for 14 years.—Near this place are some beautiful woods of cork, and evergreen oak, growing absolutely out of the lava, the soil having hardly filled the crevices; and not far off, our traveller observed seven little mountains that seemed to have been formed by a late eruption. Each of these had a regular cup, or crater, on the top; and, in some, the middle gulph, or *Voragina*, as the Sicilians call it, was still open. Into these gulphs Mr Brydone tumbled down stones, and heard the noise for a long time after. All the fields round, to a considerable distance, were covered with large burnt stones discharged from these little volcanoes.

Overgrown chestnut-trees.

The woody region, especially the east side, called *Carpinetto*, abounds with very large chestnut trees; the most remarkable of which has been called, from its size, *Castagno de Cento Cavalli*, or chestnut-tree of an hundred horse. Mr Brydone was greatly disappointed at the sight of this tree, as it is only a bush of five large ones growing together: but his guides assured him that all these five were once united into one stem; and Signior Récupero told him, that he himself had been at the expence of carrying up peasants with tools to dig round this bush of trees, and found all the stems united below ground in one root. The circumference, as measured by Messrs Brydone and Glover, who accompanied him, amounted to 204 feet. Another of these, about a mile and a half higher on the mountain, is called *Castagna del Galea*: it rises from one solid stem to a considerable height; after which it branches out, and is a much finer object than the other: this was measured two feet above the ground, and found to be 76 feet in circumference. A third, called *Castagna del Nave*, is pretty nearly of the same size; and Massa, one of the most

**Ætna.** esteemed Sicilian authors, affirms that he has seen solid oaks there upwards of 40 feet round. All these grow on a thick rich soil, which seems originally to have been formed of ashes thrown out by the mountain. Here the barometer stood at 26 inches 5 lines and an half, indicating an elevation of near 4000 feet.

The Piedmontese district is covered with towns, villages, monasteries, &c. and is well peopled, notwithstanding the danger of such a situation; but the fertility of the soil tempts people to inhabit that country; and their superstitious confidence in their saints, with the propensity mankind have to despise danger which they do not see, render them as secure there as in any other place. Here, Sir William Hamilton observes, they keep their vines low, contrary to the custom of those who inhabit mount Vesuvius; and they produce a stronger wine, but not in such abundance: here also many terrible eruptions have burst forth; particularly one in 1669. At the foot of the mountain raised by that eruption, is a hole, through which Sir William Hamilton descended, by means of a rope, into several subterraneous caverns, branching out, and extending much farther than he chose to venture, the cold there being excessive, and a violent wind extinguishing some of the torches. Many other caverns are known in this and the other regions of Ætna; particularly one near this place called *La Spalonca della Palomba*, (from the wild pigeons building their nests there). Here Mr Brydone was told that some people had lost their senses, from having advanced too far, imagining they saw devils and damned spirits.—Some of these caverns are made use of as magazines for snow; which they are well adapted for, on account of their extreme cold. These are with great probability supposed by Sir William Hamilton to be the hollows made by the issuing of the lava in eruptions.

Regione Culta.

Subterraneous caverns.

In this region the river *Acis*, so much celebrated by the poets, in the fable of Acis and Galatea, takes its rise. It bursts out of the earth at once in a large stream, runs with great rapidity, and about a mile from its source throws itself into the sea. Its water is remarkably clear, and so extremely cold, that it is reckoned dangerous to drink it: it is said, however, to have a poisonous quality, from being impregnated with vitriol; in consequence of which cattle have been killed by it. It never freezes, but is said often to contract a greater degree of cold than ice.

River Acis.

Having thus given an account of this mountain in its quiet and peaceable state, we must now describe the appearance it puts on during the time of an eruption, when it spreads destruction for many miles round, and is capable of striking the boldest with terror.

Appearances during an eruption.

Sir William Hamilton, who has examined both Vesuvius and Ætna in a very accurate manner, never had an opportunity of seeing an eruption of the latter; but as he is of opinion that the two volcanoes agree perfectly in all respects, only that the latter is on a much larger scale than the former, we hope it will not be unacceptable to our readers to give an account of some of the general appearances of Vesuvius when in a state of eruption, the better to help their ideas concerning Ætna.

It has been already observed, that a smoke constantly issues from the top of Ætna, and that its internal noises never cease. The case is the same with Vesuvius:

Vesuvius:

Ætna. vius: and Sir William Hamilton observed, that in bad weather the smoke was more considerable, as well as the noise much louder, than when it was fair; so that in bad weather he had frequently heard the inward explosions of the mountain at Naples six miles distant from Vesuvius. He also observed the smoke that issued from the mountain in bad weather to be very white, moist, and not near so offensive as the sulphureous steams from various cracks in the side of the mountain.

Signs of an approaching eruption.

Hamilton's Observations, p. 4.

The first symptom of an approaching eruption is an increase of the smoke in fair weather: after some time, a puff of black smoke is frequently seen to shoot up in the midst of the white, to a considerable height. These puffs are attended with considerable explosions: for while Vesuvius was in this state, Sir William Hamilton went up to its top, which was covered with snow; and perceiving a little hillock of sulphur, about six feet high, which had been lately thrown up, and burnt with a blue flame at the top, he was examining this phenomenon, when suddenly a violent report was heard, a column of black smoke shot up with violence, and was followed by a reddish flame. Immediately a shower of stones fell; upon which he thought proper to retire. Phenomena of this kind, in all probability, precede the eruptions of Ætna in a much greater degree.—The smoke at length appears wholly black in the day-time, and in the night has the appearance of flame; showers of ashes are sent forth, earthquakes are produced, the mountain discharges volleys of red-hot stones to a great height in the air. The force by which these stones are projected, as well as their magnitudes, seems to be in proportion to the bulk of the mountain. Signior Recupero assured Mr Brydone, that he had seen immensely large ones thrown perpendicularly upwards to the height of 7000 feet, as he calculated from the time they took to arrive at the earth after beginning to descend from their greatest elevation. The largest stone, or rather rock, that was ever known to be emitted by Vesuvius, was 12 feet long and 45 in circumference. This was thrown a quarter of a mile; but much larger ones have been thrown out by mount Ætna, almost in the proportion in which the latter exceeds Vesuvius in bulk. Along with these terrible symptoms, the smoke that issues from the crater is sometimes in a highly electrified state. In this case, the small ashes which are continually emitted from the crater, are attracted by the smoke, and rise with it to a great height, forming a vast black, and to appearance dense, column; from this column continual flashes of forked or zig-zag lightning issue, sometimes attended with thunder, and sometimes not, but equally powerful with ordinary lightning. This phenomenon was observed by Sir William Hamilton in the smoke of Vesuvius, and has also been taken notice of in that of Ætna; and where this electrified smoke hath spread over a tract of land, much mischief has been done by the lightning proceeding from it.

Thunder & lightning from the smoke.

When these dreadful appearances have continued sometimes four or five months, the *lava* begins to make its appearance. This is a stream of melted mineral matters, which in Vesuvius commonly boils over the top, but very seldom does so in Ætna; owing to the great weight of the lava, which long before it can be raised to the vast height of mount Ætna, bursts out through some weak place in its side. Upon the ap-

pearance of the lava, the violent eruptions of the mountain generally, though not always, cease; for if this burning matter gets not sufficient vent, the commotion increases to a prodigious degree.—In the night-time the lava appears like a stream of fire, accompanied with flame: but in the day-time it has no such appearance; its progress is marked by a white smoke, which by the reflection of the red-hot matter in the night assumes the appearance of flame.

Ætna.

All the abovementioned symptoms preceded the great eruption of Ætna in 1669. For several months before the lava broke forth, the *old mouth*, or great crater on the summit, was observed to send forth great quantities of smoke and flame; the top had fallen in, so that the mountain was much lowered; the islands also of Volcan and Stromboli, two volcanoes to the westward of Sicily, were observed to rage more than usual.—Eighteen days before the eruption the sky was very thick and dark, with thunder, lightning, frequent concussions of the earth, and dreadful subterraneous bellowings. On the 11th of March, some time before the lava got vent, a rent was opened in the mountain twelve miles in length, into which, when stones were thrown down, they could not be heard to strike the bottom. Burning rocks, 60 palms (15 of our feet) in length, were thrown to the distance of a mile; others of a lesser size were carried three miles off; the internal noises of the mountain were exceedingly dreadful, and the thunder and lightning from the smoke scarce less terrible than they. When the lava at last got vent, it burst out of a vineyard 20 miles below the great crater, and sprung up into the air to a considerable height. Here it formed a mountain of stones and ashes, not less, as Sir Wm. Hamilton conjectures, than half a mile perpendicular in height, and three miles in circumference. For 54 days neither sun nor stars had appeared: but soon after the lava got vent, the mountain became very quiet. The terrible effects of this fiery stream may be imagined from its amazing extent; being, as Sir Wm. Hamilton observes, no less than 14 miles long, and in many places six in breadth. In its course, it destroyed the habitations of near 30,000 persons; and meeting with a lake four miles in compass, it not only filled it up, though several fathom deep, but made a mountain in the place of it. Having reached Catania, it destroyed part of its walls, and ran for a considerable length into the sea, forming a safe and beautiful harbour; which, however, was soon filled up by a fresh torrent of the same inflammable matter.

Eruption in 1669.

It is not easy for those who have never been present at those terrible operations of nature, to represent to their minds the horror which must attend the breaking forth of the lava; for though the giving vent to this burning matter generally produces a cessation of the violent efforts of the internal fire, yet at the very instant of its explosion scarce any thing can be conceived so dreadful. See VESUVIUS.

Phenomena at the breaking forth of the lava.

When the lava first issues, it appears very fluid, and runs with the rapidity of a swift river; but even then it surprisingly resists the impression of solid bodies: for Sir Wm. Hamilton could not pierce that of Vesuvius with a stick driven against it with all his force; nor did the largest stone he was able to throw upon it sink, but made a slight impression, and then floated along. This happened almost at the very mouth, when the lava appear-

Hamilton's observations, p. 121.

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Ætna. ed liquid as water, and when he saw it running with a rapidity equal to the river Severn at the passage near Bristol.—A description of the lava issuing from mount Ætna in 1669 was sent to the court of England by Lord Winchelsea, who at that time happened to be at Catania in his way home from an embassy at Constantinople. His account is not now to be procured; but Mr Hamilton found a copy in Sicily, and hath given an extract, part of which follows. “When it was night, I went upon two towers in different places; and I could plainly see, at ten miles distance, as we judged, the fire begin to run from the mountain in a direct line, the flame to ascend as high and as big as one of the greatest steeples in your Majesty’s kingdoms, and to throw up great stones into the air; I could discern the river of fire to descend the mountain of a terrible fiery or red colour, and stones of a paler red to swim thereon, and to be some as big as an ordinary table. We could see this fire to move in several other places, and all the country covered with fire, ascending with great flames in many places, smoking like to a violent furnace of iron melted, making a noise with the great pieces that fell, especially those that fell into the sea. A cavalier of Malta, who lives there, and attended me, told me, that the river was as liquid, where it issues out of the mountain, as water, and came out like a torrent with great violence, and is five or six fathom deep, and as broad, and that no stones sink therein.”

Lava of 1669 described.

The account given in the Philosophical Transactions is to the same purpose. We are there told, that the lava is “nothing else than divers kinds of metals and minerals, rendered liquid by the fierceness of the fire in the bowels of the earth, boiling up and gushing forth as the water doth at the head of some great river; and having run in a full body for a stone’s cast or more, began to crust or curdle, becoming, when cold, those hard porous stones which the people call *Sciarrri*.” Those, though cold in comparison of what first issues from the mountain, yet retained so much heat as to resemble huge cakes of sea-coal strongly ignited, and came tumbling over one another, bearing down or burning whatever was in their way.—In this manner the lava proceeded slowly on till it came to the sea, when a most extraordinary conflict ensued betwixt the two adverse elements. The noise was vastly more dreadful than the loudest thunder, being heard through the whole country to an immense distance; the water seemed to retire and diminish before the lava, while clouds of vapour darkened the sun. The whole fish on the coast were destroyed, the colour of the sea itself was changed, and the transparency of its waters lost for many months.

While this lava was issuing in such prodigious quantity, the merchants, whose account is recorded in the Philosophical Transactions, attempted to go up to the mouth itself; but durst not come nearer than a furlong, lest they should have been overwhelmed by a vast pillar of ashes, which to their apprehension exceeded twice the bigness of St Paul’s steeple in London, and went up into the air to a far greater height; at the mouth itself was a continual noise, like the beating of great waves of the sea against rocks, or like distant thunder, which sometimes was so violent as to be heard 60, or even 100 miles off; to which distance also part of the ashes were carried. Some time after, having gone up,

they found the mouth from whence this terrible deluge issued to be only a hole about 10 feet diameter. This is also confirmed by Mr Brydone; and is probably the same through which Sir Wm. Hamilton descended into the subterranean caverns already mentioned.

Ætna. Diameter of the hole whence the lava issued.

Mount Ætna, as we have already remarked, has been a celebrated volcano from the remotest antiquity. Diodorus Siculus mentions eruptions of it as happening 500 years before the Trojan war, or 1693 years before the Christian æra. From Homer’s silence with regard to the phenomenon of Ætna, it is to be presumed that the volcano had been many ages in a state of inactivity, and that no tradition of its burning remained among the inhabitants at the time he composed his *Odyssey*; perhaps it never had emitted flames since the country was peopled. The first eruption taken notice of by ancient, but by no means cotemporary authors, happened before the Greeks landed on the island, and is supposed to have scared the Sicani from the east part of Sicily.

Antiquity of the eruptions.

Pindar, quoted above, is the oldest writer extant who speaks of Ætna as a volcano. The first recorded eruption was in the time of Pythagoras. Plato was invited by the younger Dyonisius to examine the state of the mountain after the sixth. It threw up flames and lava near an hundred times between that period and the battle of Pharfalia; it was particularly furious while Sextus Pompeius was adding the horrors of war to its devastations. Charlemagne happened to be at Catania during one of the eruptions; and from his reign the chronicles mention fifteen down to that of the year 1669, the most terrible of them all. Since 1669 there have been several eruptions, but none of them comparable to it. In that which happened in 1766, the lava sprang up into the air to a considerable height, twelve miles below the summit; but formed a stream only six miles in length and one mile in breadth.

The last eruption happened in 1787. From the 1st to the 10th of July, there were signs of its approach. On the 11th, after a little calm, there was a subterraneous noise, like the sound of a drum in a close place, and it was followed by a copious burst of black smoke. It was then calm till the 15th, when the same prognostics recurred. On the 17th, the subterraneous noise was heard again; the smoke was more abundant, slight shocks of an earthquake followed, and the lava flowed from behind one of the two little mountains which form the double head of Ætna. On the 18th, while the spectators were in anxious expectation of a more severe eruption, all was quiet, and continued so more than 12 hours: soon after they perceived some new shocks, accompanied with much noise; and the mountain threw out a thick smoke, which, as the wind was westerly, soon darkened the eastern horizon: two hours afterwards a shower of fine black brilliant sand descended: on the east side it was a storm of stones; and, at the foot of the mountain, a deluge of flashes of fire, of scoria and lava.

Account of the late eruption, 1787.

These appearances continued the whole day; at the setting of the sun the scene changed. A number of conical flames rose from the volcano; one on the north, another on the south, were very conspicuous, and rose and fell alternately. At three in the morning, the mountain appeared cleft, and the summit seemed a burning mass. The cones of light which arose from the crater were of an immense extent, particularly the two

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Ætna. just mentioned. The two heads seemed to be cut away; and at their separation was a cone of flame, seemingly composed of many lesser cones. The flame seemed of the height of the mountain placed on the mountain; so that it was probably two miles high, on a base of a mile and a half in diameter. This cone was still covered with a very thick smoke, in which there appeared very brilliant flashes of lightning, a phenomenon which Ætna had not before afforded. At times, sounds like those from the explosion of a large cannon were heard, seemingly at a less distance than the mountain. From the cone, as from a fountain, a jet of many flaming volcanic matters were thrown, which were carried to the distance of six or seven miles: from the base of the cone a thick smoke arose, which, for a moment, obscured some parts of the flame, at the time when the rivers of lava broke out. This beautiful appearance continued three quarters of an hour. It began the next night with more force; but continued only half an hour. In the intervals, however, Ætna continued to throw out flames, smoke, stones ignited, and showers of sand. From the 20th to the 22d, the appearances gradually ceased. The stream of lava was carried towards Bronte and the plain of Lago.

After the eruption, the top of the mountain on the western side was found covered with hardened lava, scoria, and stones. The travellers were annoyed by smoke, by showers of sand, mephitic vapours, and excessive heat. They saw that the lava which came from the western point divided into two branches, one of which was directed towards Libeccio; the other, as we have already said, towards the plain of Lago. The lava on the western head of the mountain, had from its various shapes been evidently in a state of fusion: from one of the spiracula, the odour was strongly that of liver of sulphur. The thermometer, in descending, was at 40 degrees of Fahrenheit's scale; while near the lava, in the plain of Lago, it was 140 degrees. The lava extended two miles; its width was from 13 $\frac{3}{4}$  to 21 feet, and its depth 13 $\frac{3}{4}$  feet.

These are the most remarkable circumstances we have been able to collect, that might serve to give an adequate idea of this famous mountain.—Many things, however, concerning the extent, antiquity, &c. of the lavas, remain to be discussed, as well as the opinions of philosophers concerning the origin of the internal fire which produces so much mischief: but the consideration of these belongs to the general article VOLCANO, to which the reader is referred.—The fate of *Catania* and *Hybla*, which have often been destroyed by eruptions, will be mentioned under these two words.

*ÆTNA salt, Sal Ætnæ*, a name given by some authors to the sal ammoniac, which is found on the surface and sides of the openings of Ætna, and other burning mountains after their eruptions; and sometimes on the surface of the ferruginous matter which they throw out. This salt makes a very various appearance in many cases; it is sometimes found in large and thick cakes, sometimes only in form of a thin powder, scattered over the surface of the earth and stones. Some of this salt is yellow, some white, and some greenish. This salt is a concrete of nitre, sulphur, and vitriol, burnt and sublimed together; Borelli found once a vast quantity of this salt on mount Ætna, and

tried many experiments on it; from whence he concluded, that this salt is so far from occasioning the explosions of that mountain, as some have supposed, that it does not exist in it, but is formed during the burning. Phil. Trans. N<sup>o</sup> 100.

*ÆTOLARCHA*, in Grecian antiquity, the principal magistrate or governor of the Ætoliens.

*AFER* (Domitius), a famous orator, born at Nîmes, flourished under Tiberius and the three succeeding emperors. Quintilian makes frequent mention of him, and commends his pleadings. But he disgraced his talents, by turning informer against some of the most distinguished personages in Rome. Quintilian, in his youth, cultivated the friendship of Domitius very assiduously. He tells us that his pleadings abounded with pleasant stories, and that there were public collections of his witty sayings, some of which he quotes. He also mentions two books of his "*On Witnesses*." Domitius was once in great danger from an inscription he put upon a statue erected by him in honour of Caligula, wherein he declared that this prince was a second time a consul at the age of 27. This he intended as an encomium, but Caligula taking it as a sarcasm upon his youth, and his infringement of the laws, raised a process against him, and pleaded himself in person. Domitius, instead of making a defence, repeated part of the emperor's speech with the highest marks of admiration; after which he fell upon his knees, and, begging pardon, declared, that he dreaded more the eloquence of Caligula than his imperial power. This piece of flattery succeeded so well, that the emperor not only pardoned, but also raised him to the consulship. Afer died in the reign of Nero, A. D. 59.

*AFFA*, a weight used on the Gold Coast of Guinea. It is equal to an ounce, and the half of it is called *eggeba*. Most of the blacks on the Gold Coast give these names to those weights.

*AFFECTION*, in a general sense, implies an attribute inseparable from its subject. Thus magnitude, figure, weight, &c. are affections of all bodies; and love, fear, hatred, &c. are affections of the mind.\*

*AFFECTION*, signifying a settled bent of mind toward a particular being or thing, occupies a middle space between *disposition* on the one hand, and *passion* on the other.† It is distinguishable from *Disposition*, which being a branch of one's nature, originally, must exist before there can be an opportunity to exert it upon any particular object; whereas *Affection* can never be original, because, having a special relation to a particular object, it cannot exist till the object has once at least been presented. It is also distinguishable from *Passion*, which, depending on the real or ideal presence of its object, vanishes with its object: whereas *Affection* is a lasting connection; and, like other connections, subsists even when we do not think of the person. A familiar example will illustrate this. There may be in one person's mind a disposition to gratitude, which, through want of an object, happens never to be exerted; and which therefore is never discovered even by the person himself. Another, who has the same disposition, meets with a kindly office that makes him grateful to his benefactor: An intimate connection is formed between them, termed *affection*: which, like other connections, has a permanent existence, though not always in view. The

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\* See *Moral Philosophy*, Part I. sec. i. iv.

† See *Disposition*, and *Passion*.

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Affinity.

affection, for the most part, lies dormant, till an opportunity offers for exerting it: in that circumstance, it is converted into the passion of gratitude; and the opportunity is eagerly seized of testifying gratitude in the warmest manner.

AFFECTION, among physicians, signifies the same as disease. Thus the hysteric *affection* is the same with the hysteric disease.

AFFERERS, or AFFERORS, in law, persons appointed in court-leets, courts-baron, &c. to settle, upon oath, the fines to be imposed upon those who have been guilty of faults arbitrarily punishable.

AFFETUOSO, or *Con AFFETTO*, in the Italian music, intimates that the part to which it is added ought to be played in a tender moving way, and consequently rather slow than fast.

AFFIANCE, in law, denotes the mutual plighting of troth between a man and woman to marry each other.

AFFIDAVIT, signifies an oath in writing, sworn before some person who is authorized to take the same.

AFFINITY, among civilians, implies a relation contracted by marriage; in contradistinction to consanguinity, or relation by blood.—Affinity does not found any real kinship; it is no more than a kind of fiction, introduced on account of the close relation between husband and wife. It is even said to cease when the cause of it ceases: hence a woman who is not capable of being a witness for her husband's brother during his lifetime, is allowed for a witness when a widow, by reason the affinity is dissolved. Yet with regard to the contracting marriage, affinity is not dissolved by death, though it be in every thing else.

There are several degrees of affinity, wherein marriage was prohibited by the law of Moses: thus, the son could not marry his mother, nor his father's wife (Lev. xviii. 7. et seq.): the brother could not marry his sister, whether she were so by the father only or by the mother only, and much less if she was his sister both by the same father and mother: the grandfather could not marry his grand-daughter, either by his son or daughter. No one could marry the daughter of his father's wife; nor the sister of his father or mother. Nor the uncle his niece; nor the aunt her nephew. Nor the nephew the wife of his uncle by the father's side. The father-in-law could not marry his daughter-in-law: nor the brother the wife of his brother, while living; nor even after the death of his brother, if he left children. If he left no children, the surviving brother was to raise up children to his deceased brother, by marrying his widow. It was forbidden to marry the mother and the daughter at one time, or the daughter of the mother's son, or the daughter of her daughter, or two sisters together. It is true the patriarchs before the law married their sisters, as Abraham married Sarah, who was his father's daughter by another mother; and two sisters together, as Jacob married Rachel and Leah; and their own sisters by both father and mother, as Seth and Cain. But these cases are not to be proposed as examples: because in some they were authorized by necessity; in others by custom; and the law as yet was not in being. If some other examples may be found, either before or since the law, the scripture expressly disapproves of

them, as Reuben's incest with Balah his father's concubine, and the action of Ammon with his sister Tamar; and that of Herod-Antipas, who married Herodias his sister-in-law, his brother Philip's wife, while her husband was yet living.

AFFINITY is also used to denote conformity or agreement: Thus we say, the affinity of languages, the affinity of words, the affinity of sounds, &c.

AFFINITY, or ELECTIVE ATTRACTION, are terms used by modern chemists to express that peculiar propensity which different species of matter have to unite and combine with certain other bodies exclusively, or in preference to any other connection.

AFFIRMATION, in logic, the ascerting the truth of any proposition.

AFFIRMATION, in law, denotes an indulgence allowed to the people called *Quakers*; who, in cases where an oath is required from others, may make a solemn affirmation that what they say is true; and if they make a false affirmation, they are subject to the penalties of perjury.

AFFIRMATION is also used for the ratifying or confirming the sentence or decree of some inferior court: Thus, in England, they say, the house of lords affirmed the decree of the lord chancellor, or the decree of the lords of session.

AFFIRMATIVE, in grammar. Authors distinguish affirmative particles; such is, *yes*.—The term *affirmative* is sometimes also used substantively. Thus we say, the affirmative is the more probable side of the question: there were so many votes, or voices, for the affirmative.

AFFIX, in grammar, a particle added at the close of a word, either to diversify its form or alter its signification. We meet with *affixes* in the Saxon, the German, and other northern languages; but more especially in the Hebrew, and other oriental tongues. The Hebrew *affixes* are single syllables, frequently single letters, subjoined to nouns and verbs; and contribute not a little to the brevity of that language. The oriental languages are much the same as to the *radicals*, and differ chiefly from each other as to *affixes* and *prefixes*.

AEFLATUS, literally denotes a blast of wind, breath, or vapour, striking with force against another body. The word is Latin, formed from *ad* "to," and *flare* "to blow." Naturalists sometimes speak of the *afflatus* of serpents. Tully uses the word figuratively, for a divine inspiration; in which sense, he ascribes all great and eminent accomplishments to a divine *afflatus*. The Pythian priestess being placed on a tripod or perforated stool, over a holy cave, received the divine *afflatus*, as a late author expresses it, in her belly; and being thus inspired, fell into agitations, like a phrenetic; during which she pronounced, in hollow groans and broken sentences, the will of the deity. This *afflatus* is supposed, by some, to have been a subterraneous fume, or exhalation, wherewith the priestess was literally inspired. Accordingly, it had the effects of a real physical disease; the paroxysm of which was so vehement, that Plutarch observes it sometimes proved mortal. Van Dale supposes the pretended enthusiasm of the Pythia to have arisen from the fumes of aromatics.

AFFLICTION, is not itself, in propriety of medical

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cal speech, a disease, but it produces many; for whatever excites envy, anger, or hatred, produces diseases from tense fibres; as whatever excites fear, grief, joy or delight, begets diseases from relaxation.

AFFORAGE, in the French customs, a duty paid to the lord of a district, for permission to sell wine, or other liquors, within his seignory. Afforage is also used for the rate or price of provisions laid and fixed by the provost or sheriffs of Paris.

AFFORESTING, AFFORESTATIO, the turning ground into forest. The Conqueror, and his successors, continued afforesting the lands of the subject for many reigns; till the grievance became so notorious, that the people of all degrees and denominations were brought to sue for relief; which was at length obtained and commissions were granted to survey and perambulate the forest, and separate all the new afforested lands, and re-convert them to the uses of their proprietors, under the name and quality of *purlieu* or *pouralle land*.

AFFRAY, or AFFRAYMENT, in law, formerly signified the crime of affrighting other persons, by appearing in unusual armour, brandishing a weapon, &c. but, at present, *affray* denotes a skirmish or fight between two or more.

AFFRONTÉE, in heraldry, an appellation given to animals facing one another on an escutcheon; a kind of bearing which is otherwise called *confrontee*, and stands opposed to *adoffee*.

AFFUSION, the act of pouring some fluid substance on another body. Dr Grew gives several experiments of the luctation arising from the affusion of divers menstruums on all sorts of bodies. Divines and church historians speak of baptism by affusion; which amounts to much the same with what we now call *sprinkling*.

AFRANIUS, a Latin poet, who wrote comedies in imitation of Menauder, commended by Tully and Quintilian: he lived in the 170th olympiad.

AFRICA (according to Bochart, from a Punic word, signifying *Ears of Corn*); one of the four great divisions, by the moderns called *quarters*, of the world, and one of the three called by the Greeks *ἠπείροι*, or *continents*. By them it was also called *Lybia*.

Africa lies south of Europe, and west of Asia. It is bounded on the north by the Mediterranean, which separates it from the former; on the north-east, by the Red Sea, which divides it from Asia, and to which it is attached by a neck of land called the *Isthmus of Suez*, about 60 miles over, separating the Mediterranean from the Red Sea. On the west, south, and east, it is bounded by the main ocean: so that it is properly a vast peninsula, bearing some faint resemblance of a pyramid, the base of which is the northern part, running along the shores of the Mediterranean; and the top of the pyramid is the most southerly point, called the *Cape of Good Hope*. Its greatest length from north to south is 4300 miles, and its greatest breadth from east to west is 3500 miles; reaching from Lat. 37° N. to 35° S. and from Long. 17-20° W. to 51-25° E.

Though the greatest part of this continent hath been in all ages unknown both to the Europeans and Asiatics, its situation is more favourable than either Europe or Asia for maintaining an intercourse with other nations. It stands, as it were, in the centre of the three

other quarters of the globe; and has thereby a much nearer communication with Europe, Asia, and America, than any one of these has with another. For, (1.) It is opposite to Europe in the Mediterranean, for almost 1000 miles in a line from east to west; the distance seldom 100 miles, never 100 leagues, and sometimes not above 20 leagues. (2.) It is opposite to Asia for all the length of the Red Sea, the distance sometimes not exceeding five leagues, seldom fifty. (3.) Its coast for the length of about 2000 miles lies opposite to America at the distance of from 500 to 700 leagues, including the islands: whereas America, unless where it may be a *terra incognita*, is no where nearer Europe than 1000 leagues; and Asia, than 2500.

As the equator divides this continent almost in the middle, the far greatest part of it is within the tropics; and of consequence the heat in some places is almost insupportable by Europeans, it being there greatly increased by vast deserts of burning sand.—It cannot be doubted, however, that, were the country well cultivated, it would be extremely fertile; and would produce in great abundance not only the necessaries, but also the luxuries, of life. It has been asserted, that the sugars of Barbadoes and Jamaica, as also the ginger, cotton, rice, pepper, pimento, cocoa, indigo, &c. of these islands, would thrive in Africa to as much perfection as where they are now produced. Nor can it be doubted, that the East Indian spices, the tea of China and Japan, the coffee of Mocha, &c. would all thrive in some parts of the African coast; as this continent has the advantage of feeling no cold, the climate being either very warm or very temperate.

Whatever may be the case with the internal parts of Africa, it is certain that its coasts are well watered with many very considerable rivers. The Nile and the Niger may be reckoned among the largest in any part of the world, America excepted. The first discharges itself into the Mediterranean, after a prodigious course from its source in Abyssinia. The origin neither of the Nile, nor of the Niger, is certainly known; but that of the latter is supposed to run through a tract of land little less than 3000 miles. Both these rivers annually overflow their banks, fertilizing by that means the countries through which they pass. The Gambia and Senegal rivers are only branches of the Niger. Many vast ridges of mountains also run through different parts of this continent; but their extent is very little known. Some of the most remarkable are, (1.) Those called *Atlas*, lying between the 20th and 25th degree of north latitude, and supposed almost to divide the continent from east to west. (2.) The *mountains of the moon*, so called on account of their great height; supposed to be the boundaries between Abyssinia and some of the interior kingdoms. (3.) The mountains of *Sierra Leona*, so called on account of their abounding with lions, and likewise supposed to be the boundaries of some of the nations. (4.) Those called by the ancients the *mountains of God*, on account of their being subject to perpetual thunder and lightening. Of all these, however, little more is known than their names.

To what we have already said concerning the produce of Africa, we may add, that no part of the world abounds with gold and silver in a greater degree. Here also are a prodigious number of elephants; and it is surprising, that neither the ancients nor modern Euro-

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Next to gold and silver, copper is the most valuable metal; and on this continent is found in great plenty, insomuch that the mountains of Atlas abovementioned are said all to be composed of copper ore. In short, Africa, though a full quarter of the globe, stored with an inexhaustible treasure, and capable of producing almost every necessary, conveniency, and luxury of life, within itself, seems to be utterly neglected both by its own inhabitants and all other nations: the former, being in a savage state, are incapable of enjoying the blessings offered them by nature; and the latter taking no farther notice of the inhabitants, or their land, than to obtain at the easiest rate what they procure with as little trouble as possible, or to carry them off for slaves to their plantations in America.

Only a small part of this continent was known to the ancients, *viz.* the kingdom of Egypt, and the northern coast, comprehending little more than what is now known by the name of *Barbary*. It was divided into *Africa Propria*, and *Africa Interior*. *Africa Propria* comprehended only the Carthaginian territories, *Africa Interior* comprehended all other nations to the southward of these territories, or those at a greater distance from Rome. The only kingdoms, however, with which the Romans had any connection, were the Numidians, the Mauritanians, and the Gætuli. All these, as well as Egypt, were swallowed up by that enormous power, and reduced to the condition of Roman provinces. But the Romans never seem to have penetrated beyond the tropic of cancer. There appears, indeed, to have been some intercourse between them and the Ethiopians: but the latter always preserved their liberty; and we find their queen Candace mentioned in the times of the apostles, when the Roman power was at its highest pitch.

Between the tropic of cancer and the equinoctial line, a multitude of savage nations were supposed to have their residence, known by the names of Melanogætuli, Nigritæ, Blemmyes, Dolopes, Astacuri, Lophagi, Ichthyophagi, Elephantophagi, &c. (which are taken notice of, as well as the others already mentioned, under their proper names); but that Africa was a peninsula, seems to have been totally unknown both to the Europeans and Asiatics for many ages.—It is probable indeed, that some of the Phenicians, and their offspring the Carthaginians, were not so ignorant; as they carried navigation to a much greater height than either the Greeks or Romans: but their discoveries were all concealed with the greatest care, lest other nations should reap the benefit of them; and accordingly we can now find no authentic accounts concerning them. The navigation round Africa, in particular, is recorded by the Greek and Roman writers rather as a strange amusing tale than as a real transaction; and as neither the progress of the Phenician and Carthaginian discoveries, nor the extent of their navigation, were communicated to the rest of mankind, all memorials of their extraordinary skill in naval affairs seem in a great measure to have perished, when the maritime power of

*Africa.* the former was annihilated by Alexander's conquest of Tyre, and the empire of the latter was overturned by the Romans.

That the peninsula of Africa, however, was in reality sailed round by the Phenicians, we have on indisputable authority; for some of that nation undertook the voyage, at the command of Necho king of Egypt, about 604 years before the Christian æra. They sailed from a port in the Red-sea, and after three years returned by the Mediterranean: and the very objections that were made to the veracity of their accounts at that time, are unanswerable proofs to us that this voyage was really accomplished. They pretended, that, having sailed for some time, the sun became more and more vertical, after which he appeared in the north, and seemed to recede from them: that as they returned, the sun gradually seemed to move southwards; and, after becoming vertical once more, appeared then in the south side of them as before they set out. This, which we know must certainly have been the case, was deemed incredible at that time, and universal ignorance concerning the extent of this continent prevailed till the 15th century. The first attempts towards attaining a knowledge of Africa was made by the Portuguese in 1412. Notwithstanding their vicinity, they had never ventured beyond Cape *Non*, situated in about N. lat. 27°: it had received its name from a supposed impossibility of passing it. This year they proceeded 160 miles farther, to Cape Bojador; which stretching a considerable way into the Atlantic ocean, with rocky cliffs, appeared so dreadful to the navigators, that they returned without any attempt to pass it. In an attempt to double this formidable cape, they discovered the Madeira islands in 1419: but Cape Bojador continued to be the boundary of their continental discoveries till 1433; when they penetrated within the tropics, and in a few years discovered the river Senegal, Cape de Verd, and the islands which lie off that promontory. In 1449, the western islands, called the *Azores*, were discovered: and in 1471, they first penetrated beyond the line; and were surprised to find, that the torrid zone, contrary to the opinion of the ancients, who imagined it to be burnt up with heat, was not only habitable, but fertile and populous. In 1484, they proceeded 1500 miles beyond the line; so that they began to entertain hopes of finding that way a passage to the East Indies: and two years afterwards, the Cape of Good Hope was discovered by Bartholomew de Diaz; but it was not till the year 1497, that the Portuguese, under Vasquez de Gama, actually doubled this cape, and discovered the true shape of the continent. Thus the coasts of Africa were made perfectly known; and probably the knowledge concerning its interior parts would have been much greater than it is, had not the general attention been called off from this continent by the discovery of America in 1492.

The Romans for a long time maintained their power in Africa: but in the year 426, Bonifacius, supreme governor of all the Roman dominions in this quarter, being compelled to revolt by the treachery of another general called *Aetius*, and finding himself unable to contend with the whole strength of the Roman empire, called in Genseric king of the Vandals to his aid; who thereupon abandoned the provinces he had seized in Europe, and passed over into Africa. Bonifacius, however,

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however, being soon after reconciled to his empress Placidia, endeavoured in vain to persuade the Vandals to retire. Hereupon a war ensued, in which the barbarians proved victorious, and quickly over-ran all the Roman provinces in Africa. In the year 435, a peace was concluded; when Numidia and some other countries were ceded to the Vandals, who soon after seized all the rest. These barbarians did not long enjoy their ill-gotten possessions: for, about the year 533, Belisarius drove them out, annexing the provinces to the eastern empire; and in 647, the Saracens, having conquered Mesopotamia, Egypt (which anciently was not included in the meaning of the word *Africa*), Phenicia, Arabia, and Palestine, broke like a torrent into Africa, which they quickly subdued. Their vast empire being in 936 divided into seven kingdoms, the African states retained their independency long after the others were subdued by the Turks: but in the beginning of the 16th century, being afraid of falling under the yoke of Spain, they invited the Turks to their assistance; who first protected, and then enslaved, them. They still continue in a kind of dependence on the Ottoman empire. They are not, however, properly speaking, the *subjects* of the grand Signior, but call him their *protector*, paying him an annual tribute. On the coasts, the natives are almost all addicted to piracy; and with such success have they carried on their employment, that the greatest powers in Europe are become their tributaries, in order to procure liberty to trade on the Mediterranean.

Concerning even those states which are nearest to Europe, very little is known: but the interior nations are scarce known by name; nor do almost any two of the most learned moderns agree in their division of Africa into kingdoms; and the reason is, that scarcely any traveller hath ever penetrated into these inhospitable regions. According to the best accounts, concerning those regions of Africa lying beyond Egypt and Barbary, they are divided in the following manner. On the western coast, to the south of Barbary, lie the kingdoms of Bildulgerid, Zaara, Negroland, Loango, Congo, Angola, Benguela, and Terra de Natal. On the eastern coast beyond Egypt, are those of Nubia, Adel, Ajan, Zanguebar (between these two a huge desert is interposed), Monomatapa, and Sofola. In the interior parts, the kingdoms of Lower Ethiopia, Abex, Monemuge, and Matanan, are made mention of. The southernmost part, called Caffraria, is well known for the habitation of the Hottentots.

In many material circumstances, the inhabitants of this extensive continent agree with each other. If we except the people of Abyssinia, who are tawny, and profess a mixture of Christianity, Judaism, and Paganism, they are all of a black complexion. In their religion, except on the sea-coasts, which have been visited and settled by strangers, they are pagans; and the form of government is every where monarchical. Few princes, however, possess a very extensive jurisdiction; for as the natives of this part of Africa are grossly ignorant in all the arts of utility or refinement, they are little acquainted with one another; and generally united in small societies, each governed by its own prince. In Abyssinia, indeed, as well as in Congo, Loango, and Angola, we are told of powerful monarchs; but on examination, it is found that the au-

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thority of these princes stands on a precarious footing, each tribe or separate body of their subjects being under the influence of a petty chieftain of their own, styled *Negus*, to whose commands, however contrary to those of the *Negaschia Negascht*, or king of kings, they are always ready to submit.

The fertility of a country so prodigiously extensive, might be supposed more various than we find it is: in fact, there is no medium in this part of Africa with regard to the advantages of soil; it is either perfectly barren or extremely fertile. This arises from the intense heat of the sun; which, where it meets with sufficient moisture, produces the utmost luxuriancy; and in those countries where there are few rivers, reduces the surface of the earth to a barren sand. Of this sort are the countries of Anian and Zaara; which, for want of water, and consequently of all other necessaries, are reduced to perfect deserts, as the name of the latter denotes. In those countries, on the other hand, where there is plenty of water, and particularly where the rivers overflow the land part of the year, as in Abyssinia, the productions of nature, both of the animal and vegetable kinds, are found in the highest perfection and greatest abundance. The countries of Mandingo, Ethiopia, Congo, Angola, Batua, Trucui, Monomotapa, Casati, and Mehenemugi, are extremely rich in gold and silver. The baser metals, likewise, are found in these and many other parts of Africa. But the persons of the natives make the most considerable article in the produce and traffic of this miserable quarter of the globe.

On the Guinea or western coast, the English trade to James Fort, and other settlements near and up the river Gambia; where they exchange their woollen and linen manufactures, their hardware, and spirituous liquors, for the persons of the natives. By the treaty of peace in 1783, the river of Senegal, with its dependencies, were given up to France. Gold and ivory, next to the slave trade, form the principal branches of African commerce. These are carried on from the same coast, where the Dutch and French, as well as English, have their settlements for this purpose.

The Portuguese are in possession of the east and west coast of Africa, from the Tropic of Capricorn to the Equator; which immense tract they became masters of by their successive attempts and happy discovery and navigation of the Cape of Good Hope. From the coast of Zanguebar, on the eastern side, they trade not only for the articles abovementioned, but likewise for several others; as senna, aloes, civet, ambergris, and frankincense. The Dutch have settlements towards the southern part of the continent, in the country called Caffraria, or the land of the Hottentots, particularly Cape Town, which is well settled and fortified; here their ships bound for India usually put in, and trade with the natives for their cattle, in exchange for which they give them spirituous liquors.

The Portuguese being sovereigns of the greatest part of the coast, have a number of black princes their tributaries. There are some independent princes who have extensive dominions; particularly the kings of Dahome and Widah, the most noted of any for the infamous slave trade. Upwards of 200 years have the European nations traded with Africa in human flesh; and encouraged in the Negro countries, wars, rapine, and encouraged in the Negro countries, wars, rapine, desolation,

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desolation, and murder, that the West India islands might be supplied with that commodity. The annual exportation of poor creatures from Africa for slaves hath exceeded 100,000; numbers of whom are driven down like sheep, perhaps a 1000 miles from the sea-coast, who are generally inhabitants of villages that have been surrounded in the night by armed force, and carried off to be sold to traders.—Nor do the planters, who purchase them, use any pains to instruct them in religion, to make them amends for the oppression thus exercised on them. It is said they are unnaturally averse to every thing that tends to it; yet the Portuguese, French, and Spaniards, in their settlements, succeed in their attempts to instruct them, as much to the advantage of the commerce as of religion. It is for the sake of Christianity, and the advantages accompanying it, that English slaves embrace every occasion of deserting to the settlements of these nations.—But upon this subject the feelings and reflection of that nation have of late been abundantly roused, and in the investigation of it the wisdom of the legislature is soon to be employed.

AFRICAN COMPANY, a society of merchants, established by King Charles II. for trading to Africa; which trade is now laid open to all the subjects, paying 10 per cent. for maintaining the forts.

AFRICANUS (Julius), an excellent historian of the third century, the author of a chronicle which was greatly esteemed, and in which he reckons 5500 years from the creation of the world to Julius Cæsar. This work, of which we have now no more than what is to be found in Eusebius, ended at the 221st year of the vulgar æra. Africanus also wrote a letter to Origen on the history of Susanna, which he reckoned supposititious; and we have still a letter of his to Aristides, in which he reconciles the seeming contradictions in the two genealogies of Christ recorded by St Matthew and St Luke.

AFSLAGERS, persons appointed by the burgo-masters of Amsterdam to preside over the public sales made in that city. They must always have a clerk of the secretary's office with them, to take an account of the sale. They correspond to our brokers, or auctioniers.

AFT, in the sea language, the same with ABAFT.

AFTERBIRTH, in midwifery, signifies the membranes which surround the infant in the womb, generally called the secundines. See MIDWIFERY.

AFTERMATH, in husbandry, signifies the grass which springs or grows up after mowing.

AFTERNOON, the latter half of the artificial day, or that space between noon and night.

AFTER-PAINS, in midwifery, excessive pains felt in the groin, loins, &c. after the woman is delivered.

AFTER-SWARMS, in the management of bees, are those which leave the hive some time after the first has swarmed. See BEE.

AFWESTAD, a large copper-work belonging to the crown of Sweden, which lies on the Dala, in the province of Dalecarlia, in Sweden. It looks like a town, and has its own church. Here they make copper-plates; and have a mint for small silver coin, as well as a royal post-house. W. Long. 14. 10. N. Lat. 58. 10.

AGA, in the Turkish language, signifies a great lord or commander. Hence the aga of the Janissaries is

the commander in chief of that corps; as the general of horse is denominated *spahedar aga*. The aga of the Janissaries is an officer of great importance. He is the only person who is allowed to appear before the Grand Signior without his arms across his breast in the posture of a slave. Eunuchs at Constantinople are in possession of most of the principal posts of the seraglio: The title *aga* is given to them all, whether in employment or not. This title is also given to all such men without employ, and especially to wealthy landholders.

We find also *agas* in other countries. The chief officers under the Khan of Tartary are called by this name. And among the Algerines, we read of *agas* chosen from among the *boluk bashis* (the first rank of military officers), and sent to govern in chief the towns and garrisons of that state. The *aga* of Algiers is the president of the divan, or senate. For some years, the *aga* was the supreme officer; and governed the state in the place of bashaw, whose power dwindled to a shadow. But the soldiery rising against the *boluk bashis*, or *agas*, massacred most of them, and transferred the sovereign power to the calif, with the title of *Dey* or King.

AGADES, a kingdom and city of Negroland in Africa. It lies nearly under the tropic of Cancer, between Gubur and Cano. The town stands on a river that falls into the Niger; it is walled, and the king's palace is in the midst of it. The king has a retinue, who serve as a guard. The inhabitants are not so black as other negroes, and consist of merchants and artificers. Those that inhabit the fields are shepherds or herdsmen, whose cottages are made of boughs, and are carried about from place to place on the back of oxen. They are fixed on the spot of ground where they intend to feed their cattle. The houses in the city are stately, and built after the Barbary fashion. This kingdom was, and may be still, tributary to the king of Tombut. It is well watered; and there is great plenty of grass, cattle, fena, and manna. The prevailing religion is the Mahometan, but very loosely professed. N. Lat. 26. 10. E. Long. 9. 10.

AGALLOCHUM. See XYLO ALOES.

AGALMATA, in antiquity, a term originally used to signify any kind of ornaments in a temple; but afterwards for the statues only, as being most conspicuous.

AGAMEMNON, the son of Atreus by Erope, was captain-general of the Trojan expedition. It was foretold to him by Cassandra, that his wife Clytemnestra would be his death: yet he returned to her; and accordingly he was slain by Ægisthus, who had gained upon his wife in his absence, and by her means got the government into his own hands.

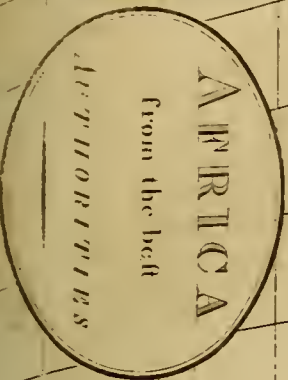
AGANIPPIDES, in ancient poetry, a designation given to the muses, from a fountain of mount Helicon, called *Aganippe*.

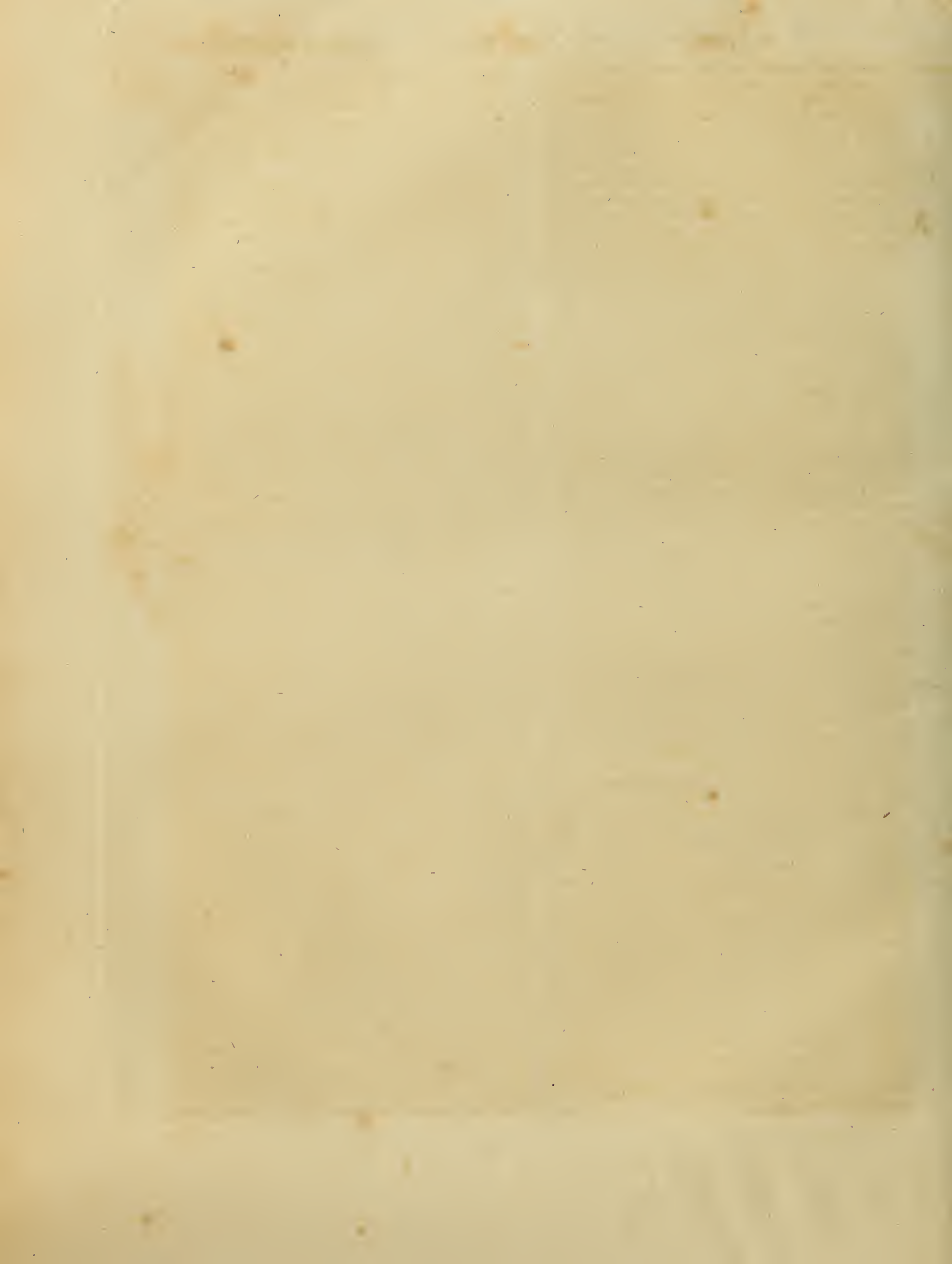
AGANIPPE, in antiquity, a fountain of Bœotia, at mount Helicon, on the borders between Phocis and Bœotia, sacred to the muses, and running into the river Permesseus; (Pliny, Pausanias.) Ovid seems to make *Aganippe* and *Hippocrene* the same. Solinus more truly distinguishes them, and ascribes the blending them to poetical license.

AGAPE, in ecclesiastical history, the love-feast, or feast of charity, in use among the primitive Christians; when

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when a liberal contribution was made by the rich to feed the poor. The word is Greek, and signifies *love*. St Chrysoſtom gives the following account of this feaſt, which he derives from the apoſtolic practice. He ſays, “ the firſt Chriſtians had all things in common, as we read in the Acts of the apoſtles ; but when that equality of poſſeſſions ceaſed, as it did even in the Apoſtles time, the agape, or love-feaſt, was ſubſtituted in the room of it. Upon certain days, after partaking of the Lord’s ſupper, they met at a common feaſt; the rich bringing provisions, and the poor who had nothing being invited.” It was always attended with receiving the holy ſacrament ; but there is ſome difference between the ancient and modern interpreters as to the circumſtance of time, viz. Whether this feaſt was held before or after the communion. St Chryſoſtom is of the latter opinion ; the learned Dr Cave of the former.—Theſe love-feaſts, during the three firſt centuries, were held in the church without ſcandal or offence ; but, in after times, the heathens began to tax them with impurity. This gave occaſion to a reformation of theſe *agapæ*. The kiſs of charity, with which the ceremony uſed to end, was no longer given between different ſexes ; and it was expreſſly forbidden to have any beds or couches, for the conveniency of thoſe who ſhould be diſpoſed to eat more at their eaſe. Notwithſtanding theſe precautions, the abuſes committed in them became ſo notorious, that the holding of them (in churches at leaſt) was ſolemnly condemned, at the council of Carthage, in the year 397.

AGAPETÆ, in eccleſiaſtical hiſtory, a name given to certain virgins and widows, who, in the ancient church, aſſociated themſelves with, and attended on, eccleſiaſtics, out of a motive of piety and charity.

In the primitive days there were women inſtituted DEACONEſSES ; who, devoting themſelves to the ſervice of the church, took up their abode with the miniſters, and aſſiſted them in their functions. In the fervour of the primitive piety, there was nothing ſcandalous in theſe ſocieties : but they afterwards degenerated into libertinism ; inſomuch, that St Jerom aſks with indignation, *unde, agapetarum peſtis in eccleſias introit ?* This gave occaſion to councils to ſuppreſs them.—St Athanaſius mentions a prieſt, named Leontius, who to remove all occaſion of ſuſpicion, offered to mutilate himſelf, to preſerve his beloved companion.

AGARD (Arthur), a learned Engliſh antiquarian, born at Toſton in Derbyſhire in the year 1540. His fondneſs for Engliſh antiquities induced him to make many large collections ; and his office as deputy chamberlain of the exchequer, which he held 45 years, gave him great opportunities of acquiring ſkill in that ſtudy. Similarity of taſte brought him acquainted with Sir Robert Cotton, and other learned men, who aſſociated themſelves under the name of *The Society of Antiquarians*, of which ſociety Mr Agard was a conſpicuous member. He made the doomsday-book his peculiar ſtudy ; and compoſed a work purpoſely to explain it, under the title of *Traſtatus de uſu et obſcurioribus verbis libræ Domeſday* : he alſo compiled a book for the ſervice of his ſucceſſors in office, which he depoſited with the officers of the king’s receipt, as a proper index for ſucceeding officers. All the reſt of his collections, containing at leaſt twenty volumes, he bequeathed to Sir Robert Cotton ; and died in 1615.

AGARIC. See AGARICUS.

Female AGARIC. See BOLETUS.

Mineral AGARIC, a marley earth reſembling the vegetable of that name in colour and texture. It is found in the fiſſures of rocks, and on the roofs of caverns ; and is ſometimes uſed as an aſtringent in fluxes, hemorrhagies, &c.

AGARICUS, or MUSHROOM, a genus of the order of fungi, belonging to the cryptogamia claſs of plants.

*Species and uſes.* Botanical writers enumerate 55 ſpecies belonging to this genus ; of which the moſt remarkable are the following.

1. The campeſtris, or common muſhroom, has the top or cap firſt of a dirty cream colour, convex, and, if but juſt expanding, the under part, or what is called the *gills*, is of a bright fleſh red : this colour laſts but a little time before it turns darker ; and when the plant is old, or has been ſometime expanded, the gills become of a dark brown, the cap almoſt flat, of a dirty colour, and often a little ſcaly. It differs much in ſize in different plants, it being from an inch to ſeven inches broad. The general uſe of it is well known. It is found in woods, old paſtures, and by road-fides, and is in the greateſt perfection in September. There is a variety of this with a yellowiſh white cap and white gills ; this is very firm, but ſeldom expands ſo freely as the true ſort, and when broiled will exude a yellowiſh juice. It is probable this ſort is not pernicious, though it is always rejected by ſuch as can diſtinguiſh it.

2. The pratensis, or *champignon*, is very common upon heaths and dry paſtures. A number of them generally come up in a place, ranged in curved lines or circles. The cap is ſmall, almoſt flat, from one to two or three inches diameter, of a pale buff colour, often crimped at the edges, and, when dry, tough like leather or a thin piece of fine cork. The gills are of the colour of the cap ; are thinly placed ; with a ſhort one, and ſometimes two, coming from the edge of the cap between each. The ſtalk or pillar is alſo of the colour of the cap ; it is long, ſlender, and all the way of a thickneſs. This plant has but little ſmell ; is rather dry ; and yet, when broiled or ſtewed, it communicates a good flavour. In perfection at the ſame time with the former.

3. The chantarellus, *chantarelle agaric*, is rather a ſmaller fungus than the former. The cap is yellow, of different hues in different plants, ſome being of a pale yellow, and others of an orange colour. It is generally funk in the middle, ſomewhat reſembling a tunnel, and its edges are often twiſted and contorted ſo as to form ſinues or angles. The gills are of a deeper colour than the outside, are very fine, even, numerous, and beautifully branched. The ramifications begin at the ſtalk, and are variously extended towards the edge of the cap. The pillar is of the ſame colour as the cap, is ſeldom inſerted in the centre, but rather ſideways ; it is ſhort, thickiſh at the root, and the gills moſtly run down the top, which make it appear ſmalleſt in the middle. This plant broiled with ſalt and pepper has much the flavour of a roaſted cockle ; and is eſteemed a delicacy by the French, as is the former. It is found in woods and high paſtures, and is in perfection about the end of September.

4. The delicious, or orange agaric. The general ſize.

Agaric,  
Agaricus.

Agaricus. size of the cap of this species is from two to four inches broad. Its form is circular, with the edges bent inwards: convex on the upper surface, except in the centre, where it is a little depressed, so as nearly to resemble the apex of a smooth apple. The colour is a sordid yellow, streaked with ash and yellowish brown, from the centre to the edge, and when it is broken it emits a gold-colour juice. The gills are of a deep yellow, and a few of them come out by pairs at the stalk, but divide immediately, and run straight to the edge of the cap. The stalk or pillar is thinnest near the middle, thickest at the root, and when cut transversely, it is quite white in the centre, with a fine yellow ring that goes to the edge. The fungus, well seasoned and then broiled, has the exact flavour of a roasted muscle. Its prime time is September, and it is to be found in high dry woods.

5. The cinnamomeus, or brown mushroom, has a cap the colour of fresh tanned-hides. At first it is hemispherical, firm, even and fleshy, with mostly a small rising in the centre; but when old it is quite flat. The gills are of a yellowish brown, not very distant from each other, bent like a knee at the pillar, and have a short one or two run from the edge of the cap between each. The pillar is near the length of a finger, firm, rather thick, brown at the base, of a sordid yellow upward; and, when cut transversely, of a fine white grain. The cap in different plants is from two to five inches broad. The whole plant has a pleasant smell, and when broiled gives a good flavour. It is found in woods in September and October.

6. The violaceus, or violet mushroom. Its cap, when first expanded, is smooth, hemispherical, the main surface of a livid colour, but towards the margin it is of a better blue. When full grown or old, it becomes corrugated, and of a rusty brown. The gills of a young plant are of a beautiful violet colour, and regularly placed. The pillar is of the colour of the gills, short, of a conical form, but swelled at the base into a sort of bulb. Its upper part is surrounded with an iron-coloured wool, which, in a plant just expanding, stretches cross to the edge of the cap like a web. This species requires much broiling; but when sufficiently done and seasoned, it is as delicious as an oyster. It is found in woods in October. Hudson's bulbosus is only a variety of this plant.

The above are the only species that can be safely recommended as edible; though there are some other sorts which are frequently eaten by the country people; and it is probable the greatest part of those with firm fleshy caps might be eaten with safety, provided they were chosen from dry grounds. It is well known that soil and situation have a great influence upon the properties of plants; and these being of a singular nature, and absolutely between that of an animal and vegetable, may be more powerfully affected than a complete species of either, by reason they have neither leaves nor branches to carry off the noxious damps and vapours of a stagnant soil, as a perfect vegetable has; nor have they any gross excremental discharges, like those of a living animal. The gills no doubt do exhale some of their superfluous moisture; but their situation is such, that any thick steam from the earth may lodge in them, and by clogging their excretory ducts, render the plants morbid. Thus they soon run into a state of putrefaction, and become a

prey to worms, flies, and other insects. The common mushroom, which is in general esteem (though we have several others better) is not safely eaten when produced upon a moist soil. Those who gather mushrooms for sale should therefore have particular regard to the lands they collect them from, especially if they know they are to be broiled; but if they be intended for catchup, perhaps they may be less cautious, as the salt and spices with which the juice is boiled may correct any evil disposition in the plants. But, even in this case, catchup made of mushrooms taken from a dry soil has a more aromatic and pleasant flavour than that which is made of those taken from a moist one, and it will always keep a great deal better.

Of the poisonous sorts, the two following are the most singular:

7. The muscarius, or reddish mushroom, has a large hat almost flat, either white, red, or crimson, sometimes beset with angular red warts; the gills are white, flat, and inversely spear-shaped; the pillar is hollow, the cap fixed to the middle of the pillar, limber, and hanging down. This species grows in pastures, and is said to destroy bugs effectually if the juice is rubbed upon the walls and bed-posts. The inhabitants of the north of Europe, whose houses are greatly infested with flies at the decline of summer, infuse it in milk, and set it in their windows, and the flies upon tasting the least drop are instantly poisoned. An infusion of common pepper in milk answers the same purpose: but the flies through time become wise enough not to taste it; and though vast numbers are at first destroyed, it is impossible to clear a house of these insects by this means.—This is the *moucho-more* of the Russians, Kamtschadales, and Koriacs, who use it as an instrument of intoxication. They sometimes eat it dry, sometimes immersed in a fermented liquor made with the epilobium, which they drink notwithstanding the dreadful effects. They are first seized with convulsions in all their limbs, then with a raving such as attends a burning fever. A thousand phantoms, gay or gloomy (according to their constitutions), present themselves to their imaginations: some dance, others are seized with unspeakable horrors. They personify this mushroom; and, if its effects urge them to suicide, or any dreadful crime, they say they obey its commands. To fit themselves for premeditated assassinations, they take the *moucho-more*. Such is the fascination of drunkenness among these people, that nothing can induce them to forbear this dreadful potion!

8. The clypeatus, or long stalked mushroom, has an hemispherical hat tapering to a point, and clammy; the pillar is long, cylindrical, and white; the gills are white, and not concave, dusted with a fine powdery substance on each side; the root is bulbous, long, and hooked at the end. It is found in September, in woodlands and pastures. This species is thought to be poisonous; and we have the following account of the symptoms produced by eating it, in Dr Percival's Essays. "Robert Usherwood, of Middleton, near Manchester, a strong healthy man, aged 50 years, early in the morning gathered and eat what he supposed to be a mushroom. He felt no symptoms of indisposition, till five o'clock in the evening: when, being very thirsty, he drank near a quart of table-beer. Soon afterwards he became universally swollen, was sick, and in great agonies. A severe vomiting and purging succeeded,



Agaricus. succeeded, with violent cramps in his legs and thighs. He discharged several pieces of the fungus, but with little or no relief. His pains and evacuations continued, almost without intermission, till the next night; when he fell into a sound sleep, and awaked in the morning perfectly easy, and free from complaint."

Many of the different species of this genus grow on cows or horses dung, on dunghills, or rotten wood, in cellars, or on the trunks of trees; of which the most remarkable is,

9. The quercinus, or agaric of the oak. This is of various sizes, sometimes not exceeding the bigness of the fist, sometimes as large as a man's head. It takes at least a year or two to grow to its full size. It is dark coloured, hard, heavy, and woody; it is sometimes used by the dyers, as an ingredient in the black dye. It tastes at first sweetish in the mouth, but presently becomes very bitter and nauseous. It was formerly an article in the *Materia Medica*; but is now deservedly rejected from our pharmacopœias.

*Culture.* Only the esculent kinds of mushrooms are cultivated; and the following method is used by the gardeners who raise them for sale.—If the young mushrooms cannot be procured from gardens, they must be looked for in rich pastures during the months of August and September: the ground must be opened about their roots, where it is frequently found full of small white knots; which are the off-sets, or young mushrooms. These must be carefully gathered in lumps, with the earth about them; but as this spawn cannot be found in the pasture, except at that season when the mushrooms are naturally produced, it may be searched for at any time in old dung-hills, especially where there has been much litter, and it hath not been penetrated by wet so as to rot; it may also be found very often in old hot-beds; or it may be procured by mixing some long dung from the stable, which has not been thrown on a heap to ferment, with strong earth, and put under cover to prevent wet getting to it. The spawn commonly appears in about two months after the mixture is made; but proportionably sooner the more effectually the air is excluded, provided the mixture is not kept so close as to heat. Old thatch, or litter which has lain long abroad so as not to ferment, is the best covering. The spawn has the appearance of white mould shooting out into long strings, by which it may be easily known wherever it is met with.—The beds for receiving the spawn are now to be prepared. These should be made of dung in which there is plenty of litter, but which should not be thrown on a heap to ferment: that dung which has lain spread abroad for a month or longer is best. The beds should be made on dry ground, and the dung laid on the surface; the width at the bottom should be two and a half or three feet, the length in proportion to the quantity of mushrooms desired; then lay the dung about a foot thick, covering it with strong earth about four inches deep. Upon this lay more dung, about ten inches thick; then another layer of earth, still drawing in the sides of the bed, so as to form it like the roof of a house; which may be done by three layers of dung, and as many of earth. When the bed is finished, it must be covered with litter or old thatch, both to prevent its drying too fast and to keep out wet. In this situation it ought to remain eight or ten days, when it will be in a proper tempe-

ture to receive the spawn; for this is destroyed by too much heat; though, before planting, it may be kept very dry, not only without detriment, but with considerable advantage.—The bed being in a proper temperature for the spawn, the covering of litter should be taken off, and the sides of the bed smoothed; then a covering of light rich earth, about an inch thick, should be laid all over the bed; but this should not be wet. Upon this the spawn must be thrust, laying the lumps two or three inches asunder: then gently cover this with the same light earth, above half an inch thick; and put the covering of litter over the bed, laying it so thick as to keep out wet, and prevent the bed from drying. In spring or autumn the mushrooms will begin to appear, perhaps in a month after making; but when the beds are made in summer or winter, they are much longer before they produce. In any season, however, they ought not to be hastily destroyed; since mushroom-beds have been known to produce very plentifully, even after the spawn has lain in them five or six months. When the beds are destroyed, the spawn should be carefully preserved, and laid up in a dry place, at least five or six weeks before it is again planted.—The difficulty of managing mushroom-beds is to keep them always in a proper degree of moisture. In the summer season they may be uncovered to receive gentle showers of rain at proper times; and in long dry seasons the beds should now and then be watered, but much wet ought by no means to be suffered to come to them. During the winter season they must be kept as dry as possible, and so closely covered as to keep out cold. In frosty, or very cold weather, if some warm litter, shaken out of a dung-heap, is laid on, the growth of the mushrooms will be promoted: but betwixt this and the bed, a covering of dry litter must be interposed; which should be renewed as it decays; and, as the cold increases, the covering must be thickened. By attending to these directions, plenty of mushrooms may be produced all the year round. One bed will continue good for many months. For a peculiar, perhaps fabulous, method of producing mushrooms, see the article *LYNCURIUS*.

Physicians have disputed much about the qualities of mushrooms; some considering them as a rich nourishment, and perfectly innocent, when properly chosen; and others asserting them to be extremely deleterious. Most of the fungi are indeed of a hurtful quality; and, with respect to the whole tribe, the esculent are very few. Esculent mushrooms are very nutritive, very readily alkalescent, and more so without intermediate acescency than any other vegetable; they are therefore a rich nourishment, and much akin to animal food; on which account they may be indulged in considerable quantity to strong persons. It requires, however, skill to distinguish this esculent kind; and very few, especially of those who are commonly employed to gather them, viz. the servants, have studied *Clusius*, or other authors who have been at the pains to distinguish them. Perhaps esculent mushrooms, if old, acquire a dangerous acrimony; and for these reasons Dr Cullen is of opinion that it is for the most part prudent to avoid them. In warm climates they may be used as light food; but in cold countries it is preposterous to use them along with animal food, as they do not correct its alkaline tendency.

Agate.

AGATE, or ΑΧΑΤ, (among the Greeks and Latins, Αχατης, and *Achates*, from a river in Sicily, on the banks of which it was first found); a very extensive genus of the semipellucid gems.

Those stones are variegated with veins and clouds, but have no zones like those of the onyx. They are composed of chrystal debased by a large quantity of earth, and not formed, either by repeated incrustations round a central nucleus, or made up of plates laid evenly on one another; but are merely the effect of one simple concretion, and variegated only by the disposition given, by the fluid they were formed in, to their differently coloured veins or matters.

Agates are arranged according to the different colours of their ground. Of those with a *white* ground there are three species. (1.) The *dendrachetes*, *mocoa stone*, or *aborescent agat*. This seems to be the same with what some authors call the *achates* with rosemary in the middle, and others *achates* with little branches of black leaves. (2.) The *dull milky-looking agate*. This, though greatly inferior to the former, is yet a very beautiful stone. It is common on the shores of rivers in the East Indies, and also in Germany and some other parts of Europe. Our lapidaries cut it into counters for card-playing, and other toys of small value. (3.) The *lead-coloured agate*, called the *phassa-chates* by the ancients.

Of the agates with a *reddish* ground there are four species. (1.) An impure one of a flesh-coloured white, which is but of little beauty in comparison with other agates. The admixture of flesh-colour is but very slight; and it is often found without any clouds, veins, or other variegations; but sometimes it is prettily veined or variegated with spots of irregular figures, having fimbriated edges. It is found in Germany, Italy, and some other parts of Europe; and is wrought into toys of small value, and often into the German gun-flints. It has been sometimes found with evident specimens of the perfect mosses bedded deep in it. (2.) That of the blue blood colour, called *hæmachates*, or the *bloody agate*, by the ancients. (3.) The clouded and spotted agate, of a pale flesh colour, called by the ancients the *carnelian agate*, or *sardachates*. (4.) The red-lead-coloured one, variegated with yellow, called the *coral agate*, or *coralla-achates*, by the ancients.

Of the agates with a *yellowish* ground there are only two known species; the one of the colour of yellow wax, called *cerachates* by the ancients; the other a very elegant stone, of a yellow ground, variegated with white, black, and green, called the *leonina*, and *leonteseres* by the ancients.

Lastly, of the agates with a *greenish* ground, there is only one known species, called by the ancients *jaspachates*.

Of all these species there are a great many varieties; some of them having upon them natural representations of men and different kinds of animals, &c. These representations are not confined to the agates whose ground is of any particular colour, but are occasionally found on all the different species. Velschius had in his custody a flesh-coloured agate, on one side of which appeared a half-moon in great perfection, represented by a milky semicircle; on the other side, the phases of *vesper*, or the evening-star; whence he denominated it an *aphrodisian agate*. An agate is mentioned by Kir-

cher\*, on which was the representation of a heroine armed; and one in the church of St Mark in Venice has the representation of a king's head adorned with a diadem. On another, in the musæum of the prince of Gonzaga, was represented the body of a man with all his clothes, in a running posture. A still more curious one is mentioned by de Boot †, wherein appears a circle struck in brown, as exactly as if done with a pair of compasses, and in the middle of the circle the exact figure of a bishop with a mitre on: but inverting the stone a little, another figure appears; and if it is turned yet further, two others appear, the one of a man and the other of a woman. But the most celebrated agate of this kind is that of Pyrrhus, wherein were represented the nine muses, each with their proper attributes, and Apollo in the middle playing on the harp †. In the emperor's cabinet is an oriental agate of a surprising bigness, being fashioned into a cup, whose diameter is an ell, abating two inches. In the cavity is found delineated in black specks, B. KRISTOR. S. XXX. Other agates have also been found, representing the numbers 4191, 181; whence they were called *arithmetical* agates, as those representing men or women have obtained the name of *anthropomorphous*.

Great medicinal virtues were formerly attributed to the agate, such as resisting poisons, especially those of the viper, scorpion, and spider; but they are now very justly rejected from medicinal practice. The oriental ones are all said to be brought from the river Gambay. A mine of agates was some time ago discovered in Transylvania, of divers colours; and some of a large size, weighing several pounds.

Agates may be stained artificially with solution of silver in spirit of nitre, and afterwards exposing the part to the sun; and though these artificial colours disappear on laying the stone for a night in aquafortis, yet a knowledge of the practicability of thus staining agates, must render those curious figures above-mentioned strongly suspected of being the work not of nature, but of art. Some account for these phenomena from natural causes. Thus, Kircher, who had seen a stone of this kind in which were depicted the four letters usually inscribed on crucifixes, I. N. R. I. apprehends that some real crucifix had been buried under-ground, among stones and other rubbish, where the inscription happening to be parted from the cross, and to be received among a soft mould or clay susceptible of the impression of the letters, came afterwards to be petrified. In the same manner he supposes the agate of Pyrrhus to have been formed. Others resolve much of the wonder into fancy, and suppose those stones formed in the same manner with the *camieux* \* or Flo-

rentine stones. The agate is used for making cups, rings, seals, handles for knives and forks, hilts for swords and hangers, beads to pray with, smelling boxes, patch-boxes, &c. being cut or sawed with no great difficulty. At Paris, none have a right to deal in this commodity except the wholesale mercers and goldsmiths. The sword-cutlers are allowed to sell it, but only when made into handles for couteaux de chasse, and ready set in. The cutlers have the same privilege for their knives and forks.

Considerable quantities of these stones are still found near the river Achates in Sicily. There are found in some of these the surprising representations above-men-

Agate.  
\* Ephem.  
German.  
dec. i. an. I.  
obl. 151.

† De Gem.  
l. ii. c. 95.

‡ Pliny,  
l. xxxvii.  
c. 3.

\* See Ga  
mieux.

Agate  
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Agathias.

mentioned, or others similar to them. By a dextrous management of these natural stains, medals have been produced, which seem master-pieces of nature: for this stone bears the graver well; and as pieces of all magnitudes are found of it, they make all sorts of work of it. The high altar of the cathedral of Messina is all over encrusted with it. The lapidaries pretend that the Indian agates are finer than the Sicilian; but Father Labat\* informs us, that in the same quarries, and even in the same block, there are found pieces much finer than others, and these fine pieces are sold for Indian agates in order to enhance their price.

AGATE, among antiquaries, denotes a stone of this kind engraved by art. In this sense, agates make a species of antique gems; in the workmanship whereof we find eminent proofs of the great skill and dexterity of the sculptors. Several agates of exquisite beauty are preserved in the cabinets of the curious; but the facts or histories represented on these antique agates, however well executed, are now become so obscure, and their explications so difficult, that several diverting mistakes and disputes have arisen among those who undertook to give their true meaning.

The great agate of the apotheosis of Augustus, in the treasury of the holy chapel, when sent from Constantinople to St Lewis, passed for a triumph of Joseph. An agate, now in the French king's cabinet, had been kept 700 years with great devotion, in the Benedictine abbey of St Evre at Toul, where it passed for St John the Evangelist carried away by an eagle, and crowned by an angel; but the Heathenism of it having been lately detected, the religious would no longer give it a place among their relics, but presented it in 1684 to the king. The antiquaries found it to be the apotheosis of Germanicus. In like manner the triumph of Joseph was found to be a representation of Germanicus and Agrippina, under the figures of Ceres and Triptolemus. Another was preserved, from time immemorial, in one of the most ancient churches of France, where it had passed for a representation of paradise and the fall of man; there being found on it two figures representing Adam and Eve, with a tree, a serpent, and a Hebrew inscription round it, taken from the third chapter of Genesis, "The woman saw that the tree was good," &c. The French academists, instead of our first parents, found Jupiter and Minerva represented by the two figures: the inscription was of a modern date, written in a Rabbinical character, very incorrect, and poorly engraven. The prevailing opinion was, that this agate represented simply the worship of Jupiter and Minerva at Athens.

AGATE, is also a name of an instrument used by gold-wire-drawers; so called from the agate in the middle of it, which forms its principal part.

AGATHIAS, or, as he calls himself in his epigrams, AGATHIUS, distinguished by the title of *Scholasticus*, a Greek historian in the 16th century under Justinian. He was born at Myrina, a colony of the ancient Æolians, in Asia the less, at the mouth of the river Phythicus. He was an advocate at Smyrna. Tho' he had a taste for poetry, he was yet more famous for his history, which begins with the 26th year of Justinian's reign, where Procopius ends. It was printed in Greek and Latin, with Bonaventure Vulcanius's, at

Leyden, 1595, in 4to; and in Paris at the king's printing-house, 1660, in folio.

AGATHO, a tragic and comic poet, disciple to Prodicus and Socrates, applauded in Plato's Dialogues for his virtue and beauty. His first tragedy obtained the prize; and he was crowned in the presence of upwards of 30,000 men, the 4th year of the 90th Olympiad. There is nothing now extant of his except a few quotations in Aristotle, Athenæus, and others.

AGATHOCLES, the famous tyrant of Sicily, was son of a potter at Reggio. He was a thief, a common soldier, a centurion, a general, and a pirate, all in a regular succession. He defeated the Carthaginians several times in Sicily, and was once defeated himself. He first made himself tyrant of Syracuse, and then of all Sicily; after which, he vanquished the Carthaginians again both in Sicily and Africa. But at length having ill success, and being in arrears with his soldiers, they mutinied, forced him to fly his camp, and cut the throats of his children, whom he left behind. Recovering himself again, he relieved Corfou, besieged by Cassander; burnt the Macedonian fleet; returned to Sicily; murdered the wives and children of those who had murdered his; afterwards meeting with the soldiers themselves, he put them all to the sword; and ravaging the sea-coast of Italy, took the city of Hipponium. He was at length poisoned by his grandson Archagathus, in the 72d year of his age, 290 years before Christ, having reigned 28 years.

AGATHYRNA, or AGATHYRNUM, AGATHYRSA, or AGATHYRSUM, (anc. geog.) a town of Sicily; now *S. Marco*; as old as the war of Troy, being built by Agathyrnus, son of Æolus, on an eminence. The gentilitious name is *Agathyrnæus*; or, according to the Roman idiom, *Agathyrnensis*.

AGAVE, the common American aloe: A genus of the monogynia order, belonging to the hexandria class of plants; and in the natural method ranking under the 10th order, *Coronariæ*. The characters are: There is no *calyx*: The *corolla* is monopetalous and funnel-shaped; the border six-parted, with lanced erect divisions: The *stamina* consist of six erect filaments, longer than the corolla; the antheræ are linear, shorter than the filaments, and versatile: The *pistillum* is an oblong germen; the stylus is filiform, the length of the stamina, and triangular; the stigma headed and triangular: The *pericarpium* is an oblong triangular capsule, trilocular and three-valved: The *seeds* are numerous. Of this genus, botanical writers enumerate eight species.

Of the Americana, or great American aloe, the stems generally rise upwards of 20 feet high, and branch out on every side towards the top, so as to form a kind of pyramid: the slender shoots being garnished with greenish yellow flowers, which stand erect, and come out in thick clusters at every joint: these make a fine appearance, and continue long in beauty; a succession of new flowers being produced for near three months in favourable seasons, if the plant is protected from the autumnal colds. The seeds do not ripen in England. It has been generally thought, that these plants do not flower till they are 100 years old: but this is a mistake; for the time of their flowering depends on their growth: so that in hot countries, where they grow fast, and ex-

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Agave.

Voyage  
d'Ital. tom.  
v. p. 156.

Hist. Acad.  
R. Inscript.  
tom. i. p.  
337,—344.

Adge,  
Age.

pand many leaves every season, they will flower in a few years; but in colder climates, where their growth is slow, it will be much longer before they shoot up their stem. There is a variety of this species with striped leaves, which are pretty common in the English gardens. The other sorts are so tender, that they must constantly remain in the stove.

ADGE, a city of France, in Lower Languedoc, in the territory of Agadez, with a bishop's see. The diocese is small, but is one of the richest countries in the kingdom. It produces fine wool, wine, oil, corn, and silk. It is seated on the river Eraut, a mile and a quarter from its mouth, where it falls into the gulph of Lyons, and where there is a fort built to guard its entrance. It is well peopled; the houses are built of black stone, and there is an entrance into the city by four gates. The greatest part of the inhabitants are merchants or seamen. The public buildings are but mean: the cathedral is small, and not very handsome: the bishop's palace is an old building, but convenient. The city is extended along the river, where it forms a little port wherein small craft may enter. There is a great concourse of pilgrims and other devout people to the chapel of Notre Dame de Grace. It is a little without the city, between which and the chapel there are about 13 or 14 oratories, which they visit with naked feet. The convent of the Capuchins is well built, and on the outside are lodgings and apartments for the pilgrims who come to perform their *neuvaine* or nine days devotion. The chapel, which contains the image of the Virgin Mary, is distinct from the convent. E. Long. 3. 20. Lat. 43. 19.

AGE, in the most general sense of the word, signifies the duration of any being, from its first coming into existence to the time of speaking of it, if it still continues; or to its destruction, if it has ceased to exist some time before we happen to mention it.

Among the ancient poets, this word was used for the space of thirty years; in which sense *age* amounts to much the same with *generation*. Thus, Nestor is said to have lived *three ages* when he was 90 years old.—By ancient Greek historians, the time elapsed since the beginning of the world is divided into three periods, which they call *ages*. The first reaches from the creation to the deluge which happened in Greece during the reign of Ogyges; this they called the *obscure* or *uncertain* age, because the history of mankind is altogether uncertain during that period. The second they call the *fabulous* or *heroic* age, because it is the period in which the fabulous exploits of their gods and heroes are said to have been performed. It began with the Ogygian deluge, and continued to the first Olympiad; where the third or *historical* age commenced.—This division, however, it must be observed, holds good only with regard to the Greeks and Romans, who had no histories earlier than the first Olympiad; the Jews, Egyptians, Phenicians, and Chaldees, not to mention the Indians and Chinese, who pretend to much higher antiquity, are not included in it.

The interval since the first formation of man has been divided by the poets into four *ages*, distinguished by the epithets of *golden*, *silver*, *brazen*, and *iron*. During the *golden* age, Saturn reigned in heaven, and justice and innocence in this lower world. The earth then

yielded her productions without culture; men held all things in common, and lived in perfect friendship. This period is supposed to have lasted till the expulsion of Saturn from his kingdom. The *silver* age commenced when men began to deviate from the paths of virtue; and in consequence of this deviation, their lives became less happy. The *brazen* age commenced on a further deviation, and the *iron* age took place in consequence of one still greater.—A late author, however, reflecting on the barbarism of the first ages, will have the order which the poets assign to the four ages inverted; the first being a time of rudeness and ignorance, more properly denominated an *iron* than a *golden* age. When cities and states were founded, the *silver* age commenced; and since arts and sciences, navigation and commerce, have been cultivated, the *golden* age has taken place.

In some ancient northern monuments, the *rocky* or *stony* age corresponds to the *brazen* age of the Greeks. It is called *rocky*, on account of Noah's ark, which rested on mount Ararat; whence men were said to be descended or sprung from mountains: or from Deucalion and Pyrrha restoring the race of mankind, by throwing stones over their heads. The northern poets also style the fourth age of the world the *ashen* age, from a Gothic king Madenis, or Mannus, who on account of his great strength was said to be made of ash, or because in his time people began to make use of weapons made of that wood.

Among the Jews, the duration of the world is also divided into three ages. 1. The *seculum inane*, or *void age*, was the space of time from the creation to Moses. 2. The *present* age, denotes all the space of time from Moses to the coming of the Messiah; and, 3. The *age to come*, denotes the time from the coming of the Messiah to the end of the world.

Various other divisions of the duration of the world into *ages* have been made by historians.—The Sibylline oracles, wrote, according to some, by Jews acquainted with the prophecies of the Old Testament, divide the duration of the world into ten *ages*; and according to Josephus, each age contained six hundred years. It appears by Virgil's fourth eclogue, and other testimonies, that the age of Augustus was reputed the end of those ten *ages*, consequently as the period of the world's duration.

By some, the space of time commencing from Constantine, and ending with the taking of Constantinople by the Turks in the 15th century, is called the *middle age*: but others choose rather to date the middle age from the division of the empire made by Theodosius at the close of the 4th century, and extend it to the time of the emperor Maximilian I. in the beginning of the 16th century, when the empire was first divided into circles.—The *middle* is by some denoted the *barbarous* age, and the latter part of it the *lowest* age. Some divide it into the *non-academical* and *academical* ages. The first includes the space of time from the 6th to the 9th centuries, during which schools or academies were lost in Europe. The second from the 9th century, when schools were restored, and universities established, chiefly by the care of Charlemagne.

The several *ages* of the world may be reduced to three grand epochs, viz. the *age* of the law of nature, called by

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by the Jews the *void age*, from Adam to Moses; the *age* of the Jewish law, from Moses to Christ; and the *age* of grace, from Christ to the present year.

AGE is also frequently used in the same sense with *century*, to denominate a duration of 100 years.

AGE likewise signifies a certain period of the duration of human life: by some divided into four stages, namely, infancy, youth, manhood, and old age; the first extending to the 14th year, the second to the 25th, the third to the 50th, and the fourth to the end of life: by others divided into infancy, childhood, youth, manhood, and old age.

AGE, in law, signifies a certain period of life, when persons of both sexes are enabled to do certain acts. Thus, one at twelve years of age ought to take the oath of allegiance to the king in a leet; at fourteen he may marry, chuse his guardian, and claim his lands held in foccage. Twenty-one is called *full age*, a man or woman being then capable of acting for themselves, of managing their affairs, making contracts, disposing of their estates, and the like.

*AGE of a Horse.* See HORSE.

*AGE of Trees.* These after a certain age waste. An oak at an hundred years old ceases to grow. The usual rule for judging of the *age* of wood, is by the number of circles which appear in the substance of a trunk or stock cut perpendicularly, each circle being supposed the growth of a year: though some reject this method as precarious, alleging, that a simple circle is sometimes the produce of several years; besides that, after a certain age, no new circles are formed.

*AGE-prier*, in law, is when an action being brought against a person under age, for lands descended to him, he, by motion or petition, shews the matter to the court, praying the action may be staid till his full age, which the court generally agrees to.

AGELNOTH, EGELNOTH, or ÆTHELNOTH, in Latin *Achelnotus*, archbishop of Canterbury, in the reign of Canute the Great, succeeded Livingus in that see in the year 1020. This prelate, surnamed the *Good*, was son of Carl Agilmer, and, at the time of his election, dean of Canterbury. After his promotion he went to Rome, and received his pall from Pope Benedict VIII. In his way thither, as he passed through Pavia, he purchased, for an hundred talents of silver and one of gold, St Augustin's arm, which was kept there as a relic; and sent it over to England as a present to Leofric earl of Coventry. Upon his return, he is said to have raised the see of Canterbury to its former lustre. He was much in favour with king Canute, and employed his interest with that monarch to good purposes. It was by his advice the king sent over large sums of money for the support of the foreign churches; and Malmsbury observes, that this prince was prompted to acts of piety, and restrained from excesses, by the regard he had for the archbishop. Agelnoth, after he had sat 17 years in the see of Canterbury, departed this life the 29th of October 1038, and was succeeded by Eadsius, king Harold's chaplain.—This archbishop was an author, having written, 1. A Panegyric on the blessed Virgin Mary. 2. A Letter to Earl Leofric concerning St Augustin. 3. Letters to several persons.

AGEMA, in Macedonian antiquity, was a body of soldiery, not unlike the Roman legion.

AGEMOGLANS, AGIAMOGLANS, or AZAMOGLANS, in the Turkish polity, are children purchased from the Tartars, or raised every third year, by way of tribute, from the Christians tolerated in the Turkish empire. These, after being circumcised and instructed in the religion and language of their tyrannical masters, are learnt the exercises of war, till they are of a proper age for carrying arms; and from this corps the Janissaries are recruited. With regard to those who are thought unfit for the army, they are employed in the lowest offices of the seraglio. Their appointments also are very small, not exceeding seven aspers and a half per day, which amount to about threepence-halfpenny sterling.

AGEN, a city of France, on the river Garonne, the capital of Agenois in Guienna, and the see of a bishop. The gates and old walls, which are yet remaining, show that this city is very ancient, and that its former circuit was not so great as the present. The palace, wherein the presidial holds his sessions at this day, was heretofore called the castle of Montravcl, and is seated without the walls of the old city, and on the side of the fosse. There are likewise the ruins of another castle called *La Sagne*, which was without the walls close by a brook. Though the situation of Agen is very convenient for trade and commerce, the inhabitants are so very indolent that there is very little; of which their neighbouring cities take the advantage. It is seated on the bank of the river Garonne, in a pleasant country, but is itself a very mean and disagreeable place, the houses being ill built, and the streets narrow, crooked and dirty. E. Long. 0.30. N. Lat. 44. 12.

AGENDA, among philosophers and divines, signifies the duties which a man lies under an obligation to perform: thus, we meet with the *agenda* of a Christian, or the duties he ought to perform; in opposition to the *credenda*, or things he is to believe.

AGENDA, among merchants, a term sometimes used for a memorandum-book, in which is set down all the business to be transacted during the day, either at home or abroad.

AGENDA, among ecclesiastical writers, denotes the service or office of the church. We meet with *agenda matutina & vespertina*, "morning and evening prayers;" *agenda diei*, "the office of the day," whether feast or fast day; *agenda mortuorum*, called also simply *agenda*, "the service of the dead."

AGENDA, is also applied to certain church-books, compiled by public authority, prescribing the order and manner to be observed by the ministers and people in the principal ceremonies and devotions of the church. In which sense, *agenda* amounts to the same with what is otherwise called *ritual*, *liturgy*, *acalouthia*, *missal*, *formulary*, *directory*, &c.

AGENHINE, in old writers, signifies a guest that has lodged at an inn for three nights, after which time he was accounted one of the family; and if he offended the king's peace, his host was answerable for him. It is also written HOGENHINE and HOGENHYNE.

AGENORIA, in mythology, the goddess of courage and industry, as *Vacuna* was of indolence.

AGENT, in a general sense, denotes any active power or cause. Agents are either natural or moral. Natural agents are such inanimate bodies as have a

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power to act upon other bodies in a certain and determinate manner; as, gravity, fire, &c. Moral agents on the contrary, are rational creatures, capable of regulating their actions by a certain rule.

AGENT, is also used to denote a person intrusted with the management of an affair, whether belonging to a society, company, or private person.

AGENTES *in rebus*, one of the ranks of officers in the court of the Constantinopolitan emperors, whose business was to collect and convey the corn both for the army and household; to carry letters and messages from court to all parts of the empire; to regulate couriers, and their vehicles; to make frequent journeys and expeditions through the provinces, in order to inspect any motions, disturbances, or machinations tending that way, and to give early notice thereof to the emperor.

The *agentes in rebus*, are by some made synonymous with our post-masters, but their functions were of great extent. They correspond to what the Greeks call *επιτοκοφοροι*, and the Latins *veredarii*.

There were various orders or degrees of *agentes in rebus*; as, *tribuni*, *primicerii*, *senatores*, *ducenarii*, *biarchi*, *circitores*, *equites*, *tyrones*, &c. through all which they rose *gradatim*. Their chief, who resided at Constantinople, was denominated *princeps*; which was a post of great dignity, being reckoned on a level with that of proconsul. They were settled in every part of the empire; and are also said to have served as interpreters.

AGER, in Roman antiquity, a certain portion of land allowed to each citizen. See AGRARIAN LAW.

AGER PICENUS, or *Picenum*, (anc. geog.) a territory of Italy to the south-east of Umbria, reaching from the Apennine to the Adriatic. The people are called *Picentes* (Cicero, Livy), distinct from the Picentini on the Tuscan sea, though called by Greek writers *Πικεντινοι*. This name is said to be from the bird *Picus*, under whose conduct they removed from the Sabines, of whom they were a colony.

AGERATUM, BASTARD-HEMP-AGRIMONY: A genus of the polygamia æqualis order, belonging to the syngenesia class of plants; and in the natural method ranking under the 49th order, *Compositæ discoides*. The characters are: The common *calyx* is oblong, with many scales. The compound *corolla* is uniform; the corolllets hermaphrodite, tubular, and numerous: the proper corolla is funnel-shaped; the border 4-cleft, and expanded. The *stamina* consist of 5 capillary very short filaments; the anthera is cylindric and tubular. The *pistillum* is an oblong germen; with a filiform stylus, and two slender erect stigmata. There is no *pericarpium*; the *calyx* unchanged. The *seeds* are solitary, oblong, and angular. The *receptaculum* is naked, convex, and very small. Of this genus there are three.

*Species*: the *conyzoides*, the *houstonianum*, and the *altissimum*. All these are natives of warm climates. The two first are annual plants, and consequently can be propagated only by seeds; which, however, come to perfection in England. The third species will bear the severest cold of Britain, but its seeds do not ripen in it.

AGERATUM, or MAUDLIN. See ACHILLEA.

AGESILAUS, king of the Lacedæmonians, the son of Archidamus, was raised to the throne notwithstanding the superior claim of Leotyehides. As soon

as he came to the throne, he advised the Lacedæmonians to be beforehand with the king of Persia, who was making great preparations for war, and to attack him in his own dominions. He was himself chosen for this expedition; and gained so many advantages over the enemy, that if the league which the Athenians and the Thebans formed against the Lacedæmonians had not obliged him to return home, he would have carried his victorious arms into the very heart of the Persian empire. He gave up, however, all these triumphs readily, to come to the succour of his country, which he happily relieved by his victory over the allies in Bœotia. He obtained another near Corinth; but to his great mortification, the Thebans afterwards gained several over the Lacedæmonians. These misfortunes at first raised somewhat of a clamour against him. He had been sick during the first advantages which the enemy gained; but as soon as he was able to act in person, by his valour and prudence he prevented the Thebans from reaping the advantages of their victories; insomuch that it was generally believed, had he been in health at the beginning, the Lacedæmonians would have sustained no losses, and that all would have been lost had it not been for his assistance. It cannot be denied but he loved war more than the interest of his country required; for if he could have lived in peace, he had saved the Lacedæmonians several losses, and they would not have been engaged in many enterprizes which in the end contributed much to weaken their power. He died in the third year of the 104th Olympiad, being the 84th year of his age, and 41st year of his reign. Agefilaus would never suffer any picture or sculpture to be made of him, and prohibited it also by his will: this he is supposed to have done from a consciousness of his own deformity; for he was of a short stature, and lame of one foot, so that strangers used to despise him at the first sight. His fame went before him in Egypt, and there they had formed the highest idea of Agefilaus. When he landed in that country, the people ran in crowds to see him; but great was their surprise when they saw an ill-dressed, slovenly, mean-looking little fellow lying upon the grass; they could not forbear laughing, and applied to him the fable of the mountain in labour. He was, however, the first to jest upon his own person; and such was the gaiety of his temper, and the strength with which he bore the roughest exercises, that these qualities made amends for his corporal defects. He was extremely remarkable for plainness and frugality in his dress and way of living. "This (says Cornelius Nepos) is especially to be admired in Agefilaus: when very great presents were sent him by kings, governors, and states, he never brought any of them to his own house; he changed nothing of the diet, nothing of the apparel of the Lacedæmonians. He was contented with the same house in which Euristhenes, the founder of his family, had lived: and whoever entered there, could see no sign of debauchery, none of luxury; but on the contrary, many of moderation and abstinence; for it was furnished in such a manner, that it differed in nothing from that of any poor or private person." Upon his arrival in Egypt, all kinds of provisions were sent to him; but he chose only the most common, leaving the perfumes, the confections, and all that was esteemed most delicious, to his servants. Agefilaus was extremely fond of his children, and would often amuse himself by

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joining in their diversions: one day when he was surpris'd riding upon a stick with them, he said to the person who had seen him in this posture, "Forbear talking of it till you are a father."

AGGA, or AGGONNA, a British settlement on the gold-coast of Guinea. It is situated under the meridian of London, in 6 degrees of N. Lat.

AGGER, in the ancient military art, a work of fortification, used both for the defence and the attack of towns, camps, &c. In which sense it is the same with what was otherwise called *vallum*, and in later times *aggestum*; and among the moderns *lines*, sometimes *cavaliers*, *terrasses*; &c. The agger was usually a bank, or elevation of earth or other matter, bound and supported with timber; having sometimes turrets on the top, wherein the workmen, engineers, and soldiery, were placed. It was also accompanied with a ditch, which served as its chief defence. The usual materials of which it was made were earth, boughs, fascines, stakes, and even trunks of trees, ropes, &c. variously crossed, and interwoven somewhat in the figure of stars; whence they were called *stellati axes*. Where these were wanting, stones, bricks, tiles, supplied the office; on some occasions, arms, utensils, pack-saddles, were thrown in to fill it up. We even read of aggers formed of the carcases of the slain; sometimes of dead bones mixed with lime; and even with the heads of slaughtered citizens. For want of due binding, or solid materials, aggers have sometimes tumbled down, with infinite mischief to the men. The besiegers used to carry on a work of this kind nearer and nearer towards the place, till at length they reached the very wall. The methods taken, on the other side, to defeat them, were by fire, especially if the agger were of wood; by sapping and undermining, if of earth; and, in some cases, by erecting a counter agger.

The height of the agger was frequently equal to that of the wall of the place. Cæsar tells of one he made, that was 30 feet high and 330 feet broad. Besides the use of aggers before towns, the generals used to fortify their camps with such works; for want of this precaution, armies have often been surpris'd and ruined.

There were vast aggers made in towns and places on the sea-side, fortified with towers, castles, &c. Those made by Cæsar and Pompey at Brundisium, are famous. Sometimes aggers were even built across arms of the sea, lakes, and morasses; as was done by Alexander before Tyre, and by M. Anthony and Cassius.—The wall of Severus in the north of England, may be considered as a grand agger, to which belong several lesser ones. See *SEVERUS'S Wall*.

AGGER, in ancient writers, likewise denotes the middle part of a military road, raised into a ridge, with a gentle slope on either side, to make a drain for the water, and keep the way dry.

The term is also used for the whole road, or military way. Where highways were to be made in low grounds as between two hills, the Romans used to raise them above the adjacent land, so as to make them of a level with the hills. These banks they called *aggeres*. Bergier mentions several in Gallia Belgica, which were thus raised ten, fifteen, or twenty feet above ground.—They are sometimes also called *aggeres calcæati*; and

now generally known by the name *chauffees*, or *cause-ways*. Aggerhuys

AGGERHUYS, a city of Norway, capital of the province of the same name. It is subject to Denmark, and situated in E. Long. 28. 35. and N. Lat. 59. 30.

AGGERS-HERRED, a district of Christiansand and a diocese of Norway. It consists of three juridical places; namely, Ascher, West Barum, and Ager.

AGGLUTINANTS, in pharmacy, a general name for all medicines of a glutinous or viscid nature: which, by adhering to the solids, contribute greatly to repair their loss.

AGGLUTINATION, in a general sense, denotes the joining two or more things together, by means of proper glue or cement.

AGGLUTINATION, among physicians, implies the action of reuniting the parts of a body, separated by a wound, cut, &c. It is also applied to the action of such internal medicines as are of an agglutinating quality, and which, by giving a glutinous consistence to the animal-fluids, render them more proper for nourishing the body.

AGGREGATE, in a general sense, denotes the sum of several things added together, or the collection of them into one whole. Thus, a house is an aggregate of stones, wood, mortar, &c. It differs from a mixed or compound, inasmuch as the union of these last is more intimate than between the parts of an aggregate.

AGGREGATE, in botany, is a term used to express those flowers, which are composed of parts or florets, so united by means either of the receptacle or calyx, that no one of them can be taken away without destroying the form of the whole. They are opposed to simple flowers, which have no such common part, and are usually divided into seven kinds, viz. the *aggregate* properly so called, whose receptacle is dilated, and whose florets are supported by foot-stalks; such are the blue daisy, thrift, or sea-pink, &c.; the *compound*; the *umbellati*; the *cymose*; the *amentaceous*; the *glumose*; and the *spadiceous*.

AGGREGATION, in physics, a species of union whereby several things which have no natural dependence or connection with one another are collected together, so as in some sense to constitute one. Thus a heap of sand, or a mass of ruins, are bodies by aggregation.

AGHER, a town of Ireland, which sends two members to parliament. It is situated in the southern part of Ulster, not far from Clogher.

AGHRIM, a town of Ireland, in the county of Wicklow, and province of Leinster, situated about 13 miles south-west of Wicklow.

AGHRIM, in Galway; a small village, distant about 21 miles from Dublin, and rendered memorable by a decisive battle fought there, and at Kilcommodon-hill, the 12th of July 1691, between general Ginckle and Monsieur St Ruth, the commanders under king William III. and James II. when St Ruth, the general of the Irish army, with 7000 of his men, were slain; but of the English only 600. The victory was the more considerable, as the English army consisted of no more than 18,000 men; whereas the Irish were computed at 20,000 foot and 5000 horse and dragoons. They lost likewise nine pieces of brass cannon; all their ammunition,

Agiades tion, tents, and baggage; most of their small arms, which they threw away to expedite their flight; with 11 standards, and 32 pair of colours.

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AGIADES, in the Turkish armies, a kind of pioneers employed in fortifying camps, smoothing of roads, and the like offices.

AGILITY, an aptitude of the several parts of the body to motion.—The improving of agility was one of the chief objects of the institution of games and exercises. The *athletæ* made particular profession of the science of cultivating and improving agility. Agility of body is often supposed peculiar to some people; yet it seems less owing to any thing peculiar, in their frame and structure, than to practice.

AGINCOURT, a village in the French Netherlands, situated in E. Long. 2. 10. N. Lat. 50. 35.; famous on account of the victory obtained by Henry V. of England over the French, in 1415.

The army of Henry, after landing in France, was by various accidents reduced to 10,000 men, of whom not a few were sick, or slowly recovering from sickness;—they had to traverse a long tract of country, inhabited by exasperated enemies, from whom they were to procure provisions, lodgings, guides, intelligence, and every thing they wanted;—that country was defended by many strong towns, intersected with deep rivers, and guarded by an army of 100,000, or (according to some contemporary writers) 140,000 men.

Henry, undaunted by all these dangers and difficulties, departed from Harfleur, marching his army in three lines, with bodies of cavalry on the wings. He proceeded by very easy journeys, that he might not fatigue his troops, or discourage them by the appearance of a flight; observing the strictest discipline, and paying generously for every thing he received; which induced the country people to bring provisions to his camp, in spite of all the commands they had received to the contrary. To keep his men in spirits, and from repining, the king fared as ill as the meanest soldier, always appearing with a cheerful countenance, and addressing them in the most friendly and encouraging language. They arrived at the village of Agincourt, in the county of St Pol, on the evening of October 24th; and there beheld the whole French army, at a small distance, directly in their route. The king took an attentive view of it from an eminence; and being fully convinced that it was impossible to proceed any farther on his way to Calais without a battle, and equally impossible to return to Harfleur with so great an army in his rear, he resolved to hazard an action next morning, as the only means of preserving himself and his little army from destruction.

The English army lodged that night in the villages of Agincourt, Maisongelle, and some others; where they met with better accommodation than they had been accustomed to for some time past, and spent part of their time in mutual exhortations to fight bravely in the approaching battle. The king, overhearing some of his nobles expressing a wish that the many brave men who were idle in England were present to assist them, is said to have cried out—“No! I would not have one man more:—if we are defeated, we are too many—if it shall please God to give us the victory, as I trust he will, the smaller our number the greater our glory.” The moon happening to shine very bright,

Henry, with some of his best officers, carefully examined the ground, and pitched upon a field of battle, admirably calculated to preserve a small army from being surrounded by a great one. It was a gentle declivity from the village of Agincourt, of sufficient extent for his small army, defended on each side by hedges, trees, and brushwood. Having placed guards and kindled fires on all sides, the king and his army betook themselves to rest; except such as were of a more serious turn of mind, and, considering that as the last night of their lives, spent it in devotion.

The French, exulting in their numbers, confident of victory, and abounding in provisions, spent the night in noisy festivity, and in forming fanciful schemes about the disposal of their prisoners and their booty. It was in general resolved to put all the English to the sword, except the king and the chief nobility, who were to be taken prisoners for the sake of their ransoms.

On the morning of Friday, the memorable 25th of October, A. D. 1415, the day of Crispin and Crispianus, the English and French armies were ranged in order of battle, each in three lines, with bodies of cavalry on each wing. The Constable D'Albert, who commanded the French army, fell into the snare that was laid for him, by drawing up his army in the narrow plain between the two woods. This deprived him, in a great measure, of the advantage he should have derived from the prodigious superiority of his numbers; obliged him to make his lines unnecessarily deep, about 30 men in file; to crowd his troops, particularly his cavalry, so close together, that they could hardly move or use their arms: and, in a word, was the chief cause of all the disasters that followed. The French, it is said, had a considerable number of cannon of different sizes in the field; but we do not hear that they did any execution, probably for want of room. The first line of the French army, which consisted of 8000 men-at-arms on foot mixed with 4000 archers, with 500 men-at-arms mounted on each wing, was commanded by the Constable D'Albert, the dukes of Orleans and Bourbon, and many other nobles; the dukes of Alençon, Brabant, and Bar, &c. conducted the second line; and the earls of Marle, Damartine, Fauconberg, &c. were at the head of the third line. The king of England employed various arts to supply his defect of numbers. He placed 200 of his best archers in ambush, in a low meadow, on the flank of the first line of the French. His own first line consisted wholly of archers, four in file; each of whom, besides his bow and arrows, had a battle axe, a sword, and a stake pointed with iron at both ends, which he fixed before him in the ground, the point inclining outwards, to protect him from cavalry; which was a new invention, and had a happy effect. That he might not be encumbered, he dismissed all his prisoners, on their word of honour to surrender themselves at Calais, if he obtained the victory; and lodged all his baggage in the village of Agincourt, in his rear, under a slender guard. The command of the first line was, at his earnest request, committed to Edward duke of York, assisted by the lords Beaumont, Willoughby, and Fanhope; the second was conducted by the king, with his youngest brother Humphry duke of Gloucester, the earls of Oxford, Marshal, and Suffolk; and the third was led by the duke

Agincourt.



*Agnicourt.* duke of Exeter, the king's uncle. The lines being formed, the king, in shining armour, with a crown of gold adorned with precious stones on his helmet, mounted on a fine white horse, rode along them, and addressed each corps with a cheerful countenance, and animating speeches. To inflame their resentment against their enemies, he told them, that the French had determined to cut off three fingers of the right hand of every prisoner; and to rouse their love of honour, he declared, that every soldier in that army who behaved well, should from henceforth be deemed a gentleman, and be intitled to bear coat-armour.

When the two armies were drawn up in this manner, they stood a considerable time gazing at one another in solemn silence. But the king, dreading that the French would discover the danger of their situation and decline a battle, commanded the charge to be sounded, about ten o'clock in the forenoon. At that instant, the first line of the English kneeled down, and kissed the ground; and then starting up, discharged a flight of arrows, which did great execution among the crowded ranks of the French. Immediately after, upon a signal being given, the archers in ambush arose, and discharged their arrows on the flank of the French line, and threw it into some disorder. The battle now became general, and raged with uncommon fury. The English archers, having expended all their arrows, threw away their bows, and rushing forward, made dreadful havoc with their swords and battle-axes. The first line of the enemy was, by these means, defeated; its leaders being either killed or taken prisoners. The second line, commanded by the duke D'Alençon, (who had made a vow either to kill or take the king of England, or to perish in the attempt), now advanced to the charge, and was encountered by the second line of the English, conducted by the king. This conflict was more close and furious than the former. The duke of Gloucester, wounded and unhorsed, was protected by his royal brother till he was carried off the field. The duke D'Alençon forced his way to the king, and assaulted him with great fury; but that prince brought him to the ground, where he was instantly dispatched. Discouraged by this disaster, the second line made no more resistance; and the third fled without striking a blow; yielding a complete and glorious victory to the English, after a violent struggle of three hours duration.

The king did not permit his men to pursue the fugitives to a great distance, but encouraged them to take as many prisoners as they could on or near the field; in which they were so successful, that, in a little time, his captives were more numerous than his soldiers. A great proportion of these prisoners were men of rank and fortune; for many of the French noblesse being on foot, and loaded with their heavy armour, could not make their escape. Among these were the dukes of Orleans and Bourbon, the marshal Boncicaut, the counts D'Eu, Vendome, Richemont, and Harcourt, and 7000 barons, knights, and gentlemen. The French left dead on the field of battle, the constable D'Albert, the three dukes of Alençon, Brabant, and Bar, the archbishop of Sens, one marshal, 13 earls, 92 barons, 1500 knights, and a far greater number of gentlemen, besides several thousands of common soldiers. Even the French historians acknowledge, that the loss of the English

was inconsiderable: those of English contemporary writers who make it the greatest, affirm, that it did not exceed 100, and that the duke of York and the earl of Suffolk were the only great men who fell on that side in this memorable action.

AGIO, in commerce, is a term chiefly used in Holland, and at Venice; to signify the difference between the value of bank-stock and the current coin. The agio in Holland is generally three or four *per cent.* and at Rome it is from 15 to 25 *per cent.* but at Venice the agio is fixed at 20 *per cent.*

AGIOSYMANDRUM, a wooden instrument used by the Greek and other churches under the dominion of the Turks, to call together assemblies of the people. The *agiosymandrum* was introduced in the place of bells, which the Turks prohibited their Christian subjects the use of, lest they should make them subservient to sedition.

AGIS, king of Lacedæmon, was descended from Agefilas II. in a right line. He projected the reformation of his kingdom, by the restoring of the laws of Lycurgus; but he fell under the weight of an enterprise that could not but be disagreeable to all those who had great possessions, and had been long accustomed to the sweets of a voluptuous life. Agis being in the flower of his age, and having a very refined desire of glory, practised the ancient discipline first in his own person; his clothes and his table were according to the manners of former times; which is so much the more to be admired, because Agefistrata his mother and Archidamia his grandmother had brought him up voluptuously. When he sounded his peoples minds, he found the younger sort opposed his project less than those who had enjoyed a relaxation of discipline several years. The greatest difficulty was expected to arise from the women. They had at that time more credit than ever; for their power is never greater than when luxury is in fashion. Agefilas's mother did not at all relish the proposed reformation. She must have lost her riches, which gave her a share in a thousand sorts of intrigues; so she opposed the design at once, and treated it as a chimera. But her brother Agefilas, whom Agis had engaged in his interests, knew how to manage her in such a manner that she promised to second the enterprise. She endeavoured to gain the women: but instead of suffering themselves to be persuaded, they applied to Leonidas the other king of Lacedæmon, and humbly besought him to frustrate the designs of his colleague. Leonidas durst not oppose it openly, for fear of irritating the people; to whom the reformation was agreeable, because they found their account in it. He contented himself with countermining it by intrigues, and sowing suspicions as if Agis had aspired to tyranny, by pulling down the rich and raising the poor. Agis did not fail to propose his new laws to the senate, relating to the discharge of debts, and a new division of the lands. Leonidas, being supported by the rich, opposed this project so strongly, that there was one voice more against it than for it. He paid dear for his success in this affair. Lysander, one of the Ephori, who had been the grand promoter of the reformation, called him to account; alleged the celestial signs; and put to death Cleombrotus, a prince of the royal blood and son-in-law to Leonidas, to make sure of the kingdom.

Agio,  
||  
Agis.

**Agistment, kingdom.** Leonidas being frightened at this, took refuge in a temple; whither his daughter, the wife of Cleombrotus, followed him. He was summoned; and because he did not appear, he was degraded of his dignity, which was conferred on Cleombrotus. He obtained leave to retire to Tegæa. The new Ephori had Lyfander and Mandroclidas tried for innovation: these persuaded the two kings to unite and turn out these Ephori. The thing was brought about; but not without a great uproar in the city. Agefilaus, one of the Ephori that succeeded those who were just turned out, would have caused Leonidas to be killed on the way to Tegæa, if Agis had not sent him a strong guard. The reformation might then have been established, if Agefilaus had not found means to elude the good intentions of the two kings. Whilst this was transacting, the Achæians asked assistance; which was given them, and Agis had the command of the troops. He acquired a good deal of reputation in this campaign. At his return, he found his affairs so embroiled by the ill conduct of Agefilaus, that it was impossible for him to maintain himself. Leonidas was recalled to Lacedæmon: Agis retired into one temple and Cleomenes into another. The wife of the latter behaved herself in such a manner that she became the admiration of every body. Leonidas was contented with banishing his son-in-law; after which he applied himself entirely to the ruin of Agis. One of the Ephori, who had no mind to return what Agesistrata had lent him, was the principal instrument of the misfortune of this family. Agis never went out of his sanctuary but to bathe. One day, as he was returning from thence to the temple, he was seized by that Ephorus and carried to prison. Then he was brought to his trial and condemned to death, and delivered to the executioner. His mother and grandmother used all the intreaty and importunity imaginable, that, as he was king of Lacedæmon, he might at least be permitted to plead his cause before the people. But they were apprehensive lest his words would make too great an impression, and therefore they ordered him to be strangled that very hour. The Ephorus who was in debt to Agesistrata permitted that princess to go into the prison; which he granted likewise to Agis's grandmother; but he gave orders to strangle them one after another. Agesistrata died in a manner that was extremely to her honour. The wife of Agis, who was a princess of great fortune and prudence, and one of the finest ladies in Greece, was forced away from her apartment by king Leonidas, and obliged to marry his son, who was then very young, and hardly fit for marriage.

**AGISTMENT, AGISTAGE, or AGISTATION,** in law, the taking in other people's cattle to graze at so much *per week*. The term is peculiarly used for the taking cattle to feed in the king's forests, as well as for the profits arising from that practice.—It is also used, in a metaphorical sense, for any tax, burden, or charge; thus, the tax levied for repairing the banks of Romney-marsh was called *agistamentum*.

**AGISTOR, or AGISTATOR,** an officer belonging to forests, who has the care of cattle taken in to be grazed, and levies the moneys due on that account. They are generally called *quest-takers* or *gift-takers*,

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and are created by letters-patent. Each royal forest has four agistors.

**AGISYMBOLA** (anc. geog.), a district of Libya Interior, according to Agathemerus, situated to the south-east of the Æthiopes Anthropophagi: the parallel passing through which, at 16° to the south of the equator, was the utmost extent of the knowledge of the ancients to the south (Ptolemy).

**AGITATION,** the act of shaking a body, or tossing it backwards and forwards.

**AGITATION,** in physics, is often used for an intestine commotion of the parts of a natural body. Fermentation and effervescence are attended with a brisk agitation of the particles.

**AGITATION** is one of the chief causes or instruments of mixtion: by the agitation of the parts of the blood and chyle, in their continual circulation, sanguification is in a good measure effected. Butter is made out of milk by the same means: in which operation, a separation is made of the oleous parts from the serous, and a conjunction of the oleous together. Digestion itself is only supposed to be an insensible kind of agitation.

**AGITATION** is reputed one of the symptoms of inspiration. Petit informs us,\* that, in the last century, there arose in a church in Italy, for the space of a year, a vapour of an extraordinary kind, which put all the people into trembling and agitations, and unless they got away betimes, set them a dancing, with strange contortions and gesticulations. This seems to verify what has been related of the temple of Delphi.

**AGITATION** is also used in medicine for a species of exercise popularly called *swinging*. Maurice prince of Orange found this method a relief against the severe pains of the gout and stone. Bartholine mentions fits of the toothach, deafness, &c. removed by vehement agitations of the body.

**AGITATOR,** in antiquity, a term sometimes used for a charioteer, especially those who drove in the circus at the curule games.

**AGITATORS,** in the English history, certain officers set up by the army in 1647, to take care of its interests.—Cromwell joined the agitators, only with a view to serve his own ends; which being once accomplished, he found means to get them abolished.

**AGLAIA,** the name of the youngest of the three Graces, espoused to Vulcan.

**AGLIONBY** (John), an English divine, chaplain in ordinary to king James I. a man of universal learning, who had a very considerable hand in the translation of the New Testament appointed by king James I. in 1604.

**AGMEN,** in antiquity, properly denotes a Roman army in march: in which sense, it stands contradistinguished from *acies*, which denoted the army in battle array; though, on some occasions, we find the two words used indifferently for each other. The Roman armies, in their marches, were divided into *primum agmen*, answering to our vanguard; *medium agmen*, our main-battle; and *postremum agmen*, the rear-guard. The order of their march was thus: After the first signal with the trumpets, &c. the tents were taken down, and the baggage packed up; at the second signal, the baggage was to be loaden on the horses and carriages; and at the third signal, they were to begin their march.

First

Agisymba  
||  
Agmen.

\* Petit. de Sybilla, l. i. Nouv. Rep. Lett. tom. viii. p. 1113.

**Agnate** ||  
**Agnus.** First came the *extraordinarii*; then the auxiliaries of the first wing, with their baggage; these were followed by the legions. The cavalry marched either on each side or behind.

**AGNATE**, in law, any male relation by the father's side.

**AGNEL**, an ancient French gold coin, first struck under the reign of St Louis, worth about twelve sols six deniers. The agnel is also called sometimes *mouton d'or*, and *agnel d'or*. The denomination is supposed to have arisen from the figure of a lamb, agnus, or sheep, struck on one side.

**AGNO**, a river of Naples, which, taking its rise in the mountainous parts of Terra di Lavoro, washes the town of Acerra; and, passing between Capua and Averfa, falls into the Mediterranean, about seven miles north of Puzzuoli.

**AGNOETÆ** (from ἀγνοεω, to be ignorant of), in church-history, a sect of ancient heretics, who maintained that Christ, considered as to his human nature, was ignorant of certain things, and particularly of the time of the day of judgment. Eulogius, patriarch of Alexandria, ascribes this heresy to certain solitaries in the neighbourhood of Jerusalem, who built their opinion upon the text Mark xiii. 32. "Of that day and hour knoweth no man, no not the angels who are in heaven, neither the Son, but the father only."—The same passage was made use of by the Arians; and hence the orthodox divines of those days were induced to give various explications thereof. Some allege, that our Saviour here had no regard to his divine nature, but only spoke of his human. Others understand it thus, That the knowledge of the day of judgment does not concern our Saviour considered in his quality of Messiah, but God only: which is the most natural solution.

**AGNOMEN**, in Roman antiquity, a kind of fourth or honorary name, given to a person on account of some extraordinary action, virtue, or other accomplishment. Thus the agnomen *Africanus* was bestowed upon Publius Cornelius Scipio, on account of his great achievements in Africa.—The agnomen was the third in order of the three Roman names: thus, in Marcus Tullius Cicero, Marcus is the prænomen, Tullius the nomen, and Cicero the agnomen.

**AGNUS**, or **LAMB**, in zoology, the young of the ovis or sheep. See **OVIS**.

**AGNUS Castus**, in botany, the trivial name of a species of the vitex. See **VITEX**. The Greeks call it ἀγνός, *chaste*; to which has since been added the reduplicative *castus*, *q. d.* chaste chaste. It was famous among the ancients as a specific for the preservation of chastity. The Athenian ladies, who made profession of chastity, lay upon leaves of *agnus castus* during the feasts of Ceres.—Being reputed a cooler, and particularly of the genital parts, it was anciently used in physic to allay these inordinate motions arising from femal turgescences: but it is out of the present practice.

**AGNUS Dei**, in the church of Rome, a cake of wax stamped with the figure of a lamb supporting the banner of the cross. These being consecrated by the pope with great solemnity, and distributed among the people, are supposed to have great virtues; as, to preserve those who carry them worthily, and with faith,

from all manner of accidents; to expel evil spirits, &c. The name literally signifies *Lamb of God*; this being supposed an image or representation of the Lamb of God who took away the sins of the world. They cover it up with a piece of stuff cut in form of a heart, and carry it very devoutly in their processions.—The Romish priests and religious derive considerable pecuniary advantage from selling these *Agnus Dei's* to some, and presenting them to others. The pope provides a regular supply, by consecrating once in seven years; they are distributed by the master of the wardrobe, and received by the cardinals and other prelates, with great reverence, in their caps and mitres.—This ceremony they pretend to derive from an ancient custom of the church, wherein part of the paschal taper consecrated on Holy Thursday was distributed among the people, to perfume their houses, fields, &c. in order to drive away devils, and to preserve them from storms and tempests. The *Agnus Dei* is forbidden to be brought into England under pain of incurring a *premunire*; 13 Eliz. chap. 2.

**AGNUS Dei** is also a popular name for that part of the mass wherein the priest, striking his breast three times, rehearses, with a loud voice, a prayer beginning with the words *Agnus Dei*.—The *Agnus Dei* is said to have been first brought into the missal by pope Sergius I.

**AGNUS Scythicus**. See *Scythian LAMB*.

**AGOGE**, among ancient musicians, a species of modulation, wherein the notes proceed by contiguous degrees.

**AGON**, among the ancients, implied any dispute or contest, whether it had regard to bodily exercises or the accomplishments of the mind; and therefore poets, musicians, painters, &c. had their agons, as well as the athletæ. Games of this kind were celebrated at most of the heathen festivals, with great solemnity, either annually, or at certain periods of years. Among the latter were celebrated at Athens, the *agongymnicus*, the *agon nemeus* instituted by the Argives in the 53d Olympiad, and the *agon Olympius* instituted by Hercules 430 years before the first Olympiad.—The Romans also, in imitation of the Greeks, instituted contests of this kind. The emperor Aurelian established one under the name of *agon solis*, the contest of the sun; Dioclesian another, which he called *agon capitolinus*, which was celebrated every fourth year, after the manner of the Olympic games. Hence the years, instead of *lustra*, are sometimes numbered by *agones*.

**AGON** also signified one of the ministers employed in the Heathen sacrifices, and whose business it was to strike the victim. The name is supposed to have been derived from hence, that standing ready to give the stroke he asked, *Agon'?* or *Agone?* Shall I strike?

**AGONALES**, an epithet given to the **SALII**.

**AGONALIA**, in Roman antiquity, festivals celebrated in honour of Janus, or the god Agonius, whom the Romans invoked before undertaking any affair of importance.

**AGONALIS CIRCUS**, now *La Piazza Navona*, a long, large, beautiful street in the heart of Rome, adorned with fountains, and the obelisk of Caracalla, still retaining the form of that circus. The reason of the name *Agonalis* is either unknown or doubtful. Ovid seems to derive it from the *agones*, or solemn games,

**Agnus** ||  
**Agonalis.**

Agonifina  
||  
Agorano-  
mus.

there celebrated; supposed to have been the *Ludi Apollinaries*, or *Actiaci*, instituted by Augustus: whence the circus was called *Apollinaris*; also *Alexandrinus*, from the emperor Alexander Severus, who either enclosed or repaired the circus.

AGONISMA, in antiquity, denotes the prize given to the victor in any combat or dispute.

AGONISTARCHA, from *αγων* "combat," and *αρχος* "chief," in antiquity, seems to have been much the same with *agonotheta*; though some suggest a difference, making it the office of the former to preside at and direct the private exercises of the *athletæ*, which they went through by way of practice, before they made their appearance on the public theatres or amphitheatres.

AGONISTICI, in church history, a name given by Donatus to such of his disciples as he sent to fairs, markets, and other public places, to propagate his doctrine; for which reason they were also called *Circuitores*, *Circelliones*, *Catropitæ*, *Coropitæ*, and at Rome, *Montenses*. They were called *Agonistici*, from the Greek *αγων*; "combat," in regard they were sent as it were to fight and subdue the people to their opinions.

AGONIUM, in Roman antiquity, was used for the day on which the *rex sacrorum* sacrificed a victim, as well as for the place where the games were celebrated, otherwise called *agon*.

AGONOTHETA, or AGONOTHETES, in Grecian antiquity, was the president or superintendant of the sacred games; who not only defrayed the expence attending them, but inspected the manners and discipline of the *athletæ*, and adjudged the prizes to the victors.

AGONY, any extreme pain. It is also used for the pangs of death. Much of the terror of death consists in the pangs and convulsions wherewith the agony seems attended; tho' we have reason to believe that the pain in such cases is ordinarily not extremely acute; a course of pain and sickness having usually stupified and indisposed the nerves for any quick sensations. However, various means have been thought of for mitigating the agony of death. Lord Bacon considers this as part of the province of a physician; and that not only when such a mitigation may tend to a recovery, but also when, there being no farther hopes of a recovery, it can only tend to make the passage out of life more calm and easy. Complacency in death, which Augustus so much desired, is certainly no small part of happiness. Accordingly the author last cited ranks *euthanasia*, or the art of dying easily, among the desiderata of science; and does not even seem to disapprove of the course Epicurus took for that end,

—*Hinc stygias ebrius hausit aquas.*

Opium has been applied for this purpose, with the applause of some, but the condemnation of more.

AGONYCLITÆ, or AGONYCLITES, in church-history, a sect of Christians, in the 7th century, who prayed always standing, as thinking it unlawful to kneel.

AGORÆUS, in heathen antiquity, an appellation given to such deities as had statues in the marketplace; particularly Mercury, whose statue was to be seen in almost every public place.

AGORANOMUS, in Grecian antiquity, a magistrate of Athens, who had the regulation of weights and measures, the prices of provisions, &c.—The *ago-*

*ranomi*, at Athens, were ten in number, five belonging to the city, and as many to the Piræus; though others make them fifteen in all, of whom they assign ten to the city. To these a certain toll or tribute was paid, by all who brought any thing to sell in the market.

AGOUTI, or AGURI. See Mus.

AGRA, the capital town of a province of the same name, in Indostan, and in the dominions of the Great-Mogul. It is looked upon as the largest city in these parts, and is in the form of a half-moon. A man on horseback can hardly ride round it in a day. It is surrounded with a wall of red stone, and with a ditch 100 feet wide. The palace is prodigiously large, and the *feraglio* commonly contains above 1000 women. There are upwards of 800 baths in this town; but that which travellers most admire, is the mausoleum of one of the Mogul's wives, which was 20 years in building. The indigo of Agra is the most valuable of all that comes from the East Indies. This town is seated on the river Jemma, about 50 miles above its confluence with the Tehemel, and is 300 miles N. E. of Surat. E. Long. 79. 12. N. Lat. 26. 29.

AGRARIAN LAWS, among the Romans, those relating to the division and distribution of lands; of which there were a great number; but that called the *Agrarian Law*, by way of eminence, was published by Spurius Cassius, about the year of Rome 268, for dividing the conquered lands equally among all the citizens, and limiting the number of acres which each citizen might enjoy.—The Roman lands were of several kinds; some conquered from the enemies, and not yet brought to the public account; others brought in to the public, but clandestinely usurped by private great men; lastly, others purchased with the public money, in order to be divided. Agrarian laws either for dividing lands taken from the enemy, or the public lands, or those purchased with the public money, were easily passed without disturbance; but those whereby private rich men were to be deprived of their lands, and the common people put in possession of what had been held by the nobility, were never attempted without great disturbances.

Several have pleaded for the necessity of agrarian laws in England: but no author has entered so deeply into the subject as Mr Harrington in his *Oceana*; which the reader who chooses may consult.

AGREDA, a town of Spain, in Old Castile; near the frontiers of Arragon, and about three leagues south-west of Tاراcon.

AGRIA, called by the Germans *Eger*, is a small but strong town in Upper Hungary, and is a bishop's see. It is situated on a river of the same name, and has a citadel called Eriaw. It was besieged by the Turks in 1552, with 70,000 men: but they lost 8000 in one day; and were obliged to raise the siege, though the garrison consisted only of 2000 Hungorians, assisted by the women, who performed wonders on this occasion. However, it was afterwards taken by Mahomet III. in 1596; but was retaken by the emperor in 1687; since which time it has continued under the dominion of the house of Austria. It is 47 miles north-east of Buda, and 55 south-west of Cassovia. E. Long. 20. 10. N. Lat. 48. 10.

AGRICOLA (Cneus Junius), born at Frejus in Pro-

Agouti  
||  
Agricola.

Agricola. Provençe, was, in Vespasian's time, made lieutenant to Vettius Bolanus in Britain; and, upon his return, was ranked by that emperor among the patricians, and made governor of Aquitania. This post he held three years; and upon his return he was chosen counsel, and afterward appointed governor of Britain, where he greatly distinguished himself. He reformed many abuses occasioned by the avarice or negligence of former governors, put a stop to extortion, and caused justice to be impartially administered. Vespasian dying about this time, his son Titus, knowing the great merit of Agricola, continued him in the government. In the spring, he marched toward the north, where he made some new conquests and ordered forts to be built for the Romans to winter in. He spent the following winter in concerting schemes to bring the Britons to conform to the Roman customs. He thought the best way of diverting them from rising and taking arms, was to soften their rough manners, by proposing to them new kinds of pleasure, and inspiring them with a desire of imitating the Roman manners. Soon after this; the country was adorned with magnificent temples, porticos, baths, and many other fine buildings. The British nobles had at length their sons educated in learning; and they who before had the utmost aversion to the Roman language, now began to study it with great assiduity: they wore likewise the Roman habit; and, as Tacitus observes; they were brought to consider those things as marks of politeness, which were only so many badges of slavery. Agricola, in his third campaign, advanced as far as the Tweed; and in his fourth, he subdued the nations betwixt the Tweed and the friths of Edinburgh and Dumbritton, into which the rivers Glotta and Bodotria discharge themselves; and here he built fortresses to shut up the nations yet unconquered. In his fifth he marched beyond the friths; where he made some new acquisitions, and fixed garrisons along the western coasts, over against Ireland. In his sixth campaign he passed the river Bodotria, ordering his fleet, the first which the Romans ever had in those parts, to row along the coasts and take a view of the northern parts. In the following spring, the Britains raised an army of 30,000 men; and the command was given to Galgacus, who, according to Tacitus, made an excellent speech to his countrymen on this occasion. Agricola likewise addressed his men in very strong and eloquent terms. The Romans gained the victory, and 10,000 of the Britains are said to have been killed. This happened in the reign of the emperor Domitian; who, growing jealous of the glory of Agricola, recalled him, under pretence of making him governor of Syria. Agricola died soon after; and his death is suspected to have been occasioned by poison given him by that emperor. Tacitus the historian married his daughter, wrote his life, and laments his death in the most pathetic manner.

AGRICOLA (George), a German physician, famous for his skill in metals. He was born at Glaucha, in Misnia, the 24th of March 1492. The discoveries which he made in the mountains of Bohemia, gave him so great a desire of examining accurately into every thing relating to metals, that though he had engaged in the practice of physic at Joachimstal by advice of his friends, he still prosecuted his study of fossils with great assiduity; and at length removed to Chemnitz, where he entirely devoted himself to this study. He spent in pursuit of it the pension he had of Maurice duke of Saxony, and part of his own estate; so that he reaped more reputation than profit from his labours. He wrote several pieces upon this and other subjects; and died at Chemnitz the 21st of November 1555, a very firm Papist. In his younger years he seemed not averse to the Protestant doctrine; and he highly disapproved of the scandalous traffic of indulgences, and several other things in the church of Rome. The following lines of his were posted up in the streets of Zwickaw, in the year 1719:

*Si nos injecto salvebit cistula nummo,  
Heu nimium infelix tu mihi, pauper, eris!  
Si nos, Christe, tua servatos morte beasti,  
Tam nihil infelix tu mihi, pauper, eris.*

If wealth alone salvation can procure,  
How sad a state for ever waits the poor!  
But if thou, Christ, our only saviour be,  
Thy merits still may bless ev'n poverty!

In the latter part of his life, however, he had attacked the Protestant religion: which rendered him so odious to the Lutherans, that they suffered his body to remain unburied for five days together; so that it was obliged to be removed from Chemnitz to Zeits, where it was interred in the principal church.

AGRICOLA (John), a Saxon divine born at Islebe in 1492. He went as chaplain to count Mansfield, when that nobleman attended the Elector of Saxony to the diet of Spire in 1526, and that of Augsburg in 1530. He was of a restless ambitious temper, rivalled and wrote against Melancthon, and gave count Mansfield occasion to reproach him severely. He obtained a professorship at Wittenberg, where he taught particular doctrines, and became founder of the sect of Antinomians; which occasioned warm disputes between him and Luther, who had before been his very good friend. But though he was never able to recover the favour either of the Elector of Saxony or of Luther, he received some consolation from the fame he acquired at Berlin: where he became preacher at court; and was chosen in 1548, in conjunction with Julius Phlug and Michael Heldingus, to compose the famous *Interim*, which made so much noise in the world. He died at Berlin in 1566.

## A G R I C U L T U R E

Definition. **M**AY be defined, The art of disposing the earth in such a manner as to produce whatever vegetables we desire, in large quantity, and in the greatest perfection of which their natures are capable.—But though,

by this definition, agriculture, strictly speaking; includes in it the cultivation of every species of vegetable whatever, and consequently comprehends all that is understood of gardening and planting, we mean here to con-

fine ourselves to the cultivation of those species of grain, grass, &c. which are generally necessary as food for men and beasts.

**HISTORY.** THE antiquity of this art is undoubtedly beyond that of all others; for we are informed by Scripture, that Adam was sent from the garden of Eden *to till the ground*; and, this being the case, he certainly must have known how to do so.—It would be ridiculous, however, to imagine that he was acquainted with all the methods of ploughing, harrowing, fallowing, &c. which are now made use of; and it would be equally so to suppose, that he used such clumsy and unartful instruments as wooden hooks, horns of oxen, &c. to dig the ground, which were afterwards employed for this purpose by certain savages: but as we know nothing of the particular circumstances in which he was situated, we can know as little concerning his method of agriculture.

The prodigious length of life which the antediluvians enjoyed, must have been very favourable to the advancement of arts and sciences, especially agriculture, to which it behoved them to apply themselves in a particular manner, in order to procure their subsistence. It is probable, therefore, that, even in the antediluvian world, arts and sciences had made great progress, nay, might be farther advanced in some respects than they are at present. Of this, however, we can form no judgment, as there are no histories of those times, and the scripture gives us but very slight hints concerning these matters.

No doubt, by the terrible catastrophe of the flood, which overwhelmed the whole world, many sciences would be entirely lost, and agriculture would suffer; as it was impossible that Noah or his children could put in practice, or perhaps know, all the different methods of cultivating the ground that were formerly used. The common methods, however, we cannot but suppose to have been known to him and his children, and by them transmitted to their posterity: so that as long as mankind continued in one body without being dispersed into different nations, the arts, agriculture especially, would necessarily advance; and that they did so, is evident from the undertaking of the tower of Babel. It is from the dispersion of mankind consequent upon the confusion of tongues, that we must date the origin of savage nations. In all societies where different arts are cultivated, there are some persons who have a kind of general knowledge of most of those practised through the whole society, while others are in a manner ignorant of every one of them. If we suppose a few people of understanding to separate from the rest, and become the founders of a nation, it will probably be a civilized one, and the arts will begin to flourish from its very origin; but, if a nation is founded by others whose intellects are in a manner callous to every human science (and of this kind there are many in the most learned countries), the little knowledge or memory of arts that were among the original founders will be lost, and such a people will continue in a state of barbarism for many ages, unless the arts be brought to them from other nations.

From this, or similar causes, all nations of equal antiquity have not been equally savage, nor is there any solid reasons for concluding that all nations were origi-

nally unskilled in agriculture; though as we know not the original instruments of husbandry used by mankind when living in one society, we cannot fix the date of the improvements in this art. Different nations have always been in a different state of civilization; and agriculture, as well as other arts, has always been in different degrees of improvement among different nations at the same time.

From the earliest accounts of the eastern nations, we have reason to think, that agriculture has at all times been understood by them in considerable perfection; seeing they were always supplied not only with the necessaries, but the greatest luxuries of life.

As soon as the descendants of Abraham were settled in Palestine, they generally became husbandmen, from the chiefs of the tribe of Judah to the lowest branch of the family of Benjamin. High birth or rank did not at that time make any distinction, for agriculture was considered as the most honourable of all employments; witness the illustrious examples of Gideon, Saul, and David.

The Chaldeans, who inhabited the country where agriculture had its birth, carried that valuable art to a degree of excellence unknown in former times. They cultivated their lands with great assiduity, and seem to have found out some means of restoring fertility to an exhausted soil, by having plentiful harvests in succession; on which account they were not obliged, as their predecessors had been, to change their situations, in order to obtain a sufficiency for themselves and their numerous flocks and herds.

The Egyptians, who, from the natural fertility of their country by the overflowing of the Nile, raised every year vast quantities of corn, were so sensible of the blessings resulting from agriculture, that they ascribed the invention of that art to Osiris. They also regarded Isis, their second deity, as the discoverer of the use of wheat and barley, which before grew wild in the fields, and were not applied by that people to the purposes of food. Their superstitious gratitude was carried so far, as to worship those animals which were employed in tillage; and even to the produce of their lands, as leeks, onions, &c.

The divine honours paid to Bacchus in India were derived from the same source, he being considered in that country as the inventor of planting vineyards, and the other arts attendant upon agriculture.

It is also related of the ancient Persians, on the most respectable authority, that their kings laid aside their grandeur once every month to eat with husbandmen. This is a striking instance of the high estimation in which they held agriculture; for at that time arts were practised among that people in great perfection, particularly those of weaving, needle-work, and embroidery. The precepts of the religion taught by their ancient magi, or priests, included the practice of agriculture. The *saint* among them was obliged to work out his salvation by pursuing all the labours of agriculture: And it was a maxim of the Zendavesta, that he who sows the ground with care and diligence, acquires a greater degree of religious merit, than he could have gained by the repetition of ten thousand prayers.

The Phenicians, so well known in scripture by the name of *Philistines*, were also remarkable for their attention to and skill in agriculture. But finding themselves

elves too much disturbed and confined by the incursions and conquests of the Israelites, they spread themselves throughout the greatest part of the Mediterranean islands, and carried with them their knowledge in the arts of cultivation.

Mago, a famous general of the Carthaginians, is said to have written no less than 28 books on the subject; which Columella tells us were translated into Latin by the express order of the Roman senate. We are informed by the ancient writers, that Ceres was born in Sicily, where she first invented the arts of tillage and of sowing corn. For this essential service, she was, agreeably to the superstition of those ages, deified, and worshipped as the goddess of plenty. The truth of this is, that in the time of Ceres, the island, through her endeavours and the industry of the people, became very fruitful in corn; and agriculture was there esteemed so honourable an employment, that even their kings did not disdain to practise it with their own hands.

But time, which at first gave birth to arts, often caused them to be forgotten when they were removed from the place of their origin. The descendants of Noah, who settled in Europe, doubtless carried their knowledge of agriculture with them into the regions which they successively occupied. But those who took possession of Greece were such an uncivilized race, that they fed on roots, herbs, and acorns, after the manner of beasts. Pelasgus had taught them the culture of the oak, and the use of acorns as food; for which service, we are told, divine honours were paid him by the people.

The Athenians, who were the first people that acquired any tincture of politeness, taught the use of corn to the rest of the Greeks. They also instructed them how to cultivate the ground, and to prepare it for the reception of the seed. This art, we are told, was taught them by Triptolemus. The Greeks soon perceived that bread was more wholesome, and its taste more delicate, than that of acorns and the wild roots of the fields; accordingly they thanked the gods for such an unexpected and beneficial present, and honoured their benefactor.

As the arts of cultivation increased, and the blessings they afforded became generally experienced, the people soon preferred them to whatever the ravages of conquest, and the cruel depredations of savage life, could procure. And accordingly we find, that the Athenian kings, thinking it more glorious to govern a small state wisely, than to aggrandize themselves, and enlarge the extent of their dominions by foreign conquests, withdrew their subjects from war, and mostly employed them in cultivating the earth. Thus, by continued application, they brought agriculture to a considerable degree of perfection, and soon reduced it to an art.

Hesiod was the first we knew of among the Greeks who wrote on this interesting subject. According to the custom of the Oriental authors, he wrote in poetry, and embellished his poem with luxuriant description and sublime imagery. He calls his poem *Weeks and Days*, because agriculture requires exact observations on times and seasons.

Xenophon has also, in his *Oeconomics*, remarked, that agriculture is the nursing mother of the arts. For, says he, "where agriculture succeeds prosperously,

there the arts thrive; but where the earth necessarily lies uncultivated, there the other arts are destroyed."

Other eminent Greek writers upon agriculture were, Democritus of Abdera, Socraticus, Archytas, Tarentinus, Aristotle, and Theophrastus, from whom the art received considerable improvements.

The ancient Romans esteemed agriculture so honourable an employment, that the most illustrious senators of the empire, in the intervals of public concerns, applied themselves to this profession; and such was the simplicity of those ages, that they assumed no appearance of magnificence and splendor, or of majesty, but when they appeared in public. At their return from the toils of war, the taking of cities, and the subduing of hostile nations, their greatest generals were impatient till they were again employed in the arts of cultivation.

Regulus, when in Africa, requested of the senate to be recalled, lest his farm might suffer, for want of proper cultivation, in his absence; and the senate wrote him for answer, that it should be taken care of at the public expence, while he continued to lead their armies.

Cato the censor, after having governed extensive provinces, and subdued many warlike nations, did not think it below his dignity to write a Treatise on Agriculture. This work (as we are told by Servius) he dedicated to his own son, it being the first Latin treatise written on this important subject; and it has been handed down to us in all its purity, in the manner that Cato wrote it.

Varro composed a treatise on the same subject, and on a more regular plan. This work is embellished with all the Greek and Latin erudition of that learned author, who died 28 years before the commencement of the Christian æra. Virgil, who lived about the same time, has, in his *Georgics*, adorned this subject with the language of the Muses, and finely illustrated the precepts and rules of husbandry left by Hesiod, Mago, and Varro.

Columella, who flourished in the reign of the emperor Claudius, wrote 12 books on husbandry, replete with important instruction.

From this period to that of the reign of Constantine Paganatus, husbandry continued in a declining state; but that wise emperor caused a large collection of the most useful precepts relating to agriculture to be extracted from the best writers, and published them under the title of *Geoponics*. It has been asserted, that he made this collection with his own hand; and the truth of the assertion is not improbable, as it is well known, that after he had conquered the Saracens and the Arabians, he not only practised and encouraged, but studied the arts of peace, fixing his principal attention on agriculture, as their best foundation.

After the death of Constantine, however; the increasing attention of the people to commerce, and the ignorance and gross superstition of the ages which succeeded, seems to have rendered agriculture an almost neglected science. The irruptions of the northern nations soon abolished any improved system. These innumerable and enterprising barbarians, who over-ran all Europe, were originally shepherds or hunters, like the present Tartars and the savages of America. They contented themselves with possessing those vast deserts made  
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by their own ravages, without labour or trouble, cultivating only a very small spot near their habitations : and in this trifling husbandry only the meanest slaves were employed : so that the art itself, which formerly was thought worthy of the study of kings, was now looked upon as mean and ignoble ; a prejudice which is scarcely effaced at present, or at least but very lately. —During this period, therefore, we find no vestiges of any thing tolerably written on the subject. No new attempts were made to revive it, or to improve it, till the year 1478, when Crescenzo published an excellent performance on the subject at Florence. This roused the slumbering attention of his countrymen, several of whom soon followed his example. Among these, Tatti, Stefano Augustino Gallo, Sansovino, Lauro, and Tarello, deserve particular notice.

At what time agriculture was introduced into Britain, is uncertain. When Julius Cæsar first invaded that island, it was not wholly unknown. That conqueror was of opinion, that agriculture was first introduced by some of those colonies from Gaul which had settled in the southern parts of Britain, about 100 years before the Roman invasion\*.

\* Cæsar de Bell Gall. lib. 5. c. 12. It is not to be expected that we can now be acquainted with many of the practices of these ancient husbandmen. It appears, however, that they were not

† Plin. Nat. Hist. lib. 17 cap. 6. unacquainted with the use of manures, particularly marle. This we have on the authority of Pliny†, who tells us, that it was peculiar to the people of Gaul and of Britain ; that its effects continued 80 years ; and that no man was ever known to marle his field twice, &c.—It is highly probable, too, that lime was at this time also used as a manure in Britain, it being certainly made use of in Gaul for this purpose at the time of Julius Cæsar's invasion.

The establishment of the Romans in Britain produced great improvements in agriculture, insomuch that prodigious quantities of corn were annually exported from the island ; but when the Roman power began to decline, this, like all the other arts, declined also, and was almost totally destroyed by the departure of that people. The unhappy Britons were now exposed to frequent incursions of the Scots and Picts, who destroyed the fruits of their labours, and interrupted them in the exercise of their art. After the arrival of the Saxons in the year 449, they were involved in such long wars, and underwent so many calamities, that the husbandmen gradually lost much of their skill, and were at last driven from those parts of the country which were most proper for cultivation.

After the Britons retired into Wales, though it appears from the laws made relative to this art, that agriculture was thought worthy of the attention of the legislature, yet their instruments appear to have been very unartful. It was enacted that no man should undertake to guide a plough who could not make one ; and that the driver should make the ropes of twisted willows, with which it was drawn. It was usual for six or eight persons to form themselves into a society for fitting out one of these ploughs, providing it with oxen and every thing necessary for ploughing ; and many minute and curious laws were made for the regulation of such societies. If any person laid dung on a field with the consent of the proprietor, he was by law allowed the use of that land for one year. If the dung was carried

out in a cart in great abundance, he was to have the use of the land for three years. Whoever cut down a wood, and converted the ground into arable, with the consent of the owner, was to have the use of it for five years. If any one folded his cattle, for one year, upon a piece of ground belonging to another, with the owner's consent, he was allowed the use of that field for four years.

Thus, though the Britons had in a great measure lost the knowledge of agriculture, they appear to have been very assiduous in giving encouragement to such as would attempt a revival of it ; but, among the Anglo-Saxons, things were not at present in so good a state. These restless and haughty warriors, having contracted a distaste and contempt for agriculture, were at pains to enact laws to prevent its being followed by any other than women and slaves. When they first arrived in Britain, they had no occasion for this art, being supplied by the natives with all the necessaries of life. After the commencement of hostilities, the Saxons subsisted chiefly by plunder : but having driven out or extirpated most of the ancient Britons, and divided their lands among themselves, they found themselves in danger of starving, there being now no enemy to plunder ; and therefore they were obliged to apply to agriculture.

The Saxon princes and great men, who, in the division of the lands, had received the greatest shares, are said to have subdivided their estates into two parts, which were called the *in-lands* and the *out-lands*. The in-lands were those which lay most contiguous to the mansion-house of their owner, which he kept in his own possession, and cultivated by his slaves, under the direction of a bailiff, for the purpose of raising provisions for the family. The out-lands were those at a greater distance from the house, and were let to the *ceorls*, or farmers of those times, at very moderate rents. By the laws of Ina king of the west Saxons, who reigned in the end of the seventh and beginning of the eighth century, a farm consisting of ten hides, or plough-lands, was to pay the following rent : “ Ten casks of honey ; three hundred loaves of bread ; twelve casks of strong ale ; thirty casks of small ale ; two oxen ; ten wedders ; ten geese ; twenty hens ; ten cheeses ; one cask of butter ; five salmon ; twenty pounds of forage ; and one hundred eels.” From this low rent, the imperfection of agriculture at that time is easily discoverable ; but it is still more so from the low prices at which land was then sold. In the ancient history of the church of Ely, published by Dr Gale, there are accounts of many purchases of lands by Ædelwold the founder of that church, and by other benefactors, in the reign of Edgar the Peaceable, in the tenth century. By a comparison of these accounts it appears, that the ordinary price of an acre of the best land in that part of England, in those times, was no more than 16 Saxon pennies, or about four shillings sterling : a very trifling price, even in comparison with that of other commodities at the same time : for, by comparing other accounts, it appears, that four sheep were then equal in value to an acre of the best land, and one horse of the same value with three acres. The frequent and deplorable famines which afflicted England about this time, are further instances of the wretched state of agriculture. In 1043, a quarter of wheat sold for



for 60 Saxon pennies (15 shillings sterling), and at that time equal in value to seven or eight pounds sterling at present.

The invasion of the Normans, in 1066, contributed very much to the improvement of agriculture; for, by that event, many thousands of husbandmen from Flanders, France, and Normandy, settled in Britain, obtained estates or farms, and cultivated them after the manner of their country. The implements of husbandry, used at this time, were of the same kind with those employed at present; but some of them were less perfect in their construction. The plough, for example, had but one stilt or handle, which the ploughman guided with one hand, having in his other hand an instrument which served both for cleaning and mending the plough, as well as for breaking the clods. The Norman plough had two wheels; and in the light soil of Normandy was commonly drawn by one or two oxen; but, in England, a greater number was often necessary. In Wales, the person who conducted the oxen in the plough walked backwards. Their carts, harrows, scythes, sickles, and flails, from the figures of them still remaining, appear to have been nearly of the same construction with those that are now used. In Wales, they did not use a sickle for reaping their corn, but an instrument like the blade of a knife, with a wooden handle at each end.—Their chief manure, next to dung, seems still to have been marle. Summer fallowing of lands designed for wheat, and ploughing them several times, appear to have been frequent practices of the English farmers in this period.

We are, after all, very much in the dark with respect to the state and progress of agriculture in Great Britain previous to the fourteenth century. That it was pretty generally practised, especially in the eastern, south, and midland parts of England, is certain; but of the mode, and the success, we are left almost totally ignorant. In the latter end of the fifteenth century, however, it seems to have been cultivated as a science, and received very great improvement.

At this time, Fitzherbert, Judge of the Common-Pleas, in England, shone forth with distinguished eminence in the practical parts of husbandry. He appears to have been the first Englishman who studied the nature of soils, and the laws of vegetation, with philosophical attention. On these he formed a theory confirmed by experiments, and rendered the study pleasing as well as profitable, by realizing the principles of the ancients, to the honour and advantage of his country. Accordingly, he published two treatises on this subject; the first, intitled *The Book of Husbandry*, appeared 1534; and the second, called *The Book of Surveying and Improvements*, in 1539. These books being written at a time when philosophy and science were but just emerging from that gloom in which they had long been buried, were doubtless replete with many errors, but they contained the rudiments of true knowledge, and revived the study and love of an art, the advantages of which were obvious to men of the least reflection. We therefore find that Fitzherbert's books on Agriculture soon raised a spirit of emulation in his countrymen, and many treatises of the same kind successively appeared, which time has however deprived us of, or at least they are become so very scarce as only to be found in the libraries of the curious.

About the year 1600, France made some considerable efforts to revive the arts of husbandry, as appears from several large works, particularly *Les Moyens de devenir Riche*; and the *Cosmopolite*, by Bernard de Palissy, a poor potter, who seems to have been placed by fortune in a station for which nature never intended him; *Le Theatre d'Agriculture*, by Desferres; and *L'Agriculture et Maison Rustique*, by Messrs Etienne, Liebault, &c.

Nearly in the same period, the practice of husbandry became more prevalent among this people and the Flemings than the publishing of books on the subject. Their intention seemed to be that of carrying on a private lucrative employment, without instructing their neighbours. Whoever therefore became desirous of copying their method of agriculture, was obliged to visit that country, and make his own remarks on their practice.

The principal idea they had of husbandry was, by keeping the lands clean and in fine tilth, to make a farm resemble a garden as nearly as possible.

Such an excellent principle, at first setting out, led them of course to undertake the culture of small farms only, which they kept free from weeds, continually turning the ground, and manuring it plentifully and judiciously. When they had by this method brought the soil to a proper degree of cleanliness, health, and sweetness, they chiefly cultivated the more delicate grasses, as the surest means of obtaining a certain profit upon a small estate, without the expence of keeping many draught horses and servants. A few years experience was sufficient to convince them, that ten acres of the best vegetables for feeding cattle, properly cultivated, would maintain a larger stock of grazing animals than forty acres of common farm grass on land badly cultivated. They also found that the best vegetables for this purpose were lucerne, saintfoin, trefoil of all kinds, field turnips, &c.

The grand political secret of their husbandry, therefore, consisted in letting farms on improvement. They are said also to have discovered nine sorts of manure; but what they all were, we are not particularly informed. We find, however, that marle was one of them; the use and virtues of which appear also to have been well known in England two hundred years ago, although it was afterwards much neglected. They were the first people among the moderns who ploughed in green crops for the sake of fertilizing the soil; and who confined their sheep at night in large sheds built on purpose, the floors of which were covered with sand or virgin earth; &c. which the shepherd carted away each morning to the compost dunghill.

In England, during the civil wars, though the operations and improvements in husbandry suffered some temporary checks, there flourished several excellent writers on the subject, and the art itself received considerable encouragement. Sir Hugh Platt was one of the most ingenious husbandmen of the age in which he lived; yet so great was his modesty, that all his works except his *Paradise of Flora*, seem to be posthumous. He held a correspondence with most of the lovers and patrons of agriculture and gardening in England; and such was the justice and modesty of his temper, that he always named the author of every discovery communicated to him. Perhaps no man in any age discovered, or at least

least brought into use, so many new kinds of manure. This will be evident to those who read his account of the compost and covered dung-hills, and his judicious observations on the fertilizing qualities lodged in salt, street-dirt, and the sullage of streets in great cities, clay, fuller's earth, moorish earths, dung-hills made in layers, fern, hair, calcination of all vegetables, malt-dust, willow-tree earth, soaper's ashes, urine, marle, and broken pilchards.

Gabriel Plattes may be said to have been an original genius in husbandry. He began his observations at an earlier period, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and continued them down to the Commonwealth. But notwithstanding the great merit of this writer, and the essential service he had rendered his country by his writings, the public ungratefully suffered him to starve and perish in the streets of London; nor had he a shirt on his back when he died.

Samuel Hartlib, a celebrated writer on agriculture in the last century, was highly esteemed and beloved by Milton, and other great men of his time. In the preface to his work intitled *His Legacy*, he laments that no public director of husbandry was established in England by authority; and that they had not adopted the Flemish method of letting farms upon improvement. This remark of Hartlib's procured him a pension of L.100 a-year from Cromwell; and the writer afterwards, the better to fulfil the intention of his benefactor, procured Dr Beatti's excellent annotation of the *Legacy*, with other valuable papers from his numerous correspondents.

The time in which Hartlib flourished seems to have been an æra when the English husbandry rose to great perfection, compared to that of former ages; for the preceding wars had impoverished the country gentlemen, and of course made them industrious. They found the cultivation of their own lands to be the most profitable station they could fill. But this wise turn was not of long continuance. At the Restoration, they generally became infected with that intoxication and love of pleasure which succeeded. All their industry and knowledge were exchanged for neglect and dissipation; and husbandry descended almost entirely into the hands of common farmers.

Evelyn was the first writer who inspired his countrymen with a desire of reviving the study of agriculture; and he was followed by the famous Jethro Tull. The former, by his admirable treatises on earth and on planting, and the latter, by showing the superior advantages of the drill-husbandry, excited numbers to bring their theory to the test of fair experiment.

Many valuable and capital improvements have, since that period, been made in English husbandry; and these great men have been succeeded by a variety of writers, many of whom have done essential service, by enlightening the minds of their countrymen, and exciting them to emulation.

About the middle of the last century, Ireland began to make a considerable figure in the art of husbandry. It must indeed be confessed, that the Irish had very strong prejudices in favour of a wretched method of agriculture, till Blyth opened their eyes by his excellent writings. Since that time, a spirit of improvement has more or less been promoted, and in many instances carried on with great zeal, by the

nobility, clergy, and gentry of that kingdom. In proof of this, it will be sufficient to observe, that the Transactions of the Dublin Society for encouraging Husbandry are now cited by all foreigners in their memoirs relating to that subject. And the observations of that discerning and judicious writer, Arthur Young, Esq; in his late Tour through that kingdom, show, that in many respects improvements there have of late years made a progress nearly as rapid as in England.

After the peace of Aix-la-Chapelle, most of the nations of Europe, by a sort of tacit consent, applied themselves to the study of agriculture, and continued to do so, more or less, amidst the universal confusion that succeeded.

The French found, by repeated experience, that they could never maintain a long war, or procure a tolerable peace, unless they could raise corn enough to support themselves in such a manner as not to be obliged to harsh terms on the one hand, or to perish by famine on the other. This occasioned the king to give public encouragement to agriculture, and even to be present at the making of several experiments. The great, and the rich of various ranks and stations, followed his example; and even the ladies were candidates for a share of fame in this public-spirited and commendable undertaking.

During the hurry and distresses of France in the war of 1756, considerable attention was paid to agriculture. Prize-questions were annually proposed in their rural academies, particularly those of Lyons and Bourdeaux; and many judicious observations were made by the Society for improving agriculture in Brittany.

Since the conclusion of that war in 1763, matters have been carried on there with great vigour. The university of Amiens made various proposals for the advancement of husbandry; and the Marquis de Tourbilly (a writer who proceeded chiefly on experience) had the principal direction of a Georgical society established at Tours.

The society at Rouen also deserves notice; nor have the king and his ministers thought it unworthy their attention. There are at present about fifteen societies existing in France, established by royal approbation, for the promoting of agriculture; and these have twenty co-operating societies belonging to them.

About this time vigorous exertions began to be made in Russia to introduce the most approved system of husbandry which had taken place in other parts of Europe. The present Empress has sent several gentlemen into Britain and other countries to study agriculture, and is giving it all possible encouragement in her own dominions.

The art of agriculture has also been for near thirty years publicly taught in the Swedish, Danish, and German universities, where the professors may render effectual service to their respective countries, if they understand the practical as well as the speculative part, and can converse with as much advantage with the farmer as with Virgil and Columella.

Even Italy has not been totally inactive. The Neapolitans of this age have condescended to recur to the first rudiments of revived husbandry, and begun to study anew the Agricultural System of Crescenzo, first published in 1478. The people of Bergamo have pursued

fued the same plan, and given a new edition of the *Ricordo d'Agricoltura de Tarello*, first published in 1577. The dutchy of Tuscany have imbibed the same spirit for improvement. A private gentleman, above 40 years since, left his whole fortune to endow an academy of agriculture. The first ecclesiastic in the dutchy is president of this society, and many of the chief nobility are members.

His Sardinian Majesty has also sent persons to learn the different modes of practice in foreign countries; and made some spirited attempts to establish a better method of agriculture among his subjects.

In Poland, also, M. De Bieluski, grand marshal of the crown, has made many successful attempts to introduce the new husbandry among his countrymen; and procured the best instruments for that purpose from France, England, and other parts of Europe.

The Hollanders are the only people now in Europe who seem to look upon agriculture with indifference. Except the single collateral instance of draining their fens and morasses, they have scarcely paid any attention to it; and even this seems to have proceeded more from the motive of self-preservation than any love of, or disposition to, husbandry.

In the year 1756, a few ingenious and public-spirited men at Berne in Switzerland established a society for the advancement of agriculture and rural œconomics. In that society were many men of great weight in the republic, and most of them persons of a true cast for making improvements in husbandry, being enabled to join the practice with the theory.

Nor must we here omit to mention, that the justly celebrated Linnæus and his disciples have performed great things in the north of Europe, particularly in discovering new kinds of profitable and well-tasted food for cattle. About the same time, Sweden bestowed successful labours on a soil which had before been looked upon as cold, barren, and incapable of melioration. Of this the Stockholm Memoirs will be a lasting monument.

Denmark, and many of the courts in Germany, followed the same example. Woollen manufactures were encouraged, and his Danish Majesty sent three persons into Arabia Felix to make remarks, and bring over such plants and trees as would be useful in husbandry, building, and rural affairs.

The dutchy of Wirtemburgh, also, a country by no means unfertile, but even friendly to corn and pasturage, has contributed its assistance towards the improvement of agriculture, having more than 30 years since published 14 œconomical relations at Stutgard.

Neither must we forget the very assiduous attention

of the learned in Leipzig and Hanover to this important object. During the rage and devastation of a long war, they cultivated the arts of peace; witness the *Journal d'Agriculture* printed at Leipzig, and the *Recueils d'Hanover* printed in that city.

Even Spain, constitutionally and habitually inactive on such occasions, in spite of all their natural indolence, and the prejudices of bigotry, invited Linnæus, with the offer of a large pension, to superintend a college founded for the purpose of making new enquiries into the history of Nature and the art of agriculture.

Among the Japanese, agriculture is in great repute; and among the Chinese it is distinguished and encouraged by the court beyond all other sciences. The Emperor of China yearly, at the beginning of spring, goes to plough in person, attended by all the princes and grandees of the empire. The ceremony is performed with great solemnity; and is accompanied with a sacrifice, which the emperor, as high-priest, offers to Chang-Ti, to ensure a plentiful crop in favour of his people.

But, without any improper partiality, we are fully justified in asserting, that Britain alone exceeds all modern nations in husbandry; and from the spirit which for the last twenty years has animated many of her nobility and gentry, to become the liberal patrons of improvement, there is reason to believe that this most useful of arts will, in a few years, be carried to a greater pitch of perfection than it has ever yet attained in any age or country.—The Royal Society, the Bath Society, and the Society of Arts, &c. in particular, have been signally useful in this respect; and other associations, which are now established in many parts of this kingdom, co-operate with them in forwarding their laudable design.

It is not, however, to the exertions of public societies, excellent and honourable as they are, that all the modern improvements in agriculture owe their origin. To the natural genius of the people have been added the theory and practice of all nations in ancient and modern times. This accumulated mass of knowledge has been arranged, divided, and subdivided; and after passing the test of practical experiments, the essential and most valuable parts of it have been preserved, improved, and amply diffused in the works of Lord Kames, Mr Young, Stillingfleet, Dr Hunter, Anderson, Dickson, Ellis, Randal, Lisle, Marshal, Mortimer, Duhamel, Bradley, Kent, Mills, and a few other writers upon this grand art of rendering mankind happy, wealthy, and powerful.

## PART I. THEORY OF AGRICULTURE.

**I**N an art so extensively useful to mankind, and which has been so universally practised since the creation of the world, it is natural to expect the most exact and perfect theory. But in this we are totally disappointed.

Ignorance of the food of vegetables, the reason of imperfection in the theory of agriculture.

One reason of this want of a distinct theory of agriculture is, the ignorance of what is properly the food of vegetables; for as the art of agriculture consists principally in supplying them with a proper quantity of food, in the most favourable circumstances, it is evident, we might proceed upon a much surer foundation

if we could ascertain what their proper nourishment is, than we can do without this knowledge.—The reason of the great differences regarding the practice, probably, is the difficulty of making experiments in agriculture. It is not in this art as in Mechanics, Chemistry, &c. where an experiment can be made in an hour, or a day or two at farthest: an experiment in agriculture cannot be properly made in less than several years. Some favourable unobserved circumstances, quite foreign to the experiment itself, may concur to produce plentiful crops for a year or two:

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and thus the farmer may be induced to publish his fancied improvements; which failing in the hands of others, or perhaps even in his own on a repetition of the experiment, the new improvements are totally neglected, and things continue in their old way. Were he, however capable of seeing and handling the food of vegetables, as well as he can do that of a horse or an ox, and procuring it in any imaginable quantity, it is plain, that he would be able to cause vegetables grow in their utmost luxuriance, or, if we may be allowed the expression, *fatten* them, with as great certainty as he can fatten a horse or an ox, when he hath plenty of proper food to give them.—To ascertain what this food is, therefore, must be a step towards the perfection of agriculture; and to this we shall contribute our endeavour.

### SECT I. *Of the proper Food of Plants.*

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Various  
supposi-  
tions concern-  
ing the  
food of  
plants.

WE shall not here spend time in refuting the theories of those who imagined the vegetable food to consist of oily and saline substances. A more probable supposition has been, That Water and Air are the proper vegetable food, to which alone they owe their increase in bulk and weight.—That plants cannot be supported without both these, is very certain: but we know, that air is a compound fluid; and water is never without some impurities, so may also be considered as a compound.—Is it then the aqueous, the earthy, the acid, or the phlogistic part of the air, which nourishes plants? In like manner, is it the pure elementary part of water which nourishes them? or does it contribute to their growth only by the heterogeneous substances which it contains?

<sup>3</sup>  
Vegetables  
thrive in  
putrid air.

From Dr Priestley's experiments on different kinds of air, it appears that the purest kind of that fluid is not the fittest for the purposes of vegetation. On the contrary, vegetables flourished in a surprising degree when confined in a small quantity of air made perfectly noxious by the putrid effluvia of animal bodies.—Hence it appears probable, that such effluvia, or, in other words, the essence of corrupted matter, constitute at least one species of vegetable food; and when vegetables are put into such circumstances that the steams of putrefying bodies can have access to them, we are sure they will thrive the better.

<sup>4</sup>  
Water capable  
of imbibing  
putrid effluvia.

The Doctor also found, that by agitating putrid air in water, part of which was exposed to the atmosphere, the water acquired a very putrid noxious smell; which shows, that water, as well as air, is capable of absorbing those effluvia which are found proper food for vegetables. We cannot help concluding, therefore, that in the continual ascent of water in vapour, and its descent again in rain, which is a much more effectual *agitation* than could be made by Dr Priestley, the water must be very intimately combined with the *phlogistic* or putrid effluvia which are contained in the air. To this union we are led strongly to suspect that rain-water owes its fertilizing qualities; for the purest spring waters, though most wholesome for animals, are not found to be fittest for promoting the growth of vegetables.—As, therefore, vegetables evidently receive nourishment both by their leaves and roots, and increase remarkably in bulk by absorbing the putrid effluvia from the air; and as

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Putrid effluvia  
the proper food  
of plants.

they likewise increase in bulk by admitting water to their roots, and more so when the water contains much of that kind of effluvia than when it contains less: so we would conclude, that the nourishment received by the roots of plants is of the same kind with that received by their leaves; and that this food may be given them in greater plenty than they naturally receive it, by impregnating the air which surrounds them, or the water which moistens them, with a greater quantity of putrid matter than what they contain in a natural state.

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### SECT. II. *The foregoing Theory confirmed from considerations on the nature of vegetable Mould, and the different kinds of Manure found proper for fertilizing the Soil.*

THOUGH plants will grow on any kind of earth, and flourish vigorously, if plentifully supplied with water; yet some kinds of soils are found much more proper for supplying them with nourishment than others.—We cannot, indeed, allow the inferences to be quite fair which some would draw from experiments on plants set in mere sand, &c.; viz. that the earth is of no other use to vegetation than to afford a proper support to the plant, that it be not easily moved out of its place; because the experiments made on single vegetables are always performed in or very near houses, where the air is by no means so pure as in the open fields, and consequently where they have an opportunity of receiving as much nourishment from the air as may compensate the want of what they would have derived from the earth if planted in a rich soil. Lord Kames, in the Gentleman Farmer, mentions an experiment wherein a pea was planted on some cotton spread on water, in a phial. It sprung, and pushed roots through the cotton into the water. The plant grew vigorously, and, at the time of his writing the experiment, carried large pods full of ripe seed.—From this experiment, or others of a similar kind, however, a farmer would not be thought to act very judiciously, who should conclude that nothing more was requisite to produce a plentiful crop, than to keep his fields constantly soaking with water, and apply his labour only for that purpose, without regarding either tillage, manure, or the difference of soils. Experience has abundantly shown, that by certain operations performed on the earth itself, it is rendered much more capable of supplying vegetables with plenty of nourishment than if such operations were omitted; and that some kinds of soils cannot without certain additions be rendered so fit for this purpose as others; and this is what constitutes the difference between a *rich* and a *poor* soil.

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All kinds  
of earth not  
equally  
proper for  
nourishing  
vegetables.

That species of earth which is capable of supplying the vegetable kingdom with nourishment in the greatest plenty, is found best in well cultivated gardens. It is not, however, even in these, found in perfect purity; being constantly mixed with greater or less proportions of sand, small stones, &c. It can be had by itself, and entirely separated from all other substances, only by suffering vegetable or animal bodies to putrefy. By undergoing this operation, they are at last resolved into a kind of earth, which appears perfectly the same from whatever substance it is produced. Of this earth Dr Lewis gives us the following characters. It is indissoluble

<sup>7</sup>  
Of the true  
vegetable  
earth.

**Theory.** dissoluble in acids, somewhat tenacious when moistened with water, friable when dry, and acquires no additional hardness in the fire.—The chemistry of nature, and that of art, however, are so very dissimilar, that an account of the chemical properties of this earth can be but of very little service to the practice of agriculture; however, to those above mentioned we may add, that when it is distilled with a violent fire, a volatile alkaline spirit, and foetid oil, similar to those of hartshorn or other animal substances, are obtained.

**8**  
This earth impregnated with putrid effluvia.  
As the volatile alkali is known to be produced in great plenty by distilling putrid substances either animal or vegetable, the obtaining an alkaline spirit from this kind of earth is a strong argument of its being much impregnated with the putrid effluvia, which we have already mentioned as the proper vegetable food contained in the air and water. Indeed, considering that this kind of earth is produced by putrefaction, it is next to an impossibility that it should not be impregnated with putrid steams, as much as earth can be; and if the earth which is most impregnated with these steams is found to afford the greatest quantity of nourishment to vegetables, we have from thence an additional proof that they live on the putrid matter emitted from dead animals and vegetables like themselves.

**9**  
Earth is capable of absorbing putrid steams in prodigious quantities.  
That we may be the more ascertained of this, it must be considered, that the earth, which undoubtedly is the great source of nourishment to vegetables, is capable of absorbing putrid effluvia more powerfully, or at least in much greater quantity, before it is saturated, than either the air or water. The practice of burying dead bodies is an undeniable proof of this. They are laid but a small depth under ground; yet the abominable stench emitted by the carcase is retained in the earth, so that it never penetrates in such a manner as to be offensive. That earth may be saturated with this putrid matter, as well as air or water, is very certain; and, in case of such a saturation, no doubt either of these will take up the superfluous quantity, and become noxious: but unless the earth is fully saturated, both of them will deposit part of what they themselves contain in the earth, and by that means become more salutary than they were before.

**10**  
Agreeable odour emitted by moist earth.  
That earth is capable of attracting putrid effluvia from the air, perhaps, may not be so readily granted; and indeed we know of no experiment whereby it can be shown that putrid air is made salutary by having any kind of earth agitated in it: but if we consider the exceeding great salubrity of the air in the country, and the healthiness of those who follow the plough or are employed in digging the ground, we must at least allow, that when the ground is turned up, it communicates no kind of noxious quality to the air; which it would certainly do, if it emitted a putrid effluvia. So far from this, the smell of moist earth is always agreeable and wholesome; and here we have the satisfaction to find our theory somewhat confirmed by the celebrated Baron van Swieten, late physician to the emperors of Hungary.

“Physicians,” says he, “usually advise their patients to rustication, not only that they may enjoy a pure and freely circulating air; but that, as their strength increases, they may, disengaged from all care, exercise their body by the slighter labours of agriculture, and other country amusements.

**Theory.** “There may perhaps be another cause why rustication will be of benefit in consumptions. It is well known, that, after some days drought, on the falling of rain that moistens the earth, there arises a grateful smell, which we are all sensible of; and this is commonly attributed to the vegetables, which before sapless, but now refreshed by rain, perspire more copiously. But Reaumur observed, that a like fragrant smell is also perceptible after rain when the corn has been cut down in the fields, where there only remains dry stubble: and examining the matter more particularly, he found that dry earth is without smell, but as soon as it is moistened to the degree of having the consistence of softish pap, it then diffuses a strong smell; but if more water is added, the smell is diminished, nay even quite dissipated. Neither does it seem an easy matter to exhaust that power of producing smells which the earth is possessed of. Every day, during a fortnight, he made cakes of moistened earth; and having dried and wetted them over again, he could not perceive that the earth was less fragrant after all these repeated experiments, if it was again wetted. He further observed, that this fragrant smell does not diffuse itself to any thing at a great distance, without being much diminished, and soon entirely gone.—It has been observed, that this expiration of the earth ceases if thunder and storms soon follow: while they continue, it begins to return; and when over, the same fragrant smell of the earth for some hours affects the smell of a man as he walks along over a considerable tract of ground. There is no one, I believe, but has sometimes made this observation; and hence the earth, when moistened to a certain degree, seems to exhale fragrant odours, and indeed various in various places, as we are sensible of from their diversity. They are for the most part of a salutary quality; as some persons quite faint and languid in the summer-heats perceive themselves wonderfully refreshed, whilst, after rain, they snuff up the fragrant odour. In some places these effluvia are perhaps bad, and may be the causes of diseases.”

This property of emitting a fragrant smell is likewise taken notice of by Dr Home in his Principles of Agriculture and Vegetation. Some physicians have prescribed a bath of earth for the cure of consumptive patients; and Dr Solano de Luque was of opinion, that the earth had the property of absorbing contagious miasmata into it: but whether it can absorb these miasmata from living bodies or not, it certainly can absorb them from dead ones; for a piece of putrid meat will be much sweetened by lying for a short time in the ground.

From all this we cannot indeed infer, that putrid air is sweetened by mere earth; but we discover what is perhaps more important, namely, that though earth is the common receptacle of all putrid matters both animal and vegetable, there is a change made on them when in it, which cannot be made either by air or water. Thus, if the carcase of a small animal is left to putrefy in the air, it becomes exceedingly offensive, and continues so from first to last. The same thing happens if it is left to putrefy in water. But, in earth, the case is quite different. After the carcase is consumed, the earth which has imbibed all the putrid steams, instead of exhaling an offensive odour, diffuses an agreeable one; and thus we may see that it is endued with a power no less remarkable than that of attraction

**Theory.** traction or repulsion, and which we may distinguish by the name of *transmutation*. With regard to water, the case is more evident; for the most putrid water will be sweetened by percolation through earth, or even running in a channel for some time on its surface; but if it contains any impurities of the saline kind, they will not be separated, or at least in very small quantity.

**12** Attraction insufficient to solve the phenomena of vegetation. The existence of such a power as that of transmutation we will be obliged to own, whatever we imagine the vegetable food to consist of: for it is impossible to solve the phenomena of vegetation by attractions and repulsions. If we suppose the vegetable food to be salt, let us attract and repel salt as we will, it remains salt from first to last. Let us suppose it water, the case is the same; and, by mere attraction, nothing but masses of salt, or pools of water, could be produced. The case is the same on our own hypothesis; for, supposing plants composed of the putrid effluvia of others, and of dead animals, if nature was endued with no other power than attraction or repulsion, the vegetable would necessarily be a corrupted mass like that of which it was composed.—This power, as we have already seen, resides only in the earth, and in the vegetables themselves; air and water can indeed act as powerful solvents, but cannot transform or compound.

**13** Confirmation of the above theory from the different operations of agriculture. We must next consider the nature of those different operations, which, from time immemorial, have been performed on the earth, in order to cause it produce the greatest crops of vegetables. If all of these shall be found conspiring to one general purpose, then the shortest and most easy method of attaining that purpose is undoubtedly the most proper to be practised in agriculture, whether it hath been as yet put in execution or not. These are,

**14** Fallowing. **I. Frequent ploughing, or fallowing.** The immediate consequences of this is to expose different quantities of the soil to the action of the air and sun, which will not fail to exert their solvent powers upon it. In consequence of this action, the earth is partly reduced to powder; many of the roots of vegetables, with which it always abounds, are dissolved and putrefied: and the earth produced from them mixes with the rest, as well as the effluvia they emit during their dissolution. The earth soon begins again to exert its prolific powers, and a crop of vegetables is produced. By a repetition of the ploughing, these are turned with their roots upwards, are exposed to the solvent powers of the air and light; in consequence of which they die, are putrefied, and more of the native soil is reduced to powder, and mixed with them. By a frequent repetition of this process, the soil becomes vastly more tender, and approaches to the nature of garden-mould, and its fertility is considerably increased.

**15** The capacity of a soil to retain water not increased by fallowing. Lord Kames is of opinion, that the reason of the fertility of any soil being increased by fallowing, is, that its capacity of retaining water is increased. But this cannot be admitted; for so far from being more disposed to retain water by its pulverisation, the soil is evidently more disposed to part with it, either by evaporation, or by suffering the moisture to percolate thro' it. In this respect it is far inferior to clay; for though dry garden-mould absorbs water much more quickly than clay, it also dries much sooner, and thus all the advantage is lost.

**Theory.** To those who reckon the food of vegetables to consist of oils or salts, the operation of fallowing ground must appear an useless one, as it can tend neither to produce oils nor salts, but to destroy them. As its utility, however, cannot be denied, the favourers of this theory imagine, that the ground, by repeated operations of this kind, is fitted for attracting the nitrous salts from the air: but it is found, that these salts cannot be attracted by earth, or any other substance, even when exposed for a great length of time to the air with a view to produce salt-petre; which gives a strong suspicion against their existence; and even if nitre is mixed with the soil, it is found to be detrimental, and will kill or poison plants instead of nourishing them.

**17** Overflowing the ground with water.—This is found prodigiously to increase the fertility of any soil. It is well known how much Egypt owes to the annual overflowing of the Nile; and even in this country the overflowing of any ground is found to be attended with great advantage. This is practised by Mr Bakewell of Leicestershire, famous for his improvements in the breed of cattle; and he finds it fully to answer an annual manuring of any other sort. It is also recommended by Mr Anderson of Monkshill, in his *Essays on Agriculture*.

**18** Reasons of the increase of fertility by the overflowing. The fertilizing quality of water will easily be accounted for on the same principles. When grown vegetables are covered with water, their growth, however vigorous before, is immediately stopt, unless they be of the aquatic kind: they die, are dissolved, and putrefied; in which case, their finer parts are undoubtedly absorbed by the earth: and thus the *floating*, as it is called, of fields with water, answers the purpose of fallowing, with very little trouble. This is not all: for stagnating water always deposits a sediment, which mixing with the dissolved parts of the vegetables all over the field, forms an excellent manure; and when the water is allowed to run off, the heat of the sun soon brings the highest degree of putrefaction on the dead vegetables; the effluvia of which, mixing with the mud deposited from the water, makes it exceedingly rich.

**19** Oils & salts cannot be the vegetable food. Upon the supposition of oily and saline food for vegetables, this operation must certainly be prejudicial; for nothing can so effectually deprive any substance of salt as steeping it in water. Neither will water either deposit oil from itself, or suffer it to mix with the ground if accidentally brought to it; nay, though a field were previously impregnated with oil, upon overflowing it with water, great part of the oil would be separated, and rise to the top: so that, in either case, this operation could not fail to impoverish land rather than enrich it; and as vegetables are found to be supplied with food in plenty by an operation which must undoubtedly tend to take away both oils and salts from them, we cannot help thinking this a demonstration, that their food is composed neither of oil nor salt.

**20** Of manure, and their operation. **3. Manuring, or mixing the soil with different substances.**—We shall here confine ourselves to those which are of undoubted efficacy, and have their credit established by long experience. These are, 1. lime, chalk, marle, shells, or other earths, called by the chemists *calcareous earths*; 2. soot; 3. ashes; 4. dung of different kinds.—(1.) The lime, chalk, marle, and shells, are all found to be of the same nature. The marle differs from the rest, only in having a mixture of clay along

Theory. along with its calcareous part. These contain neither salt nor oil of any kind; they readily imbibe water, and as readily part with it. Quicklime, indeed, retains water very obstinately: but such lime as is laid upon the ground soon returns to the same state in which it originally was; and powdered limestone is found to answer as well for the purposes of manure as that which has been burnt; so that here we may consider them all as substances of the same class.—If any of these substances are mixed with dead animal or vegetable bodies, they remarkably quicken their dissolution and corruption, as appears from Sir John Pringle's experiments on putrefaction. When mixed with the soil, therefore, they must undoubtedly exert their powers on such substances as they find there, in the same manner as they do on others; that is, they must hasten their dissolution and putrefaction, and give the pure vegetable mould an opportunity of absorbing their putrid steams, and consequently of being fertilized by it in the same manner as by putrid substances of any kind. (2.) Those who contend for oily and saline principles in the vegetable food, avail themselves of the usefulness of foot as manure; which is not only oily of itself, but affords a great quantity of volatile salt, along with some neutral sal-ammoniac. It must be remembered, however, that not an atom either of volatile salt or sal-ammoniac can be extracted from foot without a considerable heat, which no soil can give, nor could any vegetable bear. Neither doth its oil appear without a great degree of heat: and though it feels somewhat unctuous to the touch, this is but a mere deception; for no true oil, capable of floating on water, can be obtained from foot without distillation. It is impossible, therefore, that foot can act upon the soil either as an oily or a saline substance; how far it is capable of dissolution by putrefaction, or being otherwise converted into an earth, hath not yet been determined by experiments; but as it yields, on distillation, the same principles which are obtained from animal or putrefied vegetable substances, it is probable that foot enriches the ground in the same manner that they do. (3.) The use of ashes in manure is likewise urged as an argument for the food of vegetables being of a saline nature; as it is known, that the common alkaline salts are procured by lixiviating the ashes of wood and other vegetables. Experience, however, shows us, that ashes are no less fit for manure after the salt is extracted from them than before. Indeed, if there be any difference, it is in favour of the washed ashes. The alkali itself, though in Sir John Pringle's experiments it was found to be *antiseptic*, or a resister of putrefaction, is nevertheless a powerful dissolvent; and as it must soon lose its alkaline properties when mixed with the earth, in consequence of the universal existence of the vitriolic acid, those substances which it has dissolved will be more disposed to putrefaction than before, and consequently tend to fertilize the ground in the manner we have already described. The washed ashes are *septic*, or promoters of putrefaction, and consequently act in the same manner as chalk or lime-stone. (4.) All kinds of dung are so much disposed to putrefaction, that it is difficult to imagine any other way in which they can be serviceable to vegetation than by their putrid effluvia.—People indeed may dream of imaginary salts in dung; but if they knew or considered the difficulty of procuring

salt of any kind from dung, they would probably alter their sentiments. The volatile salts procured from this as well as other animal matters, are mere creatures of the fire: putrid urine produces them indeed without heat, but scarce any other animal substance. Nevertheless, other putrid substances will fertilize the ground as well as urine, and therefore must act in some other way than by their salts. Though Dr Priestley's experiments had never been made, we could have formed no other rational supposition concerning the manner in which putrid substances fertilize the earth, than what we have already done; but as he has shown that vegetables are prodigiously increased in bulk by the mere contact of these putrid steams, where no saline substances could have access to them, we cannot help thinking this a decisive experiment concerning the manner in which the ground is fertilized by manuring with dung or other putrid substances.

We shall conclude this part of the subject with an account of some experiments concerning the effects of saline substances on the growth of vegetables. The following are related by Lord Kames, in his *Gentleman Farmer*.—"A number of Jerusalem artichokes were set in pots filled with pure sand. One plant was kept as a standard, being nourished with water only. Other plants of the same kind were nourished with water in which salt of tartar, a fixed alkali, was dissolved. These grew more vigorously than the standard plant: but, by reiterated waterings, there came to be such an accumulation of the fixed alkali among the sand, as to make the plants decay, and at last to die. Some plants were nourished with water in which sal-ammoniac, a volatile alkali, was dissolved. These grew also well for some time; but, like the former, were destroyed by frequent reiterations of it. Weak lime-water promoted the growth of its plants more than common water. But water completely saturated with quicklime, proved more noxious than that which contained a fixed alkali, though less than that which contained a solution of volatile alkali.—Urine promoted, for a long time, the growth of its plants; and *the most putrid appeared to have the strongest effect*; but at last it totally destroyed them. *Water impregnated with putrid animal and vegetable substances, did more effectually promote the growth of its plants than any other solution; and in every stage of the process appeared to be salutary.*"

With regard to other saline substances, there are not many experiments which can be depended upon concerning their qualities as a manure. Mr Anderson relates an experiment made with common salt; the success of which, we apprehend, may justly enough be taken as a specimen of what is to be expected from manures of a similar kind.—He marked out a circle of six feet diameter in the middle of a grass-field, which he distinguished by driving a stake in its centre. All over this circle he strewed common salt, which, about the stake lay near an inch thick on the ground. In this state he left it to the operations of nature. The grass sprung up as usual, neither better nor worse about the stake than in the rest of the field, and the place where the circle was could be distinguished only by the stake, which was left there for some years.

Upon these experiments we need make very few observations. They are so much in favour of our theory, that they seem made on purpose to confirm it. The

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Effects of saline substances on growing vegetables.

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Common salt ineffectual as a manure.

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End to be kept in view by a farmer.

From all this, we may draw the following general conclusion, viz. That the principal end which a farmer ought to keep in view, is to impregnate his ground as much as possible, with substances which either actually contain putrid matter, or which are in their own nature *septic*, or promoters of putrefaction. To impregnate the air with putrid effluvia is impossible; and tho' it could be done, would be highly dangerous; for however salutary such effluvia may be to vegetables, nothing can be more fatal to mankind. The putrid substances, therefore, can only be used by mixing them with the earth; and in whatever manner they can be most perfectly, and in the greatest quantity, mixed with the soil, there the best crops may be expected.

### SECT. III. *Of the different Soils, and the Manures most proper for each.*

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Richest soils must at last be impoverished.

ACCORDING to the theory we have just now laid down, the richest soil must be that which contains the greatest quantity of putrid matter, either animal or vegetable; and such is the earth into which animal and vegetable substances resolve themselves. Was this earth to be had in perfection, it is evident it could not stand in need of manure of any kind, or be the least enriched by it; for containing an immense quantity of putrid matter, it would freely communicate it to the vegetables planted in it, which would grow in the most luxuriant manner, without requiring any other care than that of keeping them constantly supplied with water. If we suppose the crop left upon the ground to putrefy and mix with the earth as before, the soil will contain the same quantity of putrid matter the second year that it did the first, and be equally prolific: but if the crop is removed to another place, and nothing is brought back to enrich the ground in its stead, it is evident, that it will contain less of the true vegetable food the second year than it did the first, and consequently be

less prolific. For some time, however, the difference will not be perceptible: and people who are in possession of such ground may imagine that they enjoy a soil which will be perpetually fertile; but long experience has taught us, that the richest soils will at last be exhausted by repeated cropping without manure, as according to our theory they ought to be.

Where the ground has been suffered to remain uncultivated for many ages, producing all that time succulent plants which are easily putrefied, and trees, the leaves of which likewise contribute to enrich the ground by their falling off and mixing with it, the soil will in a manner be totally made up of pure vegetable earth, and be the richest, when cultivated, that can be imagined. This is the case with the lands of America. They had remained uncultivated perhaps since the creation, and were endowed with an extraordinary degree of fertility; it is nevertheless certain that such grounds as have been long cultivated, are so much exhausted, as to be not much better than the generality of cultivated grounds in France or England. Here, then, we have an example of one species of poor soil; namely, one that has been formerly very rich, but has been deprived, by repeated cropping, of a great part of the vegetable food it contained. The farmer who is in possession of such ground, would no doubt willingly restore it to its former state; the present question is, What must be done in order to obtain this end? We have mentioned several kinds of manures which long practice has recommended as serviceable for improving ground: we shall suppose the farmer tries lime, or chalk; for, as we have already seen, their operations upon the soil must be precisely the same. This substance, being of a septic nature, will act upon such parts of the soil as are not putrefied, or but imperfectly so; in consequence of which, the farmer will reap a better crop than formerly. The septic nature of the lime is not altered by any length of time. In ploughing the ground, the lime is more and more perfectly mixed with it, and gradually exerts its power on every putrescible matter it touches. As long as any matter of this kind remains, the farmer will reap good crops: but when the putrescible matter is all exhausted, the ground then becomes perfectly barren; and the caustic qualities of the lime are most unjustly blamed for *burning* the ground, and reducing it to a *caput mortuum*; while it is plain, the lime has only done its office, and made the soil yield all that it was capable of yielding.

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25  
One species of poor soil destroyed by lime.

When ground has been long uncultivated, producing all the time plants, not succulent, but such as are very difficultly dissolved, and in a manner incapable of putrefaction; there the soil will be excessively barren, and yield very scanty crops, tho' cultivated with the greatest care. Of this kind are those lands covered with heath, which are found to be the most barren of any, and the most difficultly brought to yield good crops. In this case lime will be as serviceable, as it was detrimental in the other: for by its septic qualities, it will continually reduce more and more of the soil to a putrid state; and thus there will be a constant succession of better and better crops, by the continued use of lime when the quantity first laid on has exerted all its force. By a continued use of this manure, the ground will be gradually brought nearer and nearer to the nature of garden-mould; and, no doubt, by proper care, might be made

26  
A species of poor soil meliorated by lime.



**Theory.** made as good as any ; but it will be as great a mistake to imagine, that, by the use of lime, this kind of soil may be rendered perpetually fertile, as to think that the other was naturally so ; for though lime enriches this soil, it does so not by adding vegetable food to it ; but by preparing what it already contains ; and when all is properly prepared, it must as certainly be exhausted as in the other case.

**27** Here, then, we have examples of two kinds of *poor* soils ; one of which is totally destroyed, the other greatly improved, by lime, and which therefore require very different manures ; lime being more proper for the last than dung ; while dung, being more proper to restore an exhausted soil than lime, ought only to be used for the first. Besides dunging land which has been exhausted by long cropping, it is of great service to let it lie fallow for some time : for to this it owed its original fertility ; and what gave the fertility originally, cannot fail to restore it in some degree.

By attending to the distinction between the reasons for the poverty of the two soils just now mentioned, we will always be able to judge with certainty in what cases lime is to be used, and when dung is proper. The mere poverty of the soil is not a criterion whereby we can judge ; we must consider what hath made it poor. If it is naturally so, we may almost infallibly conclude, that it will become better by being matured with lime. If it is *artificially* poor, or exhausted by continual cropping, we may conclude that lime will entirely destroy it.—We apprehend, that it is this *natural* kind of poverty only which Mr Anderson says, in his *Essays on Agriculture*, may be remedied by lime ; for we can scarce think that experience would direct any person to put lime upon land already exhausted. His words are,

**28** **Mr Anderson's opinion concerning lime.** “ Calcareous matters act as powerfully upon land that is naturally poor, as upon land that is more richly impregnated with those substances that tend to produce a luxuriant vegetation.”

“ Writers on agriculture have long been in the custom of dividing manures into two classes, viz. *Enriching* manures, or those that tended directly to render the soil more prolific, however sterile it may be ; among the foremost of which was dung : *Exciting* manures, or those that were supposed to have a tendency to render the soil more prolific, merely by acting upon those enriching manures that had been formerly in the soil, and giving them a new stimulus, so as to enable them to operate anew upon that soil which they had formerly fertilized. In which class of stimulating manures, *lime* was always allowed to hold the foremost place.

“ In consequence of this theory, it would follow, that lime could only be of use as a manure when applied to rich soils—and when applied to poor soils, would produce hardly any, or even perhaps hurtful, effects.

“ I will frankly acknowledge, that I myself was so far imposed upon by the beauty of this theory, as to be hurried along with the general current of mankind, in the firm persuasion of the truth of this observation, and for many years did not sufficiently advert to those facts that were daily occurring to contradict this theory.—I am now, however, firmly convinced, from repeated observations, that lime, and other calcareous manures, produce a much greater *proportional* improvement upon poor soils than such as are richer.—And

that lime alone, upon a poor soil, will, in many cases, produce a much greater and more lasting degree of fertility than dung alone.”

Thus far Mr Anderson's experience is exactly conformable to the theory we have laid down, and what ought to happen according to our principles. He mentions, however, some facts which seem very strongly to militate against it ; and indeed he himself seems to proceed upon a theory altogether different.

**29** “ Calcareous matter alone (says he) is not capable of rearing plants to perfection ;—mould is necessary to be mixed with it in certain proportions, before it can form a proper soil. It remains, however, to be determined, what is the due proportion of these ingredients for forming a proper soil. **Query concerning the nature of a proper soil.**

“ We know that neither chalk, nor marle, nor lime, can be made to nourish plants alone ; and soils are sometimes found that abound with the two first of these to a faulty degree. But the proportion of calcareous matter in these is so much larger than could ever be produced by art, where the soil was naturally destitute of these substances, that there seems to be no danger of erring on that side. Probably it would be much easier to correct the defects of those soils in which calcareous matters superabound, by driving earth upon them as a manure, than is generally imagined ; as a very small proportion of it sometimes affords a very perfect soil. I shall illustrate my meaning by a few examples.

**30** “ Near Sanfide, in the county of Caithness, there is a pretty extensive plain on the sea-coast, endowed with a most singular degree of fertility. In all seasons it produces a most luxuriant herbage, although it never got any manure since the creation ; and has been for time immemorial subjected to the following course of crops.

“ 1. Bear, after once ploughing from grass, usually a good crop.

“ 2. Bear, after once ploughing, a better crop than the first.

“ 3. Bear, after once ploughing, a crop equal to the first.

“ 4. 5. and 6. Natural grass, as close and rich as could be imagined, might be cut, if the possessor so inclined, and would yield an extraordinary crop of hay each year.

“ After this the same course of cropping is renewed. The soil that admits of this singular mode of farming, appears to be a pure incoherent sand, destitute of the smallest particle of vegetable mould ; but, upon examination, it is found to consist almost entirely of broken shells : the fine mould here bears such a small proportion to the calcareous matter, as to be scarce perceptible, and yet it forms the most fertile soil that ever I yet met with.

“ I have seen many other links (downs) upon the sea-shore, which produced the most luxuriant herbage, and the closest and sweetest pile of grass, where they consisted of shelly sand ; which, without doubt, derive their extraordinary fertility from that cause.

“ A very remarkable plain is found in the island of Jir-eye, one of the Hebrides. It has been long employed as a common ; so that it has never been disturbed by the plough, and affords annually the most luxuriant crop of herbage, consisting of white clover, and other

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“From these examples, I think it is evident, that a very small proportion of vegetable mould is sufficient to render calcareous matter a very rich soil. Perhaps, however, a larger proportion may be necessary when it is mixed with clay than with sand; as poor chalky soils seem to be of the nature of that composition.”

To these examples brought by Mr Anderson, we may add some of the same kind mentioned by Lord Kames. His lordship having endeavoured to establish the theory of water being the only food of plants, though he himself frequently deviates from that theory, yet thinks it possible, upon such a principle, to make a soil perpetually fertile.

“To recruit (says he) with vegetable food, a soil impoverished by cropping; has hitherto been held the only object of agriculture. But here opens a grander object, worthy to employ our keenest industry, that of making a soil perpetually fertile. Such soils actually exist; and why should it be thought, that imitation here is above the reach of art? Many are the instances of nature being imitated with success. Let us not despair while any hope remains; for invention never was exercised upon a subject of greater utility. The attempt may suggest proper experiments: it may open new views: and if we fail in equalling nature, may we not, however, hope to approach it? A soil perpetually fertile must be endowed with a power to retain moisture sufficient for its plants; and at the same time must be of a nature that does not harden by moisture. Calcareous earth promises to answer both ends: it prevents a soil from being hardened by water; and it may probably also invigorate its retentive quality. A field that got a sufficient dose of clay-marle, carried above 30 successive rich crops, without either dung or fallow. Doth not a soil so meliorated draw near to one perpetually fertile? Near the east side of Fifc, the coast for a mile inward is covered with sea-sand, a foot deep or so; which is extremely fertile, by a mixture of sea-shells reduced to powder by attrition. The powdered shells, being the same with shell-marle, make the sand retentive of moisture; and yet no quantity of moisture will unite the sand into a solid body. A soil so mixed, seems to be not far distant from one perpetually fertile. These, it is true, are but faint essays; but what will not perseverance accomplish in a good cause?”

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Inconsistency in Lord Kames's theory.

Having thus, in a manner, positively determined with Mr Anderson, that no dose of calcareous matter can possibly be too great, we cannot help owning ourselves surpris'd on finding his Lordship expressing himself as follows: “An over dose of shell-marle, laid perhaps an inch, and an inch and a half, or two inches thick, produces, for a time, large crops: but at last it renders the soil a *caput mortuum*, capable of neither corn nor grass; of which there are too many instances in Scotland; the same probably would follow from an over-dose of clay-marle, stone-marle, or pounded limestone.”—To account for this, he is obliged to make a supposition directly contrary to his former one; namely, that calcareous matter renders the soil *incapable* of retaining water. This phenomenon, however, we think is solved upon the principles first laid down, in a satisfactory manner, and without the least inconsistency.

As to rendering soils perpetually fertile, we cannot

help thinking the attempt altogether chimerical and vain. There is not one example in nature of a soil perpetually fertile, where it has no supply but from the air, and the rain which falls upon it. The above recited examples can by no means be admitted as proofs of perpetual fertility. We know, that the grass on the banks of a river is much more luxuriant than what grows at a distance: the reason is, that the water is attracted by the earth, and communicates its fertilizing qualities to it; but was the river to be dried up, the grass would soon become like the rest. Why should not the ocean have the same power of fertilizing plains near its shores, that rivers have of fertilizing small spots near their banks? We see, however, that it hath not; for the sea-shores are generally sandy and barren. The reason of this is, that the waters of the ocean contain a quantity of loose acid; \* and this acid is poisonous to plants; but abstracting this acid part, we hesitate not to affirm, that sea-water is more fertilizing than river-water. It is impossible to know how far the waters of the ocean penetrate under ground through a sandy soil. Where they meet with nothing to absorb their acid, there the ground is quite barren; but in passing through an immense quantity of broken shells, the calcareous matter, we are very certain, will absorb all the acid; and thus the soil will be continually benefited by its vicinity to the ocean. All the above fields, therefore, are evidently supplied with nourishment from the ocean: for if the salt-water has sufficient efficacy to render fields which are in its neighbourhood barren, why should it not render them fertile when the cause of barrenness is removed from its waters?

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32  
Perpetual fertility of soils chimerical.

\* See Water.

After all, the field in Caithness, mentioned by Mr Anderson, seems to have been perpetually fertile only in grass; for though the second year it carried a better crop of bear than it did the first, yet the third year the crop was worse than the second, and only equal to the first. Had it been ploughed a fourth time, the crop would probably have been worse than the first. Ground is not near so much exhausted by grass as corn, even though the crop be cut, and carried off; and still less, if it only feeds cattle, and is manured by their dung; which appears to have been the case with this field. Lord Kames, indeed, mentions fields in Scotland, that, past memory, have carried successive crops of wheat, pease, barley, oats, without a fallow, and without a manure; and particularises one on the river Carron, of nine or ten acres, which had carried 103 crops of oats without intermission, and without manure; but as we are not acquainted with any such fields, nor know any thing about their particular situations, we can form no judgment concerning them.

Besides the two kinds of soils above mentioned, there are others, the principal ingredient of which is clay or sand. The first of these is apt to be hardened by the heat of the sun, so that the vegetables can scarce penetrate it in such a manner as to receive proper nourishment. The second, if it is not situated so as to receive a great deal of moisture, is very apt to be parched up in summer, and the crop destroyed; nor has it sufficient adhesion to support plants that have few roots and grow high. From these opposite qualities, it is evident, that these two soils would be a proper manure for one another; the clay would give a sufficient degree of firmness to the sand, and the sand would break

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Clayey and sandy soils.

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**Theory.** the too great tenacity of the clay. According to Dr Home's experiments, however, sand is the worst manure for clay that can be used. He recommends marle most. To reduce clay-ground as near as possible to the form of pure vegetable mould, it must first be pulverized. This is most effectually performed by ploughing and harrowing; but care must be taken not to plough it whilst too wet, otherwise it will concrete into hard clots which can scarcely be broken. After it is pulverized, however, some means must be taken to keep it from concreting again into the same hard masses as before. According to Lord Kames, though clay, after pulverizing, will concrete into as hard a mass as before, if mixed with water; yet if mixed with dunghill juice, it will not concrete any more. Lime also breaks its tenacity, and is very useful as a manure for this kind of soil.

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Fertility of  
the earth  
limited.

The conclusion we wish the practical farmer to draw from our theory is, That there is a certain limit to the fertility of the earth, both as to duration and to degree, at any particular time: that the nearer any soil approaches to the nature of pure garden-mould, the nearer it is to the most perfect degree of fertility; but that there are no hopes of keeping it perpetually in such a state, or in any degree of approximation to it, but by constant and regular manuring with dung. Lime, chalk, marle, &c may be proper to bring it near to this state, but are absolutely unfit to keep it continually so. They may indeed for several years produce large crops; but the more they increase the fertility for some years, the sooner will they bring on an absolute barrenness; while regular manuring with plenty of dung will always ensure the keeping up the soil in good condition, without any occasion for fallow. What we have said concerning the use of lime, &c. applies likewise to the practice of frequent ploughing, though in a less degree. This tends to meliorate ground that is naturally poor, by giving an opportunity to the vegetable parts to putrefy; but when that is done, it tends to exhaust, though not so much as lime. A judicious farmer will constantly strive to keep his lands always in good condition, rather than to make them suddenly much better; lest a few years should convince him that he was in reality doing almost irreparable mischief, while he fancied himself making improvements. As for the ridiculous notions of stimulating the ground by saline manures, we hope they will never enter the brain of any rational practitioner of agriculture.

SECT. IV. *Of the different kinds of Vegetables proper to be raised with a view to the Melioration of Soil.*

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Soil pulverized by  
certain vegetables.

THE methods of meliorating soils, which we have mentioned above, consisting of tedious and laborious operations that yield no return at first, it is natural for a farmer to wish for some method of meliorating his ground, and reaping crops at the same time. One very considerable step towards the melioration of ground is, its pulverization. This is accomplished by repeated ploughings (A), as already mentioned; especially if performed in autumn, that the ground may be exposed to

**Theory.** the winter's frost; but these ploughings yield no crop as long as the field is not sown. By planting in the field, however, those vegetables whose roots swell to a considerable bulk, the ground must constantly be acted upon by the swelling of their roots in all directions; and thus the growing of the crop itself may be equal, or superior, in efficacy to several ploughings, at the same time that the farmer enjoys the benefit of it. The plant most remarkable for the swelling of its roots is the potato; and by none is the ground meliorated more, or even so much. They are not, however, equally proper for all soils. In clay they do not thrive, nor are palatable; but in hard gravelly or sandy soils, they grow to a large size, and are of an excellent quality. Turnips likewise contribute to meliorate the ground, by the swelling of their roots, though not so much as potatoes. They have this advantage, however, that they will thrive in almost any soil. In clay ground, peas and beans thrive exceedingly well, and therefore are proper in this kind of soil as a preparatory for other kinds of grain. These push their roots deep into the ground, and cover it with their leaves more than other crops; so that the sun has not so much access as when it is covered with other kinds of grain. Wherever any of these kinds of vegetables are raised, it is observable, that more or less blackness is communicated to the soil: an evident sign of its melioration; this being the colour of the true vegetable mould, or *loamy soil*, as it is called.

Besides the above-mentioned plants, carrots, parsnips, cabbages, and all those vegetables which sink their roots deep in the ground, answer the same purpose of loosening and pulverising the earth; but as they will not thrive but on ground already well cultivated, they cannot be raised to any advantage for the purpose of meliorating a poor soil.

It hath been customary in many places, particularly in England, to sow turnips, pease, buck-wheat, &c. and then to plough them down for manuring the land. This being similar to that operation of nature by which she renders the uncultivated soils so exceedingly fertile, cannot fail of being attended with singular advantages; and might be looked upon as preferable even to driving dung on the land to fatten it, was it not attended with the entire loss of a crop for that year.

SECT. V. *Of destroying Weeds.*

WHAT we have already said regarding the cultivation of the soil, respects only the fitting it for producing all kinds of vegetables indiscriminately. Experience, however, shows, that the ground is naturally much more disposed to produce and nourish some kinds of vegetables than others; and those which the earth seems most to delight in, are commonly such as are of very little use to man; but if neglected, will increase to such a degree, as entirely to destroy the plants intended to be raised, or at least hinder them from coming to perfection, by depriving them of nourishment. The clearing the ground of weeds, therefore, is an article no less necessary in agriculture, than the disposing it to produce vegetables of any kind in plenty.

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(A) This, however, must be understood with some limitation: for it appears from experience, that many *light and thin* soils receive detriment rather than advantage from frequent ploughings; particularly in summer, when the sun exhales the nutritive particles in great abundance.

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Weeds di-  
vided into  
annual and  
perennial.

The weeds may be divided, according to the time of their duration, into *annual*, or such as spring from a seed, and die the same year; and *perennial*, that is, such as are propagated by the roots, and last for a number of years. The first kind are the least noxious, and most easily destroyed. For this purpose it will be sufficient to let them spring up till near the time of ripening their seed, and then plough them down before it comes to maturity. It is also of service to destroy such weeds as grow in borders, or neglected corners, and frequently scatter their seeds to a great distance; such as the thistle, dandelion, rag-weed, &c. for these are sufficient to propagate their species through a deal of ground; as their seeds are carried about with the wind to very considerable distances. A farmer ought also to take care, that the small seeds of weeds, separated from corn in winnowing, be not sown again upon the ground; for this certainly happens when they are thrown upon a dunghill; because, being the natural offspring of the earth, they are not easily destroyed. The best method of preventing any mischief from this cause, would be to burn them.

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Perennial  
weeds, how  
destroyed.

Perennial weeds cannot be effectually destroyed, but by removing the roots from the ground, which is often a matter of some difficulty. Many of these roots strike so deep in the ground, that they can scarcely be got out. The only method that can be depended upon in this case, is frequent ploughing, to render the ground as tender as possible; and harrowing with a particular kind of harrow, which shall hereafter be described, in order to collect these pernicious roots. When collected, they ought to be dried and burnt, as the only effectual method of insuring their doing no further mischief.

There is a particular species of weed, peculiar only to grass-lands, of a soft spongy nature, called *fog*, which it is found very difficult to exterminate. Where the land can be conveniently tilled, this weed may be destroyed by covering it with a crop of pease, potatoes, &c. or passing a heavy roller over the ground will be of great service; for fog owes its origin to too great a laxity of the soil, and will not grow upon firm ground.

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Broom,  
furze, &c.  
how de-  
stroyed.

Besides these kinds of weeds which are of an herbaceous nature, there are others which are woody, and grow to a very considerable size; such as broom, furze or whins, and thorns. *Broom* is an evergreen shrub, that thrives best in sandy soil; and there it grows so vigorously, as scarce to admit any grass under it. It propagates by seed which grows in pods; and these, when fully ripe, break with violence, scattering the seeds all around. Thus, a field which is overgrown with broom, besides the old plants, always contains an infinite number of young ones; so that though the old plants die when cut over, a fresh crop constantly springs up. It may, however, be destroyed by frequent ploughing and harrowing, in the same manner as other perennial weeds are; for it does not for some time carry any seed, and the frequent ploughing encourages the vegetation of all those that are already in the ground, which cannot fail of being destroyed by frequent repetitions of the operation. Another method of destroying broom, is by pasturing the field where it grows with sheep. A few of the old bushes may be left as a shelter, and these will be in a good measure prevented from spreading by the cropping of the sheep. These animals are very fond

of broom, and greedily devour every young shoot; so that if any remain after the first year, there will not be a vestige the second. If this method of extirpating broom is equally effectual with that of frequent ploughing, it is certainly much more profitable, as there is no food more nourishing to sheep than young broom. Broom, however, is said to have a singular effect upon sheep: it makes them drunk so effectually, that when heated with a little driving, they tumble over, and lie without motion.

The *whin* is a fine evergreen shrub, carrying a sweet-smelling flower all the year round. It propagates both by seed and by its roots, which spread sometimes to the distance of 10 or 12 feet; and hence, when once established, it is with difficulty extirpated. The best method is to set fire to the whins in frosty weather; for frost has the effect to wither whins, and make them burn readily. The stumps must then be cut over with a hatchet; and when the ground is well softened by rain, it may be ploughed up, and the roots taken out by a harrow adapted to that purpose. If the field is soon laid down to grass, the whins will again spring up in great abundance, from the seeds, and small parts of the roots left in the ground. In this case, pasturing with sheep is an effectual remedy; as they are no less fond of young whins than of young broom; and if they are a sufficient number, they will not leave a single plant above ground. But if grass is not immediately wanted, the most effectual method of clearing a field of whins, is by reiterated ploughings.

The *thorn*, or *bramble*, spreads its roots very wide, and at the same time sinks them deep in the earth. Though cut in the winter, it rises, and comes to such perfection as to carry fruit in summer. It can only be extirpated by ploughing up the ground, and collecting the roots.

#### SECT. VI. Of the most proper kinds of Vegetables to be raised for the purposes of feeding Cattle.

THOUGH this must be an article of the utmost consequence to every farmer, we do not find that it has been much considered. Mr Anderson seems to have been the first writer on agriculture who hath properly attended to this subject; and what he hath wrote upon it, is rather a catalogue of desiderata, than any thing else: and indeed the desiderata on this subject are so many and so great, that we must acknowledge ourselves very unable to fill them up.—To attain to a competent knowledge in this respect, the following things must be taken into consideration. (1.) The wholesomeness of the food for cattle, with regard to health and strength, or fatness. (2.) The quantity that any extent of ground is capable of yielding. (3.) The quantity necessary to feed the different kinds of cattle. (4.) The labour of cultivation; and, (5.) The soil they require to bring them to perfection, and the effect they have upon it.

With regard to the wholesomeness, it is plain, that as the natural food of wild cattle is the green succulent plants they meet with all the year round, food of this kind, could it be had, must be preferable to hay; and accordingly we find that cattle will always prefer succulent vegetables where they can get them. To find plants

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Qualities of  
the food re-  
quisite for  
cattle.

**Theory.** plants of this kind, and having proper qualities in other respects, we must search among those which continue green all the year round, or come to their greatest perfection in the winter-time.—Of these, cabbages bid fair for holding the first place; both as being very succulent, and a very large quantity of them growing upon a small space of ground. In Mr Young's Six Months Tour, we have an account of the produce of cabbages in many different places, and on a variety of soils. The produce by Mr Crow at Keplin, on a clay soil, was, on an average of six years, 35 tons per acre; by Mr Smelt at the Leases, on a sandy gravel, 38 tons per acre; by Mr Scroop at Danby, on an average of six years, 37 tons per acre: and the general average of all the accounts given by Mr Young, is 36 tons per acre.

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Cabbages,  
their pro-  
perties.

Cabbages, however, have the great inconveniency of sometimes imparting a disagreeable flavour to the milk of cows fed with them, and even to the flesh of other cattle. This, it is said, may be prevented by carefully picking off the decayed and withered leaves: and very probably this is the case; for no vegetable inclines more to putrefaction than this; and therefore particular care ought to be taken to pull off all the leaves that have any symptoms of decay. Dr Priestley found that air was rendered noxious by a cabbage-leaf remaining in it for one night, though the leaf did not show any symptom of putrefaction.—For milk-cows, probably the cabbages might be rendered more proper food by boiling them.

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Air rendered  
noxious  
by them.

The culture of the turnip-rooted cabbage has lately been much practised, and greatly recommended, particularly for the purpose of a late spring seed; and seems indeed to be a more important article in the farming œconomy, as will be shown in its proper place.

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Turnip-  
rooted cab-  
bage.

Turnips likewise produce very bulky crops, though far inferior to those of cabbages. According to Mr Young's calculation, the finest soil does not produce above five tons of turnips per acre; which is indeed a very great disproportion: but possibly such a quantity of turnips may not be consumed by cattle as of cabbages; an ox, of 80 stone weight, eat 210 lb. of cabbages in 24 hours, besides seven pound of hay.

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Turnips.

Carrots are found to be an excellent food for cattle of all kinds, and are greatly relished by them. In a rich sand, according to Mr Young's account, the produce of this root was 200 bushels per acre. In a finer soil, it was 640 bushels per acre. A lean hog was fattened by carrots in ten days time: he eat 196 lb.; and his fat was very fine, white, firm, and did not boil away in the dressing. They were preferred to turnips by the cattle; which having tasted the carrots, soon became so fond of them, as difficultly to be made to eat the turnips at all. It is probable, indeed, that carrots will make a more wholesome food for cattle than either cabbages or turnips, as they are strongly antiseptic; inasmuch as to be used in poultices for correcting the fancies of cancers. It is probably owing to this, that the milk of cows fed on carrots is never found to have any bad taste. Six horses kept on them thro' the winter without oats, performed their work as usual, and looked equally well. This may be looked upon as a proof of their salubrity as a food; and it certainly can be no detriment to a farmer to be so much versant in medical matters, as to know the impropriety of

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Carrots.

giving putrescent food to his cattle. It is well known, what a prodigious difference there is in the health of the human species when fed on putrid meats, in comparison of what they enjoy when supplied with food of a contrary nature; and why may there not be a difference in the health of beasts, as well as of men, when in similar circumstances?—It is also very probable, that as carrots are more solid than cabbages or turnips, they will go much farther in feeding cattle than either of them. The above-mentioned example of the hog seems some kind of confirmation of this; he being fed, for ten days together, with 21 lb. less weight of carrots than what an ox devoured of cabbages and hay in one day. There is a great disproportion, it must be owned, between the bulk of an ox and that of a hog; but we can scarce think that an ox will eat as much at a time as ten hogs. At Parlinton in Yorkshire, 20 work-horses, four bullocks, and six milk-cows, were fed on the carrots that grew on three acres, from the end of September till the beginning of May; and the animals never tasted any other food but a little hay. The milk was excellent, and 30 hogs were fattened upon what was left by the other cattle.

**Theory.**

Potatoes likewise appear to be a very palatable food for all kinds of cattle; and not only oxen, hogs, &c. are easily fed by them, but even poultry. The cheapness of potatoes compared with other kinds of food for cattle, cannot well be known, as, besides the advantage of the crop, they improve the ground more than any other known vegetable. According to a correspondent of the Bath Society\*, "roasting pork is never so moist and delicate as when fed with potatoes, and killed from the barn-door, without any confinement. For bacon and hams, two bushels of pea-meal should be well incorporated with four bushels of boiled potatoes, which quantity will fat a hog of twelve stone (fourteen pounds to the stone). Cows are particularly fond of them: half a bushel at night, and the same proportion in the morning, with a small quantity of hay, is sufficient to keep three cows in full milk; they will yield as much and as sweet butter as the best grass. In fattening cattle, I allow them all they will eat: a beast of about 35 stone will require a bushel per day, but will fatten one-third sooner than on turnips. The potatoes should be clean washed, and not given until they are dry. They do not require boiling for any purpose but fattening hogs for bacon, or poultry; the latter eat them greedily. I prefer the champion potato to any sort I ever cultivated. They do not answer so well for horses and colts as I expected (at least they have not with me), though some other gentlemen have approved of them as substitutes for oats."

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Potatoes.

\*Letters and  
Papers on  
Agriculture,  
&c. vol. iii.  
art. 16.

The above-mentioned vegetables have all of them the property of meliorating, rather than exhausting the soil; and this is certainly a very valuable qualification: but carrots and cabbages will not thrive except in soils that are already well cultivated; while potatoes and turnips may be used as the first crops of a soil with great advantage. In this respect they are greatly superior to the others; as it may be disagreeable to take up the best grounds of a farm with plants designed only for food to cattle.

Buck-wheat (*Polygonum fagopyrum*) has been lately recommended as an useful article in the present as well as other respects. It has been chiefly applied to the

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Buck-  
wheat.

**Theory.** feeding of hogs, and esteemed equal in value to barley; it is much more easily ground than barley, as a malt-mill will grind it completely. Horses are very fond of the grain; poultry of all sorts are speedily fattened by it; and the blossom of the plant affords food for bees at a very opportune season of the year, when the meadows and trees are mostly stripped of their flowers. Probably the grain may hereafter be even found a material article in distillation, should a sufficient quantity be raised with that view. From the success of some experiments detailed in the Bath Society Papers, and for which a premium was bestowed, it has been inferred, that this article ought in numerous cases to supersede the practice of summer-fallowing.

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Whins an  
excellent  
food for  
horses.

Whins have lately been recommended as a very proper food for cattle, especially horses; and are recommended by Mr Anderson in a particular manner. They have this advantage, that they require no culture, and grow on the very worst soil; but they are troublesome to cut, and require to be bruised in a mill constructed for this purpose; neither is the ground at all meliorated by letting whins grow upon it for any length of time. Notwithstanding these disadvantages, however, as whins continue green all the year round, and when bruised will afford an excellent succulent food, which seems possessed of strongly invigorating qualities, they may be looked upon as the cheapest winter-food that can possibly be given to cattle.—According to the calculations of Mr Eddison of Gateford, a single acre, well cropped with whins, will winter six horses: at three or four years growth, the whole crop should be taken, cut close to the ground, and carried to the mill; in which the whins are to be bruised, and then given to the horses. Four acres ought to be planted, that one may be used each year, at the proper age to be cut; and he reckons the labour of one man sufficient for providing food to this number of horses. He says they all prefer the whins to hay, or even to corn.

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Burnet.

The herb called *burnet* hath likewise been recommended as proper food for cattle, on account of its being an evergreen; and further recommended, by growing almost as fast in winter as in summer. Of this herb, however, we have very various accounts. In a letter addressed by Sir James Caldwell, F. R. S. to the Dublin Society, the culture of this plant is strongly recommended on the authority of one Bartholomew Rocque, farmer at Walham-Green, a village about three miles south-west of London.

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Recommended by  
Sir James  
Caldwell.

What gave occasion to the recommendation of this plant, was, that about the year 1760, Mr Wych, chairman of the committee of Agriculture of the London Society for the encouragement of arts, manufactures, and commerce, came to Rocque (who was become very eminent by the premiums he had received from the society), and told him, he had been thinking, that as there are many animals which subsist wholly upon the fruits of the earth, there must certainly be some plant or herb fit for them that naturally vegetates in winter; otherwise we must believe the Creator, infinitely wise and good, to have made creatures without providing for their subsistence; and that if there had been no such plants or herbs, many species of animals would have perished before we took them out of the hands of nature, and provided for them dry meat at a season, when, indigenous plants having been indiscriminately

**Theory.** excluded, under the name of weeds, from cultivated fields and places set apart for natural grass, green or fresh meat was no longer to be found.

Rocque allowed the force of this reasoning; but said, the knowledge of a grass, or artificial pasture, that would vegetate in winter, and produce green fodder for cattle, was lost; at least, that he knew of no such plant.—Mr Wych, however, knowing how very great the advantage would be of discovering a green fodder for winter and early in the spring, wrote to Berne, and also to some considerable places in Sweden, stating the same argument, and asking the same question. His answers to these letters were the same that had been given by Rocque. They owned there must be such a plant, but declared they did not know it.

Mr Wych then applied again to Rocque; and desired him to search for the plant so much desired, and so certainly existing. Rocque set about this search with great assiduity; and finding that a pimpernel, called *burnet*, was of very speedy growth, and grew near as fast in winter as in summer, he took a handful of it and carried it into his stable, where there were five horses; every one of which eat it with the greatest eagerness, snatching it even without first smelling it. Upon the success of this experiment he went to London, and bought all the burnet-feed he could get, amounting to no more than eight pounds, it having been only used in salads; and he paid for it at the rate of 4s. a pound. Six of the eight pounds of seed he sowed upon half an acre of ground, in March, in the year 1761, with a quarter of a peck of spring-wheat, both by hand. The seed being very bad, it came up but thin. However, he sowed the other two pounds in the beginning of June, upon about six rood of ground: this he mowed in the beginning of August; and at Michaelmas he planted off the plants on about 20 rood of ground, giving each plant a foot every way, and taking care not to bury the heart. These plants bore two crops of seed the year following; the first about the middle of June, the second about the middle of September; but the June crop was the best. The year after, it grew very rank, and produced two crops of seed, both very good. As it ought not to be cut after September, he let it stand till the next year; when it sheltered itself, and grew very well during all the winter, except when there was a hard frost; and even during the frost it continued green, though it was not perceived to grow. In the March following it covered the ground very well, and was fit to receive cattle.

If the winter is not remarkably severe, the burnet, though cut in September, will be 18 inches long in March; and it may be fed from the beginning of February till May: if the cattle are taken off in May, there will be a good crop of seed in the beginning of July. Five weeks after the cattle are taken off, it may be removed, if that is preferred to its standing for seed; it grows at the rate of an inch a-day, and is made into hay like other grass. It may be mown three times in one summer, and should be cut just before it begins to flower. Six rood of ground has produced 1150 pounds at the first cutting of the third year after it was sowed; and, in autumn 1763, Rocque sold no less than 300 bushels of the seed.

According to Rocque, the soil in which burnet flourishes best, is a dry gravel; the longest drought never  
hurts.

**Theory.** hurts it : and Sir James Caldwell asserts, that he saw a very vigorous and exuberant plant of this kind, growing from between two bricks in a wall in Rocque's ground, without any communication with the soil ; for he had cut away all the fibres of the root that had stretched downward, and penetrated the earth, long before.

Burnet was found equally fit for feeding cows, sheep, and horses ; but the sicep must not be suffered to crop it too close. Though no seed was left among the hay, yet it proved nourishing food ; and Rocque kept a horse upon nothing else, who, at the time of writing the account, was in good heart, and looked well. He affirmed also, that it cured horses of the distemper called the *grease*, and that by its means he cured one which was thought incurable ; but says, it is only the first crop which has this effect.

This is the substance of Sir James Caldwell's letter to the Dublin Society, at least as to what regards the culture of burnet ; and it might reasonably be expected, that a plant, whose use was recommended to the public with so much parade, would soon have come into universal esteem. We were surprised, therefore, on looking into Mr Miller's Dictionary, to find the following words, under the article *Poterium*:—"This plant has of late been recommended by *persons of little skill*, to be sown as a winter pabulum for cattle : but whoever will give themselves the trouble to examine the grounds where it naturally grows, will find the plants left uneaten by the cattle, when the grass about them has been cropped to the roots ; besides, in wet winters, and in strong land, the plants are of short duration, and therefore very unfit for that purpose : nor is the produce sufficient to tempt any person of skill to engage in its culture ; therefore I wish those persons to make trial of it in small quantities, before they embark largely in these new schemes."—Mr Anderson, too, in his *Essays on Agriculture*, mentions the produce of burnet being so small, as not to be worth cultivating.

Upon the authority of Mr Rocque, likewise, the white beet is recommended as a most excellent food for cows ; that it vegetates during the whole winter, consequently is very forward in the spring ; and that the most profitable way of feeding cows, is, to mow this herb, and give it to them green all the summer. It grew in Rocque's garden, during a very great drought, no less than four feet high, from the 30th of May to the 3d of July : which is no more than one month and four days. In summer it grows more than an inch a day, and is best sown in March : a bushel is enough for an acre, and will not cost more than ten shillings. It thrives best in a rich, deep, light soil : the stalks are very thick and succulent ; the cows should therefore eat them green.

Another species of bect (*Beta cicla*), the Mangel Wurzel, or *Root of Scarcity*, as it has been called, has been lately extolled as food both for man and cattle ; but, after all, seems only to deserve attention in the latter view. It is a biennial plant ; the root is large and fleshy, sometimes a foot in diameter. It rises above the ground several inches, is thickest at the top, tapering gradually downward. The roots are of various colours, white, yellow, and red ; but these last are always of a much paler colour than bectrave. It is good fodder for cows, and does not communicate any taste to the milk. It produces great abundance of leaves

in summer, which may be cut three or four times without injuring the plant. The leaves are more palatable to cattle than most other garden plants, and are found to be very wholesome. The farmers in those parts of Germany where it is chiefly cultivated, we are told, prefer this species of bect, for feeding cattle, to cabbages, principally because they are not so liable to be hurt by worms or insects ; but they think they are not so nourishing as turnips, potatoes, or carrots, and that cattle are not nearly so soon fattened by this root as by carrots, parsnips, or cabbages. It has even been asserted, that this root affords less nourishment than any of those that have been commonly employed for feeding cattle. This does not correspond with the pompous accounts with which the public has been entertained. Upon the whole, however, it is a plant which seems to deserve the attention of farmers ; as on some soils, and in particular circumstances, it may prove a very useful article for the above purposes.

In Mr Anderson's essays, we find it recommended to make trial of some kinds of grasses, which probably would not only answer for fresh fodder during the winter, but might also be cut for hay in summer. This is particularly the case with that species called *sheep's fescue-grass*. "I had (says he) a small patch of this grass in winter 1773 ; which, having been cut in the month of August or September preceding, was saved from that period, and had advanced before winter to the length of five or six inches ; forming the closest pile that could be imagined. And although we had about six weeks of very intense frost, with snow ; and about other six weeks, immediately succeeding that, of exceeding keen frost every night, with frequent thaws in the day-time, without any snow, during which time almost every green thing was destroyed ; yet this little patch continued all along to retain as fine a verdure as any meadow in the month of May ; hardly a point of a leaf having been withered by the uncommon severity of the weather. And as this grass begins to vegetate very early in the spring, I leave the reader to judge what might be the value of a field of grass of this kind in these circumstances."

Of another kind of grass, called *purple fescue*, Mr Anderson gives the following character. "It retained its verdure much better than rye-grass during the winter-season ; but it had more of its points killed by the weather than the former. It likewise rises in the spring at least as early as rye-grass."

This ingenious farmer has also made experiments on the culture of these and several other kinds of grasses ; which, being very well worthy of attention, we shall here insert.

1. *Purple fescue-grass*. "Although this grass is very often found in old pastures, yet as it has but few flower-stalks, and as it is greedily eat by all domestic animals, these are seldom suffered to appear ; so that it usually remains there unperceived. But it seems to be better able to endure the peculiar acrimony of the dung of dogs than almost any other plant ; and is therefore often to be met with in *dog-hills*, as I call the little hills by road-sides where dogs usually piss and dung : and as it is allowed to grow there, undisturbed, the farmer may have an opportunity of examining the plant, and becoming acquainted with its appearance.

"The leaves are long and small, and appear to be roundish,

50 Burnet reckoned an improper food by Mr Miller and Mr Anderson.

51 White beet recommended.

52 Root of Scarcity.

**Theory.**

53 Sheep's fescue-grass.

54 Purple fescue-grass.

Theory. roundish, somewhat like a wire; but, upon examination, they are found not to be tubulated like a reed or rush; the sides of the leaf being only folded together from the middle rib, exactly like the strong bent-grass on the sea-shore. The flower-stalk is small, and branches out in the head, a little resembling the wild-oat; only the grains are much smaller, and the ear does not spread full open, but lies bending a little to one side. The stalks are often spotted with reddish freckles, and the tops of the roots are usually tinged with the same colour; from whence it has probably obtained its distinctive name of *Festuca rubra*, or red (purple) fescue.

“ It is often to be met with in old garden-walks; and, as its leaves advance very quickly after cutting, it may usually be discovered above the other grasses, about a week or fortnight after the walks are cut. Nor do they seem to advance only at one season, and then stop and decay, like the rye-grass; but continue to advance during the whole of the summer, even where they are not cut; so that they sometimes attain a very great length. Last season, (1774,) I measured a leaf of this grass, that sprung up in a neglected corner, which was four feet and four inches in length, although not thicker than a small wire. It is unnecessary to add, that these leaves naturally trail upon the ground, unless where they meet with some accidental support; and that if any quantity of it is suffered to grow for a whole season, without being eat down or cut, the roots of the leaves are almost rotted, by the overshadowing of the tops of the other leaves, before the end of the season.

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Appear-  
ance in its  
cultivated  
state.

“ This is the appearance and condition of the plant in its native situation: as it is seldom that it is discovered but in pretty old pastures, and as in that state it carries only a very few seed-stalks, it was with some difficulty that I could collect a small handful of the seed, which I carefully sowed in a small patch of garden-mould, to try if it could be easily cultivated. It came up as quickly as any other kind of grass, but was at first as small as hairs: the leaves, however, advanced apace; and were, before autumn, when the grain with which they had been sowed was cut down, about 16 or 18 inches in length: but having been sown very thin, it was necessary to pick out some other kinds of grass that came up amongst it, lest it might have been choaked by them. Early next spring it advanced with prodigious vigour, and the tufts that were formed from every seed became exceeding large; so that it quickly filled the whole ground. But now the leaves were almost as broad as those of common rye-grass, and the two sides only inclined a little towards one another from the mid-rib, without any appearance of roundness. In due time a great many seed-stalks sprung out, which attained very nearly to the height of four feet, and produced seeds in abundance; which may be as easily sowed as those of common rye-grass.

“ The prodigious difference between this plant in its native and cultivated state amazed me; but it was with a good deal of satisfaction that I found there would be no difficulty of procuring seeds from it, which I had much doubted of at first. It would seem, that nature hath endowed this plant with a strong generative power during its youth, which it gradually loses as it advances in age (for the difference perceived in this case could not be attributed to the richness of the soil): and that, on the contrary, when it was old, the leaves

advanced with an additional vigour, in proportion to the declining strength of the flower-stalks: for the leaves of the young plant seldom exceed two feet, whereas numbers of the old leaves were near four feet in length.

“ From these peculiarities in the growth of this plant, it would seem to promise to be of great use to the farmer; as he could reap from a field of it, for the first two or three years, as great a weight of hay as he could obtain from any of the culmiferous grasses (these bearing a long jointed stalk); and, if he meant afterwards to pasture it, he would suffer no inconveniences from the flower-stalks; and the succulent leaves that continue to vegetate during the whole summer, would at all times furnish his cattle with abundance of wholesome food. It has also been remarked, that this grass rises as early in the spring as rye grass; and continues green for the greatest part of winter, which the other does not. It is moreover an abiding plant, as it seems never to wear out of the ground where it has once been established. On all which accounts, it appears to me highly to merit the attention of the farmer; and well deserves to have its several qualities, and the culture that best agrees with it, ascertained by accurate experiments.

2. “ *Sheep's fescue grass*, or *festuca ovina*, is much praised by the Swedish naturalists for its singular value as a pasture-grass for sheep; this animal being represented as fonder of it than of any other grass, and fattening upon it more quickly than on any other kind of food whatever. And indeed, the general appearance of the plant, and its peculiar manner of growth, seems very much to favour the accounts that have been given us of it.

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Sheep's fescue described.

“ This plant is of the same family with the former, and agrees with it in several respects; although they may be easily distinguished from one another. Its leaves, like the former, in its natural state, are always rounded, but much smaller; being little bigger than large horse-hairs, or swine-bristles, and seldom exceed six or seven inches in length. But these spring out of the root in tufts, so close upon one another, that they resemble, in this respect, a close hair-brush more than any thing else I know: so that it would seem naturally adapted to form that thick short pile of grass in which sheep are known chiefly to delight. Its flower-stalks are numerous, and sometimes attain the height of two feet: but are more usually about 12 or 15 inches high.

“ Upon gathering the seeds of this plant, and sowing them as the former, it was found that they sprung up as quickly as any other kind of grass; but the leaves are at first no bigger than a human hair. From each side springs up one or two of these hair-like filaments, that in a short time send out new off-sets, so as quickly to form a sort of tuft, which grows larger and larger, till it at length attains a very large size, or till all the intervals are closed up, and then it forms the closest pile of grass that it is possible to imagine. In April and May it pushed forth an innumerable quantity of flower-stalks, that afforded an immense quantity of hay; it being so close throughout, that the scythe could scarcely penetrate it. This was allowed to stand till the seeds ripened; but the bottom of the stalks were quite blanched, and almost rotted for want of air before that time.

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Its appearance when cultivated.

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“ This was the appearance that it made the first year after it was sowed : but I have reason to think, that, after a few years, it likewise produces fewer seed-stalks, and a greater quantity of leaves than at first. But however that may be, it is certain, that if these are eat down in the spring, it does not, like rye-grass, persist in a continued tendency to run to seed ; but is at once determined to push forth a quantity of leaves without almost any stalks at all : and as all domestic animals, but more especially sheep, are extremely fond of this grass, if they have liberty to pasture where it grows, they bite it so close as never to suffer almost a single seed-stalk to escape them ; so that the botanist will often search in vain for it, when he is treading upon it with his feet. The best way to discover it in any pasture, is to search for it in the winter, when the tufts of it may be easily distinguished from every other kind of grass, by their extraordinary closeness, and the deep green colour of the leaves.

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What soil most proper.

“ It seems to grow in almost any soil ; altho' it is imagined that it would flourish best in a light sandy soil, as it can evidently live with less moisture than almost any other kind of grass ; being often seen to remain in the sods that have been employed in coping for stonedikes, after all the other grasses that grew in them have disappeared. It is likewise found in poor barren soils, where hardly any other plant can be made to grow at all ; and on the surface of dry worn-out peat-moss, where no moisture remains sufficient to support any other plant whatever : but in neither of these situations does it thrive ; as it is there only a weak and unsightly plant, very unlike what it is when it has the good fortune to be established upon a good soil ; although it is seldom met with in this last state than in the former.

“ I will not here repeat what has been already said about the particular property that this plant possesses of continuing all winter ; nor point out the benefits that the farmer may reap from this valuable quality.—He need not, however, expect to find any verdure in winter on such plants as grow upon the loose mossy soil above-mentioned ; for as the frost in winter always hoves up the surface of this soil, the roots of the plants are so lacerated thereby, as to make it, for some time in the spring, to all appearance dead. Nor will he often perceive much verdure in winter upon those plants that grow upon poor hungry soils, which cannot afford abundant nourishment to keep them in a proper state of vegetation at all times : but such plants as grow on earthen dykes, which usually begin to vegetate with vigour when the autumnal rains come on, for the most part retain their verdure at that season almost as well as if they were in good garden-mould.

“ I have been very particular in regard to this plant ; because, in as far as my observations have yet gone, it promises on many accounts to make a most valuable acquisition to the farmer, and therefore justly demands a very particular share of his attention.”

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Holcus lanatus.

3. The *holcus lanatus*, or creeping soft-grass of Hudson.—This is considered by our author as one of the most valuable kinds of meadow-grasses ; its pile being exceedingly close, soft, and succulent. It delights much in moisture, and is seldom found on dry ground ; unless the soil is exceeding rich. It is often found on those patches near springs, over which the water frequently flows ; and may be known by the uncommon

softness and succulence of the blade, the lively light green colour of the leaves and the matted intertexture of its roots. But, notwithstanding the softness of its first leaves, when the seed-stalks advance, they are rough to the touch, so that the plant then assumes a very different appearance from what we would have expected. The ear is branched out into a great number of fine ramifications somewhat like the oat, but much smaller.—This kind of grass, however, would not be easily cultivated, on account of a kind of soft membrane that makes the feeds adhere to the stalk, and to one another after they are separated from it, as if they were intermixed with cobweb, so that it is difficult to get them separated from the stalk, or to spread readily in sowing. It spreads, however, so fast by its running roots, that a small quantity sowed very thin, would be sufficient to stock a large field in a short time.

These are the kinds of grasses, properly so called, which have not as yet been cultivated, that Mr Anderson thinks the most likely to be of value ; but, besides these, he recommends the following, of the peat-tribe.

1. *Milk-vetch, liquorice-vetch, or milkwort.* This plant, in some respects, very much resembles the common white clover ; from the top of the root a great number of shoots come out in the spring, spreading along the surface of the ground every way around it ; from which arise a great many clusters of bright yellow flowers, exactly resembling those of the common broom. These are succeeded by hard round pods, filled with small kidney-shaped seeds. From a supposed resemblance of a cluster of these pods to the fingers of an open hand, the plant has been sometimes called *ladies-fingers*. By others it is called *crow-toes*, from a fancied resemblance of the pods to the toes of a bird. Others, from the appearance of the blossom, and the part where the plant is found, have called it *feal*, improperly *fell-broom*. It is found plentifully almost every where in old-grass-fields ; but as every species of domestic animals eat it, almost in preference to any other plant, it is seldom allowed to come to the flower in pasture-grounds, unless where they have been accidentally saved from the cattle for some time ; so that it is only about the borders of corn-fields, or the sides of inclosures to which cattle have not access, that we have an opportunity of observing it. As it has been imagined that the cows which feed on these pastures, where this plant abounds, yield a quantity of rich milk, the plant has, from that circumstance, obtained its most proper English name of *milk-vetch*.

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One of the greatest recommendations of this plant is, that it grows in poor barren ground, where almost no other plant can live. It has been observed in ground so poor, that even heath, or ling (*erica communis*), would scarcely grow ; and upon bare obdurate clays, where no other plant could be made to vegetate ; in-somuch that the surface remained entirely uncovered, unless where a plant of this kind chanced to be established ; yet even in these unfavourable circumstances, it flourished with an uncommon degree of luxuriance, and yielded as tender and succulent, though not such abundant shoots, as if reared in the richest manured fields. In dry barren sands, also, where almost no other plant could be made to live, it has been found to send out such a number of healthy shoots all around, as

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Theory. to cover the earth with the closest and most beautiful carpet that can be desired.

The stalks of the milk-vetch are weak and slender, so that they spread upon the surface of the ground, unless they are supported by some other vegetable. In ordinary soils they do not grow to a great length, nor produce many flowers; but in richer fields the stalks grow to a much greater length, branch out a good deal, but carry few or no flowers or seeds. From these qualities our author did not attempt at first to cultivate it with any other view than that of pasture; and, with this intention, sowed it with his ordinary hay-seeds, expecting no material benefit from it till he desisted from cutting his field. In this, however, he was agreeably disappointed; the milk-vetch growing, the first season, as tall as his great clover, and forming exceeding fine hay; being scarce distinguishable from lucerne, but by the slenderness of the stalk, and proportional smallness of the leaf.

Another recommendation to this plant is, that it is perennial. It is several years after it is sowed before it attains to its full perfection; but, when once established, it probably remains for a great number of years in full vigour, and produces annually a great quantity of fodder. In autumn 1773, Mr Anderson cut the stalk from an old plant that grew on a very indifferent soil; and after having thoroughly dried it, he found that it weighed 14 ounces and a half.

The stalks of this plant die down entirely in winter, and do not come up in the spring till the same time that clover begins to advance; nor does it advance very fast, even in the summer, when once cut down or eat over: so that it seems much inferior to the abovementioned grasses; but might be of use to cover the worst parts of a farm, on which no other vegetable could thrive.

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Yellow  
vetchling.

2. The *common yellow vetchling*, (*Lathyrus pratensis*) or *everlasting tare*, grows with great luxuriance in stiff clay soils, and continues to yield annually a great weight of fodder, of the very best quality, for any length of time. This is equally fit for pasture, or hay; and grows with equal vigour in the end of summer as in the beginning of it; so would admit being pastured upon in the spring, till the middle, or even the end of May, without endangering the loss of the crop of hay. This is an advantage which no other plant except clover possesses; but clover is equally unfit for early pasture or for hay. Sain-foin is the only plant whose qualities approach to it in this respect, and the yellow vetchling will grow in such soils as are utterly unfit for producing sain-foin.—It is also a perennial plant, and increases so fast by its running roots, that a small quantity of the seed would produce a sufficient number of plants to fill a whole field in a very short time. If a small patch of good ground is sowed with the seeds of this plant in rows, about a foot distance from one another, and the intervals kept clear of weeds for that season, the roots will spread so much as to fill up the whole patch next year; when the stalks may be cut for green fodder or hay. And if that patch were dug over in the spring following, and the roots taken out, it would furnish a great quantity of plants, which might be planted at two or three feet distance from one another, where they would probably overspread the whole field in a short time.

3. The *common blue tare* seems more likely than the former to produce a more nourishing kind of hay, as it abounds much more in seeds; but as the stalks come up more thinly from the root, and branch more above, it does not appear to be so well adapted for a pasture-grass as the other. The leaves of this plant are much smaller, and more divided, than those of the other; the stalks are likewise smaller, and grow to a much greater length. Though it produces a great quantity of seeds, yet the small birds are so fond of them, that, unless the field was carefully guarded, few of them would be allowed to ripen.

4. The *Vicia sepium*, *purple everlasting*, or *bush-vetch*. Our author gives the preference to this plant beyond all others of the same tribe for pasture. The roots of it spread on every side a little below the surface of the ground, from which, in the spring, many stems arise quite close by one another; and as these have a broad tufted top covered with many leaves, it forms as close a pile as could be desired. It grows very quickly after being cut or crot, but does not arrive at any great height; so that it appears more proper for pasturage than making hay; altho', upon a good soil, it will grow sufficiently high for that purpose; but the stalks grow so close upon one another, that there is great danger of having it rotted at the root, if the season should prove damp. It seems to thrive best in a clay soil.

Besides these, there are a variety of others of the same class, which he thinks might be useful to the farmer. The common garden everlasting pea, cultivated as a flowering plant, he conjectures, would yield a prodigious weight of hay upon an acre; as it grows to the height of ten or twelve feet, having very strong stalks, that could support themselves without rotting till they attained a great height.

65  
Everlasting  
pea.

66  
Achillæa  
millefolium.

One other plant, hitherto unnoticed, is recommended by our author to the attention of the farmer; it is the *common yarrow*, (*Achillea millefolium*), or *hundred-leaved grass*. Concerning this plant, he remarks, that, in almost every fine old pasture, a great proportion of the growing vegetables with which the field is covered, consists of it; but the animals which feed there are so fond of the yarrow, as never to allow one seed-stalk of it to come to perfection. Hence the seed-stalks are never found but in neglected corners, or by the sides of roads; and are so disagreeable to cattle, that they are never tasted; and thus it has been erroneously thought that the whole plant was refused by them.—The leaves of this plant have a great tendency to grow very thick upon one another, and are therefore peculiarly adapted for pasturage. It arrives at its greatest perfection in rich fields that are naturally fit for producing a large and succulent crop of grass. It grows also upon clays; and is among the first plants that strike root in any barren clay that has been lately dug from any considerable depth; so that this plant, and thistles, are usually the first that appear on the banks of deep ditches formed in a clayey soil. All animals delight to eat it; but, from the dry aromatic taste it possesses, it would seem peculiarly favourable to the constitution of sheep. It seems altogether unfit for hay.

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Lucerne.

Besides these plants, which are natives of Great Britain, there are others, which, though natives of other countries, are found to thrive very well in that climate; and have been raised with such success by individuals

**Theory.** viduals, as highly to merit the attention of every farmer. Among these the first place is claimed by lucerne.

This is the plant called *medica* by the ancients, because it came originally from Media, and on the culture of which they bestowed such great care and pains. It hath a perennial root, and annual stalks, which in good soil, rise to three feet, or sometimes more in height: its leaves grow at a joint like those of clover; the flowers which appear in June, are purple, and its pods of a screw-like shape, containing seeds which ripen in September. All sorts of domestic cattle are fond of this plant especially when allowed to eat it green, and black cattle may be fed very well with the hay made from it; but an excess of this food is said to be very dangerous.

Lucerne has the property of growing very quickly after it is cut down, inasmuch that Mr Rocque has moved it five times in a season, and Mr Anderson affirms he has cut it no less than six times. It is, however, not very easily cultivated; in consequence of which it sometimes does not succeed; and as it dies entirely in the winter, it is perhaps inferior to the fescue grasses already mentioned, which, tho' despised and neglected, might probably yield as rich a crop as lucerne, without any danger of a miscarriage.

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Timothy-grass.

Another grass was brought from Virginia, where it is a native, and sown by Rocque in 1663. This grass is called *Timothy*, from its being brought from New-York to Carolina by one Timothy Hanson. It grows best in a wet soil; but will thrive in almost any. If it is sown in August, it will be fit for cutting in the latter end of May or beginning of June. Horses are very fond of it, and will leave lucerne to eat it. It is also preferred by black cattle and sheep; for a square piece of land having been divided into four equal parts, and one part sowed with lucerne, another with fan-foin, a third with clover, and the fourth with timothy, some horses, black cattle, and sheep, were turned into it, when the plants were all in a condition for pasturage; and the timothy was eaten quite bare, before the clover, lucerne, or fan-foin, was touched.

One valuable property of this grass is, that its roots are so strong and interwoven with one another, that they render the wettest and softest land, on which a horse could not find footing, firm enough to bear the heaviest cart. With the view of improving boggy lands, therefore, so as to prevent their being poached with the feet of cattle, Mr Anderson recommends the cultivation of this kind of grass, from which he has little expectation in other respects.

### SECT. VII. *Of the Diseases of Plants.*

THESE are divided by Tournefort into the following classes. 1. Those which arise from too great an abundance of juice; 2. From having too little; 3. From its bad qualities; 4. From its unequal distribution; and 5. From external accidents.

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Effects of too great an abundance of juices.

Too great an abundance of juices causes at first a prodigious luxuriant growth of the vegetable; so that it does not come to the requisite perfection in a due time. Wheat is subject, in some climates, to a disease of this kind; it vegetates excessively, without ever carrying ripe grain; and the same disease may be artificially produced in any grain, by planting it in too rich a soil. Too much rain is apt likewise to do the same. When a vegetable is supplied too abundantly with ju-

ces, it is very apt to rot; one part of it overshadowing another in such a manner as to prevent the access of fresh air: upon which putrefaction soon ensues, as has been already observed with regard to the fescue grasses.

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In grass, or any herbaceous plant, where the leaves are only wanted, this over luxuriance cannot be called a disease, but is a very desirable property; but in any kind of grain it is quite otherwise. Dr Home, in his Principles of Agriculture and Vegetation, classes the *smut* in grain among the diseases arising from this cause. He is of opinion, that too great an abundance of juices in a vegetable will produce diseases similar to those occasioned by repletion in animal-bodies; viz. stagnations, corruptions, varices, cariosities, &c. along with the too great luxuriance we have just now mentioned, which he expresses by "too great an abundance of water-shoots." Hence he is induced to class the smut among diseases arising from this cause; it being a corruption happening most in rainy seasons, and to weak grain.—Like other contagious diseases, he tells us, the smut may be communicated from the infected to healthy grain. As a preventative, he recommends steeping the grain in a strong pickle of sea-salt. Besides the effect which this has upon the grain itself, it is useful for separating the good from the bad; the best seed falling to the bottom, and the faulty swimming on the top of the liquor.—For the same purpose, a ley of wood-ashes and quicklime is recommended by some; and, by others, a solution of saltpetre or copperas; after which the grain is to be dried with slacked lime, or dry turf-ashes. This solution, however, we can by no means recommend, as it seems most likely to kill the grain entirely.

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Smut in grain.

According to Dr Home, dung is a preventative of diseases arising from too great moisture; in confirmation of which he relates the following experiment. "Two acres of poor ground, which had never got any manure, were sowed with a design to be sown with wheat; but the scheme being altered, some dung was laid on a small part of it, and the whole sowed, after it had got five furrows, with barley. A great quantity of rain fell. The barley on that part which was dunged was very good: but what was on the rest of the field turned yellow after the rains, and when ripe was not worth the reaping."

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How prevented.

The want of nourishment in plants may be easily known by their decay; in which case, the only remedy is, to supply them with food, according to the methods we have already directed, or to remove from their neighbourhood such other plants as may draw off the nourishment from those we wish to cultivate.—In the Memoirs of the Academy of Sciences for 1728, Mr Du Hamel mentions a disease, which he calls *le mort*, that attacks saffron in the spring. It is owing to another plant, a species of trefoil, fixing some violet-coloured threads, which are its roots, to the roots of the saffron, and sucking out its juice. This disease is prevented by digging a trench, which saves all the unaffected.

72  
Diseases from too great moisture, how prevented.

73  
Disease peculiar to saffron.

The bad qualities, or unequal distributions, of the juices of plants, are the occasion of so few of the diseases to which vegetables in every country are subject, that we forbear to mention them at present. Most of the diseases of plants are owing to external accidents, particularly to the depredations of insects.—The insects by which the greatest devastations are committed in Great Britain are, snails, caterpillars, grubs, and flies. The snails and caterpillars feed on the leaves and young shoots;

74  
Vegetables destroyed by insects.

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**75**  
Insects destroyed by lime-water

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Grubs. The grubs are a kind of worms which destroy the corn by feeding upon its roots; they are transformed every fourth year into the beetles called *cock-chaffers*, *may-bugs*, &c. They are very destructive when in their vermicular state, and cannot then be destroyed because they go deep in the ground. When become beetles, they conceal themselves under the leaves of trees, where they seem asleep till near sunset, when they take their flight. It is only now that they can be destroyed, and that by a very laborious method: namely, by spreading pack-sheets below the trees in the day-time when the beetles are in their torpid state, then shaking them off and burning them. Some time ago, they made such devastations in the county of Norfolk, that several farmers were entirely ruined by them; one gathered 80 bushels of these insects from the trees which grew on his farm. It is said that, in 1574, there fell such a multitude of these insects into the river Severn, that they stopped and clogged the wheels of the water-mills.

**77**  
Turnip-fly. Turnips, when young, are apt to be totally destroyed by a multitude of little black flies, from thence called the *turnip-fly*. As a preventative of these, some advise the seed to be mixed with brimstone; but this is improper, as brimstone is found to be poisonous to vegetables. The best method seems to be the fumigation of the fields with smoke of half dried vegetables. For this purpose weeds will answer as well as any. This fumigation must no doubt be often repeated, in order to drive away the innumerable multitudes of these insects which are capable of destroying a large field of turnip.

**78**  
Prevented by fumigation, &c.

Some have supposed that the fly is either engendered in new dung, or enticed by it; and have therefore advised the manure to be laid on in the autumn preceding, by which it loses all its noxious qualities, while its nutritive ones are retained, notwithstanding these might be supposed liable in some degree to be exhaled by the sun. This method is said to have been ascertained by experiments; and it is added, that another material advantage accruing from autumn manuring for

turnips is, that all the seeds contained in the dung, and which of course are carried on the land with it, vegetate almost immediately, are mostly killed by the severity of the winter, and the few that remain seldom avoid destruction from the plough-share.

The following method of sowing has also been recommended as a preventative of the fly:—"About Midsummer, take the first opportunity when it rains, or there is an apparent certainty of rain approaching, to sow your turnip-feed; if about the full moon, the better. In this case, neither harrow, brush, nor roll, after sowing. The natural heat of the ground at that season, and the consequent fermentation occasioned by copious rain, will give an astonishingly quick vegetation to the seed, which in a few days will be up and out of all danger from the fly. At all events sow not till it rains; it is better to wait a month, or even longer, for rain, than to sow (merely for the sake of sowing about the usual time) when the ground is parched with heat. By the scorching of the sun, the oil and vegetative quality of the seed are exhausted; and the few weak plants that come up will be destroyed by the fly before they can attain strength to put forth their rough leaves. The fly infests the ground abundantly in dry hot weather, but does no injury in rain. The falling rain will sufficiently wash the turnip-feed into the ground without harrowing it in; which instead of merely covering, too often buries this small seed at so great a depth, as never afterwards to get above ground."

The following remedies are also recommended as having often proved successful:—A small quantity of foot sown over the land at their first appearance. Branches of elder with the leaves bruised, drawn in a grate over them. Musk mixed with the seed before it is sown. And sulphur burnt under it, after moistening it with water in which tobacco has been steeped.

But showers on the plants as soon as they appear above ground are esteemed the best preservatives. They enfeeble and kill the fly, and hasten the plants into the rough leaf, in which state they are out of danger.

The sweet smell of the turnip has been thought to attract the fly; upon which supposition, the remedy appeared to consist in overpowering that smell by one which is strong, fetid, and disagreeable. Hence it has been recommended, that upon an acre of turnips sown in the usual way, a peck or more of dry foot be thrown after the ground is finished, and in as regular a way as he sows the seed.

Some time ago an insect, called the *corn-butterfly*, committed such ravages while in its vermicular state, in France, that upwards of 200 parishes were ruined by it; and the ministry offered a reward to the discoverer of an effectual remedy against this destroying worm. The cure which was at last discovered, was to heat the corn, in an oven, so much as not to destroy its vegetative power, but sufficiently to destroy the small worms which made their nest in the substance of the grain, and at last eat out the substance so completely that nothing could be got from the husk, even by boiling it in water. It is certain, that though insects can bear a great deal of cold, they are easily destroyed by a slight degree of heat; nor is the vegetative power of corn easily destroyed, even when kept for a long time in a pretty strong heat. This method must therefore be very effectual for destroying all kinds of insects.

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**79**  
Various remedies against the turnip-fly.

**80**  
Corn butterfly.

Theory. insects with which grain is apt to be infected; but care must be taken not to apply too great a heat; and the adjusting of the precise degree necessary to destroy the insect, without hurting the corn, will be attended with some difficulty.

81 The curled disease in potatoes. The curled disease in potatoes has long been a subject of investigation and experiment among farmers; and the knowledge of its cause and cure seems yet to remain a desideratum. The Agricultural Society of Manchester, a few years ago, offered a premium for discovering by actual experiment the cause of the disease in question; and a great variety of letters were, in consequence, addressed to them upon the subject.—As these contain many interesting observations both on the disease itself and the best methods hitherto adopted for preventing it, the following abstract of them may not improperly be introduced in this place.

82 Various methods of prevention. I. According to the writer of the first letter, this disease is caused by an insect produced by frost or bad keeping before setting; and the newest kinds, such as have been raised within these nine or ten years, are most apt to curl, because they will not stand to be kept in winter and spring before setting, as the old kinds will. In autumn 1776, he got up a bed of potatoes to lay by in winter, leaving plenty in the ground as regular as possible; and, before the severity of winter came on, covered part of the bed with straw and pease-haulm, and left the other part of the bed uncovered. That part of the bed which was covered was quite free from curled ones; but the uncovered part produced a great many curled, owing, as the writer says, to frost and severity of the weather.

II. This writer had about a quarter of an acre of potatoes, well manured with cow and horse dung, and took the greatest care in picking the fine smooth-skinned potatoes for sets; yet nine out of ten parts were curled. He attributes the cause of this disease to a white grub or insect, which he found near the root, about half an inch long, with eight or ten legs, its head brown and hard; as upon examining a number of the curled roots, he found them all bitten, chiefly from the surface to the root, which of course stopped the progress of the sap, and threw the leaf into a curl. The uncurled roots were not bitten. He tried a few experiments as follow;—First, he put foot to the insects in the rows for two days; and after that, he put lime to them for the same time, but they still kept lively; next he put a little salt, which destroyed them in a few hours. From which he infers, that if coarse salt were put into the ground at the time the land is preparing for potatoes, it would effectually cure this distemper.

III. In this letter, the cause of the disease is attributed to the method of earthing the stems while in cultivation; and the branch, striking root into the new earthed-up soil, it is said, produces potatoes of such a nature as the year following to cause the disease complained of.

To prevent the disease, it is recommended to take the sets from those potatoes that have not bred any from the branch covered; or otherwise, to dig the part the sets are to be raised from.

IV. According to this writer, the disorder proceeds from potatoes being set in old-tilled or worn-out ground; for though those potatoes may look tolerably well, yet their sets will most, if not all, produce curled potatoes.

Hence he is convinced, that no sets ought to be used from old-tilled or couch-grass land; and that in order to have good sets, they should be procured from land that was purposely fallowed for them; from fresh ley land, where they are not curled; or from ley land that was burnt last spring. He directs to plant them on virgin mould, and the potatoes will have no curled ones amongst them; and to keep them for winter, from any other kind.

To avoid the uncertainty of getting good sets, he recommends crabs to be gathered from potatoes growing this year on fresh land free from curl, and the next spring to sow them on fresh ley land; and continue to plant their sets on fresh ley land yearly, which he is convinced will prevent the curl.

All the good potatoes he saw this year, either on fresh ley land or on old-tilled land, were raised from sets that grew upon fresh ley land last year; and where he has seen curled potatoes, he found, upon inquiry, the potato-sets grew upon old-tilled and worn-out land last year. He gives as a general reason for the disorder, that the land is oftener cropt than it had used to be, much more corn being now raised than formerly.

V. In 1772, this writer planted some potatoes by accident full nine inches deep: when taken up, many of the plants were rotted, and a few curled. He kept the whole produce for seed, and planted two acres with it in 1773, not quite six inches deep. The crop was amazingly great; and he did not observe any curled plants among them. In 1774, many of these were planted in different soils; yet they were so infected with the curled disease, that not one in twenty escaped. In 1775, the complaint of this disease became general. In 1776, it occurred to him that the good crop of 1773 was owing to the accidental deep setting of 1772; and that the reason why the same seed became curled in 1774, was their being set so near the surface in 1773; and attributes the disease to the practice of ebb-setting. In 1777, he took some potatoes from a crop that was curled the year before, and after cutting the sets, left them in a dry room for a month. Half were planted in ground dug fourteen days before; the other half, having been steeped in a brine made of whistler's ashes for two hours, were also planted in the same land at the same time. The steeped ones came up ten days before the others, and hardly any missed or were curled. The unsteeped ones generally failed, and those few that came up were mostly curled.

He therefore advises as a remedy, 1. That the potatoes intended for next year's sets be planted nine inches deep. 2. That they remain in the ground as long as the season will permit. 3. That these sets be well defended from frost till the beginning of March. 4. That the sets be cut a fortnight before planting. 5. That they be steeped, as above, two hours in brine or ley. 6. That the dung be put *over* the sets. And 7. That fresh sets be got every year from sandy soils near the coast, or on the shore.

P. S. At planting, the hard dry sets should be cast aside, for they will probably be curled. Curled potatoes always proceed from sets which do not rot or putrefy in the ground.

VI. This writer had five drills of the old red potatoes, and four of the winter whites, growing at the same time in the same field. The drills were prepared

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VII. Two of the writer's neighbours had their sets out of one heap of potatoes. They both set with the plough, the one early, and the other late in the season. Most of those early set proved curled, and most of those set late smooth; the latter on clay land.

A few roods of land were also planted with small potatoes, which had lain spread on a chamber floor all the winter and spring, till the middle of May. They were soft and withered; they proved smooth and a good crop. Middle-sized potatoes, withered and soft, which had been kept in a large dry cellar, and the sprouts of which had been broken off three times, produced also a smooth good crop.

Hence he was led to think a superfluity of sap, occasioned by the seed being unripe, might cause the disease. To be satisfied in this, he asked the farmer whether he had set any of the same potatoes this year, and what was the nature of his land? He told him "he had; that they had been set on his farm fourteen years, without ever curling; that his soil was a poor whitish sand, of little depth; that he let those he designed for keeping grow till they were fully ripe."

Hence he concludes, the only sure way to prevent the curl is, to let potatoes intended for seed stand till they are fully ripe, and to keep them dry all winter.

VIII. This writer set a quantity of the red potatoes, without having a curled one amongst them. His method is, when the sets are cut, to pick out such as are reddest in the inside. On digging them up at Michaelmas, he mixes none of the curled seed among the others. The curled are easily distinguished, by their stalks withering two months before the rest of the crop.

The cause of the curled disease he attributes to potatoes being of late years produced from seed instead of roots, as formerly. Such will not stand good more than two or three years, use what method you please. Last spring, he set the old red and white ruffets, and had not a curled potato amongst them.

On the lime-stone land about Denbigh, in North Wales, they have no curled potatoes. If this be owing to the nature of that land, perhaps lime might prevent the disease.

IX. According to this writer, all sorts of grain wear out and turn wild if sown too long on the same land; the same will hold good in all sorts of pulse, pease, beans, and (as he conceives) potatoes. It generally happens, that those who have most curled potatoes plant very small sets.

Eleven years ago he bought a parcel of fresh sets, of the golden-dun kind, and has used them without change to the present year, without any being curled. This he principally attributes to his having always planted good large sets.

About forty years since, he thought of changing his sets, as his potatoes were too smooth, too round, and much diminished in size. But the curl at that time beginning to be very alarming, he continued his sets till part of his crop missing last year, he was obliged to buy new sets this spring, which, being small, were curled like other peoples.

Theory. He allows, that the curl has frequently happened to persons who have used large potatoes for sets; for, as all roots are not equally affected, some curled ones may be mixed with the rest.

To prevent the evil, cut your sets from clear and middle-sized potatoes, gathered from places as clear of the curl as possible; preserve them as usual till spring. If any are harder, or grass more in cutting than usual, cast them aside. He would also recommend the raising a fresh sort from the crab produced on the sorts least affected, which in Lancashire are the long-duns.

X. Set potatoes with the sprits broke off, and they will (says the writer of this letter) be curled ones; if set with the sprits on, they will not be curled. Again, take a potato which is sprit, and cut a set off with two sights: break one sprit off, and let the other stay on, and set it; the former will be curled, and the latter will not.

When you have holed your potatoes, take them out before they are sprit, and lay them dry until you have set or sown them, and you will have no curled potatoes.

XI. This writer was at the expence of procuring sets at fifty miles distance, and where this disease was not known. The first year's trial was successful; the year following he procured sets from the same place, but one-fifth of his crop was infected. By way of experiment, he planted sets from roots which had been infected the year before, and some of these produced healthy plants, free from all infection.

As every effect must have a cause, he supposed it might be some insect, which, living on the leaves, gave them that curled and sickly appearance, as is the case in the leaves of many shrubs and trees. But whether the insect is lodged in the old sets, and to be destroyed at the time of planting, or, proceeding from some external cause, can only be destroyed afterwards, he is not yet certain, although he has made the following experiments.

On a piece of ground that had not been dug for 20 years, he planted four rows of sets, which he knew to be perfectly clear; the drills were two feet distant, the sets one foot distant in each drill. He then planted on the same ground four rows with sets from curled potatoes, at equal distances; in each row were about 20 sets.

Lot 1st, the curled state.

N <sup>o</sup> 1. Without manure,	N <sup>o</sup> 3. In foot,
2. In salt,	4. In quicklime.

Lot 2d, the clear sets.

N <sup>o</sup> 1. Without manure,	N <sup>o</sup> 3. In foot,
2. In salt,	4. In quicklime.

Those planted in salt and foot in both lots were destroyed. In lot 1. n<sup>o</sup> 1. and 4. all curled. Lot 2. n<sup>o</sup> 1. and 4. quite clear.

This experiment was made on a supposition that the insect lodged in the set, and must be destroyed on planting. But of that he is not fully satisfied. He repeated salt, foot, and quicklime, on the branches of several curled potatoes. Salt destroyed all he touched with it. Lime and foot had, he thought, a partial effect on the plants. After some time, they appeared almost as healthy as the rest. Thus, although he had done little towards the cure, he flatters himself he has pointed

Theory pointed out the cause, the insects on the curled plants being not only very numerous, but visible to the naked eye.

XII. This writer ascribes the cause of the disease to the frost, and bad keeping in winter and spring before setting. They are liable to be damaged by frost after they are set, but this may be prevented by covering. If it be asked, why frost did not injure them formerly? he answers, it is only the new kinds which are apt to curl. To this may be added, that less care is now taken of the seed than formerly. To prevent the latter, let them remain in the ground covered with haulm or litter, till the time they are wanted for setting; and, in case no frost touches them afterwards, they will be free from the disease.

XIII. This writer says, the red potato was as generally planted as the winter-white and the Lincolnshire kidney are now. The first, being a later potato, did not sprout so early as the others. The white sprout very early, and therefore should first be moved out of the place where they have been preserved in the winter. Instead of that, they are often let remain till their roots and sprouts are matted together. On separating them, these sprouts are generally rubbed off, and they are laid by till the ground is ready; during which interval they sprout a second time; but these second sprouts, being weak and languid, will shrink, sicken, and die; and the fruit at the roots will be small, hard, ill shaped, and of a brown colour.

Now, if putting off the sprouts once or more, before the sets are put in the ground, be the cause (as he verily believes it is) of the curly disease, an easy remedy is at hand. When the potatoes intended for sets are dug up, lay them in a west aspect as dry as possible: in such a situation they will not sprout so soon. The best time for removing most sorts, is the first fine day after the 29th of February. Cut them into sets as soon as possible, and let them remain covered with dry sand till the ground is prepared, which should be a winter fallow. Lay the sets in without breaking off any of the sprouts, for the second will not be so vigorous. This accounts for one sprout out of three from the same set being curled. The two stems not curled rose from two later eyes, and were first sprouts. The sprout curled was a second, the first having been rubbed off.

XIV. This writer says, that last spring one of his neighbours cut and set, in the usual way of drilling, some loads of the largest potatoes he could procure; and more than half of them proved curled. Being a few sets short of the quantity wanted, he planted some very small potatoes which he had laid by for the pigs. These being fully ripe and solid, there was not a curled plant among them. He apprehends, the others being curled, was owing to their not being fully ripe. A crop of potatoes, set this year in rows on ground that had borne a crop of them last year, were mostly curled; but many plants came up from seed left in the ground last season, and there was not a curled one among them.

XV. Of late years, this writer says, great improvements have been made in setting potatoes and cutting the sets. The ground is dressed cleaner and dunged stronger. Many people, in drilling, wrap up the sets entirely in the dung; by which means, though their

potatoes are larger, the disease seems to be increased. They also cut their sets out of the richest and largest potatoes, which is perhaps another cause of this evil. In cold countries, where they set their own seed, which has grown on poor land, with less dung, they have no curled plants. On the contrary, when they bought rich and large potatoes for seed, they have been curled in great quantities. He believes, the richness and largeness of the seed to be the cause of the evil; for he does not remember to have seen a curled stem which did not spring from a set of a large potato.

XVI. This writer apprehends the curled disease in potatoes to proceed from a defect in the *planta seminalis*, or seed-plant; and from comparing curled ones with others, there appeared to be a want of, or inability in, the powers of expanding or unfolding the parts of the former; which, from this defect, forms shrivelled, starved, curled stems. On examining some of the sets at the time of getting the crop, he found them hard and undecayed; so hard, indeed, that some of them would not be soft with long boiling. This led him to think, that some manures might have the same effect on them as tanners ooze has on leather, and so harden them, that the embryo plant could not come forth with ease; but a closer examination taught him otherwise, and that they grew equally in all manures.

Some have thought that the fermentation is occasioned by too great quantities being heaped together; but the writer has seen an instance, wherein a single potato, preserved by itself, when set, produced stems of the curled kind. He thinks the most consistent and rational opinion is, that the disease is occasioned by the potatoes being taken from the ground before the stamen, or miniature-plant, is properly matured and ripened.

For let it be observed, that the potato, being a native of a warm climate, has there much sun, and a long continuance in the ground; consequently, it has not the same natural causes in a cold climate to mature the seed-plant as in its native state. All the opportunities, therefore, ought to be given which the climate will admit for nature to complete her work, and fit the stamen for the next state of vegetation, especially in those intended for seed. But if the potato be taken up before the seed-plant be fully matured, or the air and sap-vessels have acquired a proper degree of firmness or hardness, it must, when thus robbed of further nutrition, shrivel up; and when the vessels, in this immature state, come to act again in the second state of vegetation, they may produce plants which are curled.

If it be asked, why are they more common now than formerly? he answers, that before the present mode of setting them took place, people covered them, while in the ground, with straw, to protect them from frost.

If it be asked, why one set produces both curled and smooth stems? he answers—We suppose every eye to contain a *planta seminalis*; that all the embryos, or seed-plants, contained in one potato, are nourished by one root; that, as in ears of corn, some of these seed-plants may be nourished before others.

One of his neighbours, last year, set two rows of potatoes,

Theory. potatoes, which proving all curled, he did not take them up; and this year there is not a curled one among them. Such potatoes, therefore, as are designed for seed, should be preserved as long in the ground as possible.

XVII. This writer advises such sets to be planted as grow in mofs-land; and, he says there will not be a single curled one the first year. This is affirmed by the inhabitants of two townships, where they grow amazing quantities.—A medical gentleman sowed last year two bushels of sets from one of the above places, and had not one curled; but on sowing them again this year, he had a few.

Notwithstanding there seems to be a diversity of opinions in the above writers, occasioned by the different appearances of their crops, and the seemingly contrary effects of the means used to prevent or cure the disease, we conceive that the following general propositions may be fairly drawn from the whole.

1. That some kinds of potatoes are (*cæteris paribus*) much more liable to be affected by the disease than the rest; and that the old-red, the golden-dun, and the long-dun, are the most free from it.—2. That the disease is occasioned by one or more of the following causes, either singly or combined: 1st, By frost, either before or after the sets are planted: 2d, From planting sets out of large unripe potatoes: 3d, From planting too near the surface, and in old worn-out ground: 4th, From the first shoots of the sets being broken off before planting; by which means there is an incapacity in the *planta seminalis* to send forth others sufficiently vigorous to expand so fully as they ought.—3. That the most successful methods of preventing the disease, are cutting the sets from smooth middle-sized potatoes, that were fully ripe, and had been kept dry after they were taken out of the ground; and without rubbing off their first

shoots, planting them pretty deep in fresh earth, with a mixture of quicklime, or in lime-stone land.

A correspondent of the Bath Society is convinced that, whatever may be its cause, the fault itself is inherent in the seed; and has communicated the following method of avoiding it: "I made a hot-bed in the following manner: (which method I have used ever since) I laid horse-dung, &c. (as is generally used in making hot-beds) about 18 inches thick; over which I spread a layer of fine rich mould about four or five inches thick: upon the top of this mould I laid, in different divisions, a certain number of potatoes of various sorts, some of my own growth, and others brought from different parts, and covered these lightly over with more mould; they soon came up. I then observed which was freest from the blight or curl; for if there were not more than one defective in *forty* or *fifty*, I concluded I might set of that sort with safety. This method I have now practised near twelve years, and never lost my crop or any part thereof worth mentioning; whilst my neighbours, who followed the old method, were frequently disappointed in their crops; and to the best of my knowledge, all those of my neighbours who have of late been persuaded to take the trouble of using the same means as myself, have never failed of success to their utmost wishes in one instance; nor do I ever think it will fail, if duly attended to; the fault being some hidden cause in the seed unknown at present, and I believe incurable by any means, at least which have yet come to my knowledge. My reason for planting my hot-beds so soon is, that if the frost hinders the first experiment, or they all prove bad, I may have time to make a second or third if necessary, with different sorts of seed, before the proper season arrives for planting in the fields and grounds appointed for the great and general crop."

Theory.

## PART II. PRACTICE OF AGRICULTURE.

### SECT. I. *Instruments of Husbandry.*

THE instruments employed in agriculture are various; as the plough, the harrow, the roller, &c. which are again greatly diversified by various constructions adapted to particular uses.

#### I. OF PLOUGHS.

THE plough constructed in the following manner is still the most common and the most generally understood in Scotland; and, if properly made, is the best for answering all purposes, when only one is used; though others are, perhaps, more proper on some particular occasions.

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Scots  
plough.

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Description  
of the Scots  
plough.

The parts of which this plough is composed, are, the head, the beam, the sheath, the wrest, the mould-board, the two handles, the two rungs, the sock, and the coulter; the two last are made of iron, and all the rest of wood.

Plate V.  
fig. 1.

The HEAD, is designed for opening the ground below. The length of the head from A to B is about 20 inches, and the breadth from A to D about five inches; C is the point upon which the sock is driven, and the length from B to C is about six inches; *a* is the mortoise into which the larger handle is fixed, and *b* is the mortoise into which the sheath is fixed.

The head is that part of the plough which goes in the ground; therefore the shorter and narrower it is, the friction will be the less, and the plough more easily drawn; but the longer the head is, the plough goes more steadily, and is not so easily put out of its direction by any obstructions that occur. Twenty inches is considered as a mean length; and five inches as the most convenient breadth.

The SHEATH, E, is driven into the mortoise *b*, and thus fixed to the head A B. It is not perpendicular to the head, but placed obliquely, so as to make the angle formed by the lines A B and E B about 60 degrees. The sheath is about 13 inches long, besides what is driven into the mortoise *b* (fig. 1.); about three inches broad, and one inch thick.

The sheath is fixed to the mould-board, as in fig. 11. E, in the same manner as the wrest is fixed to the head in fig. 7.

The MOULD-BOARD, is designed to turn over the earth of the furrow made by the plough; and it is obvious, that, according to the position of the sheath, the mould-board will turn over the earth of the furrow more or less suddenly. Besides, when it forms a less angle with the head than 60 degrees, the plough is in great danger of being *choked*, as the farmers term it.

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**Practice.** The Larger HANDLE, FA, is fixed to the head, by driving it into the mortoise *a* (fig. 1.). It is placed in the same plane with the head; and its length from AF is about five feet four inches, and its diameter at the place where it is fixed to the beam is about two inches and an half, and tapers a little to the top F. About ten inches from A, there is a curve in the handle, which, when F is raised to its proper height, makes the lower part of it nearly parallel to the sheath E B. This curve is designed to strengthen the handle. The proper position of the handle is, when the top F is about three feet two inches higher than the bottom of the head A B.

The longer the handles, the plough is the more easily managed, because the levers are more distant from the centre of motion. The higher the top of the handles, the plough is more easily raised out of the ground, provided they be no higher than the lower part of a man's breast.

**Fig. 4.** The BEAM, is fixed to the larger handle and the sheath, all of which are placed in the same plane with the head. The length of it, from H to I, is about six feet; its diameter is about four inches. When the plough is in the ground, the beam should be just high enough not to be incommoded by any thing on the surface.

The position of the beam depends on the number of cattle in the plough. When two horses are yoked, the beam should be placed in such a manner as to make the perpendicular distance betwixt the bolt-hole of the beam and the plane of the head about 21 inches; when four horses are yoked, two a-breast, this distance should only be about 18 inches.

**Fig. 5.** The SOCK, BP, is fixed to the end of the head, and is about two feet long. In fitting the sock to the head, the point ought to be turned a little to the land or left side; because otherwise it is apt to come out of the land altogether. When turned to the left, it likewise takes off more land; when turned upwards, the plough goes shallow; and when downwards, it goes deeper.

**Fig. 6.** The COULTER, is fixed to the beam, and is about two feet ten inches long, two inches and a half broad, sharp at the point and before, and thick on the back, like a knife. It is fixed and directed by wedges, so as to make the point of it equal to, or rather a little before the point of the sock, and upon a line with the left side of the head. This oblique position enables it to throw roots, &c. out of the land; which requires less force than cutting or pushing them forward.

**Fig. 7.** The WREST, BD, is fixed to the head, and is about 26 inches long, two broad, and one thick. It is fixed to the head at B, in such a manner as to make the angle contained between the lines AB and BD about 25 degrees. The wrest is seldom or never placed in the same plane with the head, but gradually rises from the place where it is fixed to it; that is, from B to K, as in fig. 8. The position of the wrest determines the nature of the furrow. When the wrest is wide and low set, the furrow is wide; and when it is narrow and high set, the furrow is narrow.

Fig. 9. represents the two HANDLES, fixed together by the two rungs. The larger handle has already been described; the lesser one is a few inches shorter, and does not require to be quite so strong. The distance of the handles at the little rung depends on the position of the wrest. Their distance at M and P is about two

feet six inches. The lesser handle is fixed to the mould board at M, fig. 10. and to the wrest KB, at L.

Fig. 11. represents the plough complete, by joining together figures 6 and 10. in the sheath E B. The wrest BK is supposed to make an angle with the head AB as in fig. 7. and the handles joined together as in fig. 9.

After having given such a particular description of all the parts and proportions of the Scotch plough, it will easily appear how it separates, raises, and turns over the earth of the furrow. If it had no coulter, the earth would open above the middle of the sock, and in a line before the sheath; but as the coulter opens the earth in a line with the left side of the head, if the soil has any cohesion, the earth of the furrow will be wholly raised from the left side, and, as the sock moves forward, will be thrown on the right side of the sheath, and by the casting out of the mould-board, or the raising of the wrest, will be turned over.

The BRIDLE, or MUZZLE, is another article belonging to the plough. It is fixed to the end of the beam, and the cattle are yoked by it. The muzzle commonly used is a curved piece of iron, fixed to the beam by a bolt through it. ABC is the muzzle, AC the bolt by which it is fixed to the beam; D is the swingle-tree or cross-tree, to which the traces are fixed; and B is a hook, or cleek, as it is commonly called, which joins the muzzle and swingle-tree.

Some use another kind of muzzle, ABCD. It is fixed to the beam by two bolts, and has notches by which the cleek of the swingle-tree may be fixed either to the right or the left of the beam. There are also different holes for the hind-bolt to pass through, by which the draught may be fixed either above or below the beam. AD is the fore-bolt upon which the muzzle turns; on BC are four notches, betwixt any two of which the cleek of the swingle-tree may be fixed. When the cleek is fixed at B, the plough is turned towards the firm land, and takes off a broader furrow; and when fixed at C, it is turned towards the ploughed land, and takes off a narrower furrow. E and F are the holes on each side thro' which the hindmost bolt passes. When the bolt is put thro' the highest two, these holes being thereby brought to the middle of the beam, the fore-part of the muzzle is raised above the beam, and the plough is made to go deeper; and when put through the lowest two, the fore-part of the muzzle is sunk below the beam, and the plough is made to go shallower. This muzzle may be so constructed as to have the same play with the common one. A is the end of the beam; B a plate of iron sunk into it, and, with a similar one in the other side, is rivetted into it by bolts; C is the muzzle fixed to these plates of iron by the bolt D, which bolt may be put through any of the holes EE. From the construction of this muzzle it is plain, that it has the same play with the common one, and that by it the land of the plough may be altered at pleasure.

Of all forms, that of the Scotch plough is the fittest for breaking up stiff and rough land, especially where stones abound; and no less fit for strong clays hardened by drought. The length of its head gives it a firm hold of the ground; its weight prevents it from being thrown out by stones; the length of the handles; gives the ploughman great command to direct its motion;

**Practice.** tion; and by the length of its head, and of its mould-board, it lays the furrow-slice cleverly over. This plough was contrived during the infancy of agriculture, and was well contrived: in the soils above described, it has not an equal.

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**In what soil improper.** But in tender soil it is improper, because it adds greatly to the expence of ploughing, without any counterbalancing benefit. The length of the head and mould-board increases the friction, and consequently it requires a greater number of oxen or horses than are necessary in a shorter plough. There is another particular in its form, that resists the draught: the mould-board makes an angle with the sock, instead of making a line with it gently curved backward. There is an objection against it no less solid, that it does not stir the ground perfectly: the hinder part of the wrest rises a foot above the sole of the head; and the earth that lies immediately below that hinder part, is left unstirred. This is ribbing land below the surface, similar to what is done by ignorant farmers on the surface.

These defects must be submitted to in a soil that requires a strong heavy plough; but may be avoided in a cultivated soil by a plough differently constructed. Of all the ploughs fitted for a cultivated soil free of stones, that introduced into Scotland about 20 years ago, by James Small in Blackadder Mount, Berwickshire, is the best. It is now in general request; and with reason, as it avoids all the defects of the Scotch plough. The shortness of its head and of its mould-board lessen the friction greatly: from the point of the sock to the back part of the head it is only 30 inches; and the whole length, from the point of the beam to the end of the handles, between eight and nine feet. The sock and mould-board make one line gently curving; and consequently gather no earth. Instead of a wrest the under edge of the mould-board is in one plane with the sole of the head; which makes a wide furrow, without leaving any part unstirred. It is termed the *chain-plough*, because it is drawn by an iron chain fixed to the back part of the beam immediately before the coulter. This has two advantages: first, by means of a muzzle, it makes the plough go deep, or shallow; and, next, it stresses the beam less than if fixed to the point, and therefore a slenderer beam is sufficient.

This plough may well be considered as a capital improvement; not only by saving expence, but by making better work. It is proper for loams; for coarse clays; and, in general, for every sort of tender soil free of stones. It is even proper for opening up pasture-ground, where the soil has been formerly well cultivated.

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**Of the sock Plate V.** A spiked sock is used in the Scotch plough. The difference between it and the feathered sock will be best understood by comparing their figures. Fig. 14. is the common sock, and fig. 15. the feathered one.

From the construction of the feathered sock, it is obvious, that it must meet with greater resistance than the common sock. However, when the plough takes off the earth of the furrow broader than that part of the sock which goes upon the head, it is more easily drawn than the plough with the common sock; for the earth which the common sock leaves to be opened by the wrest, is more easily opened by the feather of the other sock. In ley, the feathered sock makes the

plough go more easily, because the roots of the grass, which go beyond the reach of the plough are more easily cut by the feather, than they can be torn asunder by the common sock. The feathered sock is also of great use in cutting and destroying root-weeds. The common sock, however, answers much better in strong land.

It is proper here to add, that in fitting the feathered sock to the head, the point of it should be turned a little from the land, or a little to the right hand.

If we look back 30 years, ploughs of different constructions did not enter even into a dream. The Scotch plough was universally used, and no other was known. There was no less ignorance as to the number of cattle necessary for this plough. In the south of Scotland, six oxen and two horses were universal; and in the north, 10 oxen, sometimes 12. The first attempt to lessen the number of oxen was in Berwickshire. The low part of that county abounds with stone, clay, and marle, the most substantial of all manures, which had been long used by one or two gentlemen. About 25 years ago it acquired reputation, and spread rapidly. As two horses and two oxen were employed in every marle-cart; the farmer, in summer fallowing, and in preparing land for marle, was confined to four oxen and two horses. And as that manure afforded plenty of succulent straw for oxen, the farmer was surprised to find that four oxen did better now than six formerly. Marling, however, a laborious work, proceeded slowly, till people were taught by a noted farmer in that country, what industry can perform by means of power properly applied. It was reckoned a mighty task to marle five or six acres in a year. That gentleman, by plenty of red clover for his working-cattle, accomplished the marling 50 acres in a summer, once 54. Having so much occasion for oxen, he tried with success two oxen and two horses in a plough; and that practice became general in Berwickshire.

Now here appears with lustre the advantage of the chain-plough. The great friction occasioned in the Scotch plough by a long head, and by the angle it makes with the mould-board, necessarily requires two oxen and two horses, whatever the soil be. The friction is so much less in the chain-plough, that two good horses are found sufficient in every soil that is proper for it. Besides, the reducing the draught to a couple of horses has another advantage, that of rendering a driver unnecessary. This saving on every plough, where two horses and two oxen were formerly used, will, by the strictest computation, be L. 15 Sterling yearly; and where four horses were used, no less than L. 20 Sterling. There is now scarce to be seen in the low country of Berwickshire a plough with more than two horses; which undoubtedly in time will become general. We know but of one further improvement, that of using two oxen instead of two horses. That draught has been employed with success in several places; and the saving is so great, that it must force its way every where. It may be confidently affirmed, no soil stirred in a proper season, can ever require more than two horses and two oxen in a plough, even supposing it the stiffest clay. In all other soils, two good horses, or two good oxen abreast, may be relied on for every operation of the chain-plough.

A chain-plough of a smaller size than ordinary, drawn,

**Practice.****89**  
**Ignorance of farmers in Scotland but a few years ago.****87**  
**Chain-plough. Plate VI. fig. I.****90**  
**Advantages of the chain-plough particularly illustrated.**

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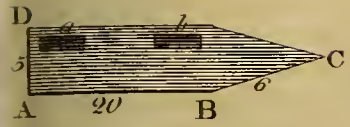


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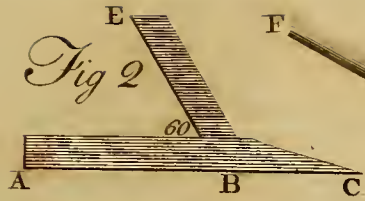


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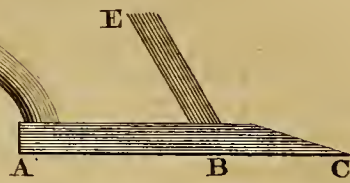


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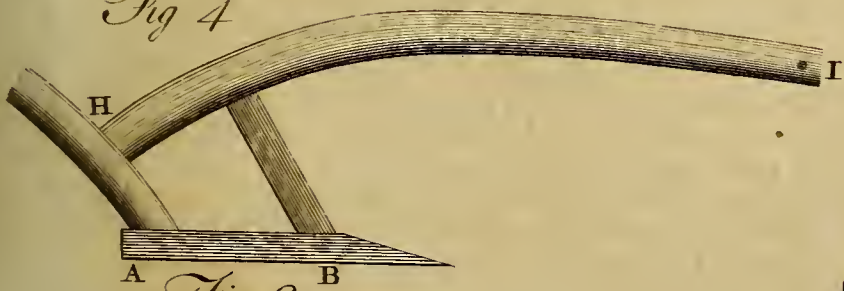


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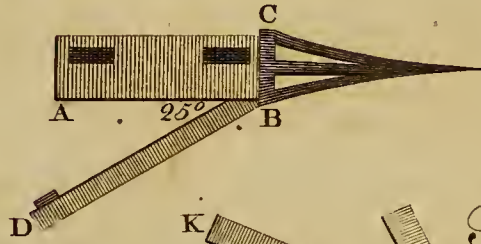


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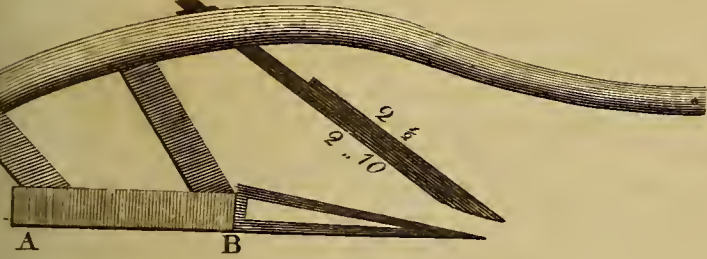


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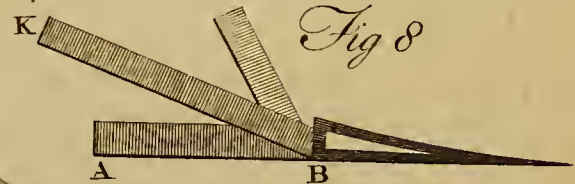


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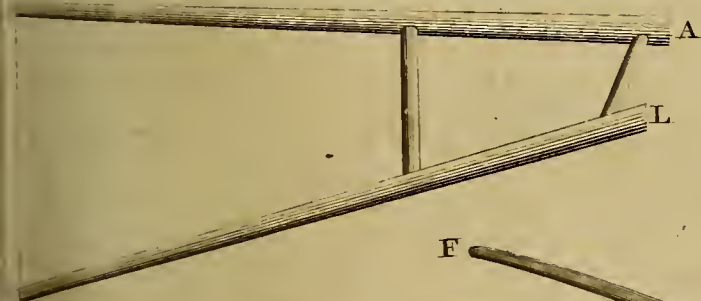


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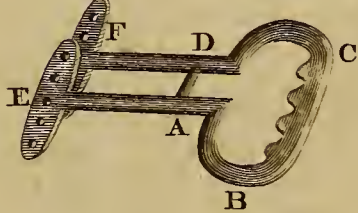


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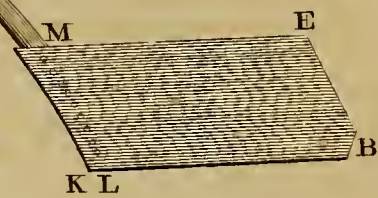


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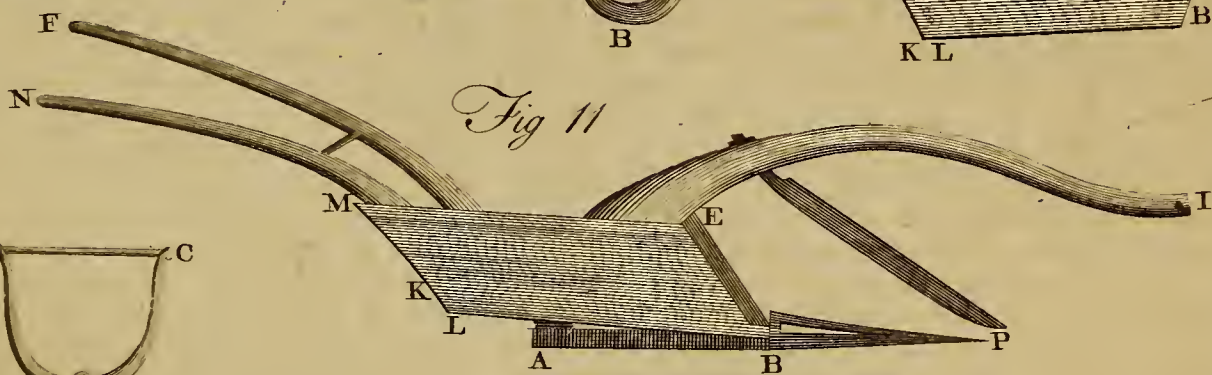


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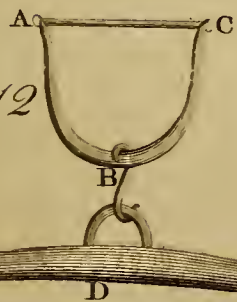


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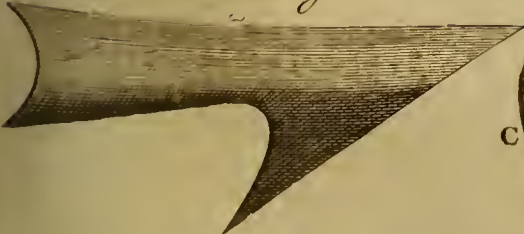
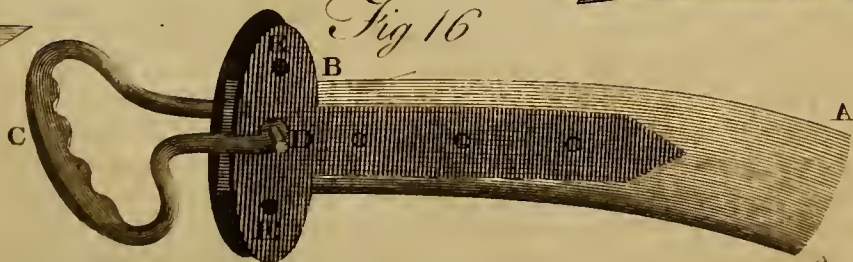


Fig 16





**Practice.** drawn by a single horse, is of all the most proper for horse-hoeing, supposing the land to be mellow, which it ought to be for that operation. It is sufficient for making furrows to receive the dung, for ploughing the drills after dunging, and for hoeing the crop.

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A small single horse plough recommended for various purposes.

A still smaller plough of the same kind may be recommended for a kitchen-garden. It can be reduced to the smallest size, by being made of iron; and where the land is properly dressed for a kitchen-garden, an iron plough of the smallest size drawn by a horse will save much spade-work.—In Scotland, thirty years ago, a kitchen-garden was an article of luxury merely, because at that time there could be no cheaper food than oat-meal. At present, the farmer maintains his servants at double expence, as the price of oat-meal is doubled; and yet he has no notion of a kitchen-garden more than he had thirty years ago. He never thinks, that living partly on cabbage, kail, turnip, carrot, would save much oat-meal: nor does he ever think, that change of food is more wholesome, than vegetables alone, or oat-meal alone. We need not recommend potatoes, which in scanty crops of corn have proved a great blessing: without them, the labouring poor would frequently have been reduced to a starving condition. Would the farmer but cultivate his kitchen-garden with as much industry as he bestows on his potato crop, he needed never fear want; and he can cultivate it with the iron plough at a very small expence. It may be held by a boy of 12 or 13: and would be a proper education for a ploughman. But it is the landlord who ought to give a beginning to the improvement. A very small expence would inclose an acre for a kitchen-garden to each of his tenants; and it would excite their industry, to bestow an iron plough on those who do best.

Nor is this the only case where a single-horse plough may be profitably employed. It is sufficient for seed-furrowing barley, where the land is light and well-dressed. It may be used in the second or third ploughing of fallow, to encourage annual weeds, which are destroyed in subsequent ploughings.

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Rotheram Plough, Plate VII. fig. 3.

The *Rotheram plough* is a machine of very simple construction, and easily worked. AB is the beam, CD the sheath, EBD the main handle, FR the smaller handle, GH the coulter, KI the sock or share, NP the bridle, S the fly-band, and ML a piece of wood in place of a head. The whole of this plough should be made of ash or elm; the irons should be steeled and well-tempered; and that part of the plough which is under ground in tilling should be covered with plates of iron. The difference between this and the common plough seems to consist in the bridle at the end of the beam, by which the ploughman can give the plough more or less land by notches at N, or make it cut deeper or shallower by the holes at P; in the coulter or share, which are so made and set as to cut off the new furrow without tearing; and in the mould-board, which is so shaped at first to raise a little, and then gradually turn over the new cut furrow with very little resistance. But the greatest advantage attending it, is its being so easy of draught, that it will do double the work of any common plough.

The *Paring-plough* is an instrument used in several parts of England for paring off the surface of the ground, in

order to its being burnt. Mr Bradley has given the following description of a very simple instrument of this kind: From A to A (fig. 4.) is the plough-beam, about seven feet long, mortised and pinioned into the block B, which is of clean timber without knots. CC are the sheaths or standards, made flat on the inside, to close equally with the paring plate, and fastened to it with a bolt and key on each side, as at D. E is the paring plate of iron laid with steel, about four inches wide, and from 12 to 18 inches long. This plate must be made to cut on the sides, which are bolted to the standards as well as at the bottom part. FF are two iron braces to keep the standards from giving way: these standards must be mortised near their out-sides and through the block. GG are the plough handles, which must be fixed slope-ways between the beam and the standards. The pin-holes in the beam, the use of which is to make the plough cut more or less deep, by fixing the wheels nearer to or farther from the paring plate, should not be above two inches asunder.

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The Paring Plough, Plate VII. fig. 4.

Fig. 1. represents the four-coultered plough of Mr Tull. Its beam is ten feet four inches long, whereas that of the common plough is but eight. The beam is straight in the common plough, but in this it is straight only from *a* to *b*, and thence arched: so that the line let down perpendicularly from the corner at *a*, to the even surface on which the plough stands, would be 11½ inches; and if another line were let down from the turning of the beam at *b* to the same surface, it would be one foot eight inches and a half; and a third line let down to the surface from the bottom of the beam at that part which bears upon the pillow, will show the beam to be two feet ten inches high in that part. At the distance of three feet two inches from the end of the beam *a*, at the plough-tail, the first coulter, or that next the share, is let through; and at 13 inches from this, a second coulter is let through; a third at the same distance from that; and, finally, the fourth at the same distance from the third, that is, 13 inches: and from *a* to *b* is seven feet.

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The Four-coultered Plough, Plate VII.

The crookedness of the upper part of the beam of this plough is contrived to avoid the too great length of the three foremost coulters, which would be too much if the beam was straight all the way; and they would be apt to bend and be displaced, unless they were very heavy and clumsy. Ash is the best wood to make the beam of, it being sufficiently strong, and yet light. The sheat in this plough is to be seven inches broad. The fixing of the share in this, as well as in the common plough, is the nicest part, and requires the utmost art of the maker; for the well-going of the plough wholly depends upon the placing this. Supposing the axis of the beam, and the left side of the share, to be both horizontal, they must never be set parallel to each other: for if they are, the tail of the share bearing against the trench as much as the point, would cause the point to incline to the right hand, and it would be carried out of the ground into the furrow. If the point of the share should be set so, that its side would make an angle on the right side of the axis of the beam, this inconvenience would be much greater; and if its point should incline much to the left, and make too large an angle on that side with the axis of the beam, the plough would run quite to the left hand;

**Practice.** and if the holder, to prevent its running quite out of the ground, turns the upper part of his plough towards the left hand, the pin of the share will rise up, and cut the furrow diagonally, leaving it half unploughed. To avoid this and several other inconveniences, the straight side of the share must make an angle upon the left side of the beam; but that must be so very acute a one, that the tail of the share may only press less against the side of the trench than the point does. This angle is shown by the pricked lines at the bottom of fig. 9. where *ef* is supposed to be the axis of the beam let down to the surface, and *gf* parallel to the left side of the share: and it is the subtense *eg* that determines the inclination which the point of the share must have towards the left hand. This subtense, says Mr Tull, at the fore-end of an eight-foot beam, should never be more than one inch and a half, and whether the beam be long or short, the subtense must be the same.

The great thing to be taken care of, is the placing the four coulter; which must be so set, that the four imaginary places described by their four edges, as the plough moves forward, may be all parallel to each other, or very nearly so; for if any one of them should be very much inclined to, or should recede much from either of the other, then they would not enter the ground together. In order to place them thus, the beam must be carefully pierced in a proper manner. The second couler-hole must be two inches and a half more on the right hand than the first, the third must be as much more to the right of the second, and the fourth the same measure to the right hand of the third; and this two inches and a half must be carefully measured from the centre of one hole to the centre of the other. Each of these holes is a mortise of an inch and quarter wide, and is three inches and a half long at the top, and three inches at the bottom. The two opposite sides of this hole are parallel to the top and bottom, but the back is oblique, and determines the obliquity of the standing of the couler, which is wedged tight up to the poll. The couler is two feet eight inches long before it is worn; the handle takes up sixteen inches of this length, and is allowed thus long, that the couler may be driven down as the point wears away. As to the wheels, the left hand wheel is 20 inches diameter, and that on the right hand two feet three inches, and the distance at which they are set from each other is two feet  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

## 2. THE PATENT SWORD-CUTTER.

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THE different parts of this instrument are represented by N<sup>o</sup> 1. 2. 3. of fig. 6. A. A. &c. a square frame 3 feet 4 inches from the fore to the hind part, by 4 feet 3 inches, the breadth of the machine within side; the timber (when of fir) 4 inches square, placed on two wheels B. B. 3 feet diameter, a little more or less (the old fore-wheels of a chaise may answer the purpose), to support the hind part of the machine.

C. C. &c. are six strong pieces of wood, called *bulls*, 3 feet long, 5 inches and a half broad, the thickness 6 inches at E, and tapering to 3 inches at F. Into these bulls are fixed the cutting wheels, which are iron, 13 inches diameter,  $\frac{3}{8}$ ths of an inch thick at the centre, about an inch diameter for piercing holes to fix the iron axles in; from that they are to be of such

thickness, as to allow the edges to be well steeled. The wheels are fixed by two bolts going through the bulls, with eyes on one end for the axles of the wheels to run in, and nuts and screws on the other to make them very firm, and sunk in the bulls, to prevent their interfering with the weights L. L. &c. resting on them. **Practice.**

G. G. &c. are hollow pieces of wood, called *thorles*, each  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches long, which inclose the bolt M. M. and keep the bulls C. C. &c. at their proper distances, but may be made longer or shorter at pleasure, according as the sward requires to be cut in larger or smaller pieces. They are in two pieces bound together, and jointed by a strap of leather or cord, which allows them to be readily changed when the cutting wheels require to be kept at more or less distance.

The iron bolt M. M. goes through two pieces of wood or iron P. P. 7 inches long, clear of the wood, supported by iron stays fixed to the frame, and through all the bulls. It requires to be strong, as the draught of the horses terminate there.

H. H. N<sup>o</sup> 2. and 3. a cylinder or segment of wood, 7 inches diameter, called a *rocking tree*, which goes across the frame, and moves on the pivots fixed into it, one at each end, supported by an iron bolt or piece of wood mortised into the frame, 8 inches high, as appears in N<sup>o</sup> 2. and 3. to which 6 chains or ropes are fixed by hooks, at different distances, as you want your cuts, 9, 8, 7 or 6 inches from one another, and are joined to the end of each bull in which the cutting wheels run; so that when the rocking tree is turned about by the lever I, fixed in the middle of it, all the bulls, with their cutting wheels, are raised out of the ground at once, as in N<sup>o</sup> 3. by which means the machine may be turned, or moved from place to place with great ease, without any danger of straining the wheels.

L. L. L. &c. N<sup>o</sup> 1. 2. 3. are weights of freestone, 26 inches long and 6 inches broad; the under one 4 inches thick, the upper one 3 inches thick; weighing about 64 lb. the under, and 48 the upper; each of them having two holes, through which iron spikes, firmly fixed in the bulls, pass, in order to keep them steady.

When the ground is easily cut, the under stone may answer; when more difficult, the other stone may be added; so that every wheel may have 7 stone-weight upon it, which has been found sufficient for the stiffest land and toughest sward the machine has ever been tried on. Cast iron weights will answer fully better, but are more expensive.

The level I. N<sup>o</sup> 2. 3. which ought to be 5 feet long, must have a sliding rope on it; fixed to the back part of the frame; so that when the cutting wheels are all taken out of the ground three or four inches, by the rocking tree's being turned partly round by the lever, the rope may be fixed to it by a loop over the pin R. N<sup>o</sup> 3. (it ought to be placed 3 feet 4 inches from the extremity of the lever I.) Thus all the cutting wheels are kept out of the ground till the machine is turned; and then by moving the loop off the pin, it slips back towards the frame, and the lever is gently let back to its place, as in N<sup>o</sup> 2. by which the cutting wheels are put into their former posture, by the weights fixed on the bulls in which they run. The levers may be made of good tough ash.

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P. P. N<sup>o</sup> 1. a small bolt of iron, with a hook on one end of it (one is sufficient), to strengthen the bolt M. M. to be hooked on the centre of it, and joined to the frame by a nut and screw.

The grooves in which the cutting wheels run, may be covered below at the hinder part with a plate of thin black iron, 6 inches long, 3 inches broad, having a slit in it where the wheels run, to prevent (if found necessary) any grass, weeds, or small stones, from filling the grooves, and clogging the wheels.

To the frame N<sup>o</sup> 1. are fixed (for a double-horse sward-cutter) three shafts, as in a waggon, of such length, strength, and distance from one another, as any workman may think proper.

For a single-horse sward-cutter (which has only four cutting-wheels), a pair of shafts are used, and may make the two sides of the frame without any joinings: The width of the frame, in proportion to the double-horse sward-cutter, is as four to six.

It is recommended for a double-horse sward-cutter to have eight bulls and wheels, in order that when it is used to reduce hard clody summer-fallow, or land for barley, before the last furrow, or even after it, the whole weight (42 stone) employed in cutting the stiffest land and toughest sward, may be applied to the 8 bulls then at 6 inches from one another. The 64 lb. weights to be applied to six of the bulls, and two of the 48 lb. weights to each of the additional bulls, which is a sufficient weight for the purpose, and will effectually prevent a clod of more than six inches breadth from escaping being broke to pieces.

In the same manner, a single-horse sward-cutter may have six bulls for the above-mentioned purpose; the 23 stone belonging to it divided thus: The 64 lb. weights to four of the bulls, and two of the 48 lb. weights to each of the additional bulls.

That the machine may come as cheap as possible to the public, the inventor is of opinion, that the expence of the two wheels and the iron axle (which is considerable) may be saved, by joining strongly to the frame at S. N<sup>o</sup> 3. a piece of wood with a little curve at the extremity of it, resembling the foot of a sledge, formerly much used in Scotland to carry in the corn from the field; the part of it resting on the ground being kept 18 inches (the half diameter of the wheels) from the frame, by a strong support of wood.

As the two outer bulls next the frame are apt to get under it, so as to prevent the cutting wheels from being taken out of the ground, a thin slip of iron fixed to the inside of the frame, nearly opposite to the back end of the bulls, of convenient length, will be found necessary.

The original intention of this machine was to prepare old grass-ground for the plough, by cutting it across the ridges, in the beginning of or during winter, when the ground is soft, in order to answer all the purposes that Mr Tull proposed by his four-coulter plough above described, and so strongly recommended by him for bringing into tith grass-ground that has been long rested. This the sward-cutter has been found to do much more effectually and expeditiously: For Mr Tull's machine cuts the sward in the same direction with the plough; and is liable, from every obstruction any of the coulters meet with, to be thrown out of its work altogether, or the instrument broken:

to which the sward-cutter, consisting of four, six, or more cutting wheels, is never liable, from these being entirely independent of one another, cutting the ground across the ridges before ploughing, and rendering that operation easier to two horses than it would be to three, without its being cut. The furrow being cut across, falls finely from the plough in squares of any size required not under six inches, in place of long slips of tough sward seldom and imperfectly broke by the four-coulter plough.

This instrument is very fit for preparing ground for burnbating, as it will save much hand-labour.

It may be properly used in cross-cutting clover of one or two years standing, to prepare the ground for wheat, if the land is stiff and moist enough.

It may be applied to cutting and cross-cutting pasture-ground, intended to have manure of any kind put upon it to meliorate the grass. In this it will far exceed the scarificator mentioned in one of Mr Young's tours; as that instrument is liable, as well as the four-coulter plough, to be thrown out of its work when meeting with a stone or other interruption. This the sward-cutter is proof against, which is looked on as its greatest excellence.

In preparing for barley, the sward-cutter excels a roller of any kind in reducing the large hard clods in clay-land, occasioned by a sudden drought, after its being ploughed too wet; and it is likewise very proper for reducing such clay land when under a summer-fallow. In this operation, the sward-cutter is greatly to be preferred to the cutting-roller, likewise mentioned by Mr Young in one of his tours; for the wheels of the latter being all dependent one on another, when one is thrown out by a stone, three or four must share the same fate. Besides, the cutting-roller has but seven wheels in six feet; whereas the sward-cutter has six in four feet three inches, at nine inches distance; and, if necessary, may have them so near as six inches.

After old grass-ground is cut across with the sward-cutter and ploughed, it has a very uncommon and worklike appearance, from each square turned over by the plough being raised up an inch or two at the side last moved by the carth-board; so that the field, when finished, is all prettily waved, and resembles a piece of water when blown on by a gentle breeze. By this means a very great deal of the land's surface is exposed to the frost and other influences of the air, which cannot fail to have a good effect on it.

Two horses are sufficient for the draught of a double-horse sward-cutter, and one horse for a single-horse one. One man manages the machine and drives the horses. He begins his operation by first measuring off 20 or 30 paces from the machine, less or more as he inclines, and there fixes a pole. He then cuts the field cross, as near at right angles with the ridges as he can. When the cutting wheels are past the last furrow about a yard or so, and the machine is upon the utmost ridge of the field on which it must turn, he must stop the horses; then take hold of the lever I. N<sup>o</sup> 2. and by pulling it to him he raises the cutting wheels out of the ground, which are kept so by the loop of the rope being put over the pin R. in the lever I. N<sup>o</sup> 3. till the machine is turned and brought to its proper place, which is done by measuring off the same distance for-

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merly done on the opposite side of the field. When the cutting wheels are exactly over the utmost furrow, then, on the horses being stopped, the rope is slipped off the pin R. and the lever returned to its former place, as represented N<sup>o</sup> 2. which allows the weights L.L. &c. to force the cutting wheels into the ground again. He then goes on till the interval betwixt the first and second stroke of the machine is all cut. In this manner the field is to be finished, after which you may begin to plough when you please. (N. B. There must be a pole at each side of the field.)

It is of no consequence whether the land to be sward-cut is in crooked ridges or straight, in flat ridges or in very high raised ones. Be the surface ever so uneven, the cutting wheels, being all independent of one another, are forced by their weights into every furrow or hollow.

One sward-cutter will cut as much in one day, as six ploughs will plough.

The land may lie several months in winter after being sward-cut, when there is no vegetation to make the cuts grow together again before it is ploughed; but the sooner it is ploughed after cutting the better, that it may have the benefit of all the winter's frost, which makes it harrow better in seed-time.

When the ground is harrowed, the harrows ought to go with the waves which appear after ploughing, not against them, as by that means they are less apt to tear up the furrows all cut into squares. This, however, need only be attended to the two first times of harrowing; as they are called.

Any common wright and smith may make the instrument. It is very strong, very simple, and easily managed and moved from place to place; and, if put under cover, will last many years.

It was invented some time ago by the Honorable Robert Sandilands; and is represented in the Plate as it has been lately improved by him, the price being at the same time reduced from L. 15 or L. 16 to L. 5 or L. 6.

### 3. The BRAKE.

The brake is a large and weighty harrow, the purpose of which is to reduce a stubborn soil, where an ordinary harrow makes little impression. It consists of four square bulls, each side five inches, and six feet and a half in length. The teeth are 17 inches long, bending forward like a coulter. Four of them are inserted into each bull, fixed above with a screw-nut, having 12 inches free below, with a heel close to the under part of the bull, to prevent it from being pushed back by stones. The nut above makes it easy to be taken out for sharpening. This brake requires four horses or four oxen. One of a lesser size will not fully answer the purpose: one of a larger size will require six oxen; in which case the work may be performed at less expence with the plough.

This instrument may be applied to great advantage in the following circumstances. In the following strong clay that requires frequent ploughings, a breaking between every ploughing will pulverize the soil, and render the subsequent ploughings more easy. In the month of March or April, when strong ground is ploughed for barley, especially if bound with couch-

grafs, a cross-breaking is preferable to a cross-ploughing, and is done at half the expence. When ground is ploughed from the state of nature, and after a competent time is cross-ploughed, the brake is applied with great success, immediately after the cross-ploughing, to reduce the whole to proper tilth.

Let it be observed, that a brake with a greater number of teeth than above-mentioned, is improper for ground that is bound together by the roots of plants, which is always the case of ground new broken up from its natural state. The brake is soon choked, and can do no execution till freed from the earth it holds. A less number of teeth would be deficient in pulverizing the soil.

### 4. The HARROW.

HARROWS are commonly considered as of no use but to cover the seed; but they have another use scarce less essential, which is to prepare land for the seed. This is an article of importance for producing a good crop. But how imperfectly either of these purposes is performed by the common harrow, will appear from the following account of it.

The harrow commonly used is of different forms. The first we will mention has two bulls, four feet long and 18 inches asunder, with four wooden teeth in each. A second has three bulls and 12 wooden teeth. A third has four bulls, and 20 teeth of wood or iron, 10, 11, or 12 inches asunder. Now, in fine mould, the last may be sufficient for covering the seed; but none of them are sufficient to prepare for the seed any ground that requires subduing. The only tolerable form is that with iron teeth; and the bare description of its imperfections will show the necessity of a more perfect form. In the first place, this harrow is by far too light for ground new taken up from the state of nature, for clays hardened with spring-drought, or for other stubborn soils: it floats on the surface; and after frequent returns in the same tract, nothing is done effectually. In the next place, the teeth are too thick set, by which the harrow is apt to be choked, especially where the earth is bound with roots, which is commonly the case. At the same time, the lightness and number of teeth keep the harrow upon the surface, and prevent one of its capital purposes, that of dividing the soil. Nor will fewer teeth answer for covering the seed properly. In the third place, the teeth are too short for reducing a coarse soil to proper tilth; and yet it would be in vain to make them longer, because the harrow is too light for going deep into the ground. Further, the common harrows are so ill constructed, as to ride at every turn one upon another. Much time is lost in disengaging them. Lastly, it is equally unfit for extirpating weeds. The ground is frequently so bound with couch-grafs, as to make the furrow-lice stand upright, as when old lea is ploughed: notwithstanding much labour, the grafs-roots keep the field, and gain the victory.

A little reflection, even without experience, will make it evident, that the same harrows, whatever be the form, can never answer all the different purposes of harrowing, nor can operate equally in different soils, rough or smooth, firm or loose. The following, therefore, have been recommended; which are of three different

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Fig. 1. Chain Plough

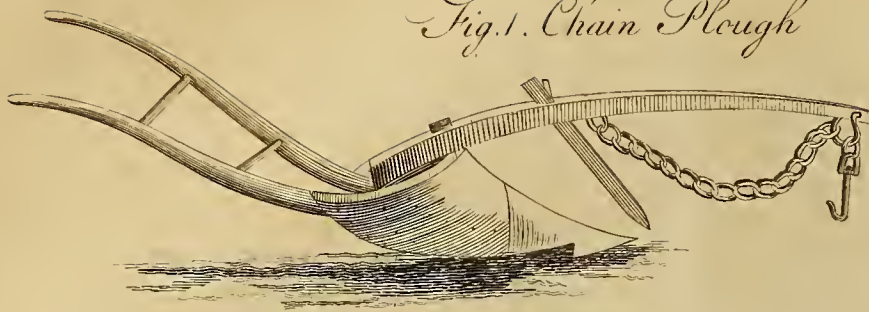


Fig. 2. Brake

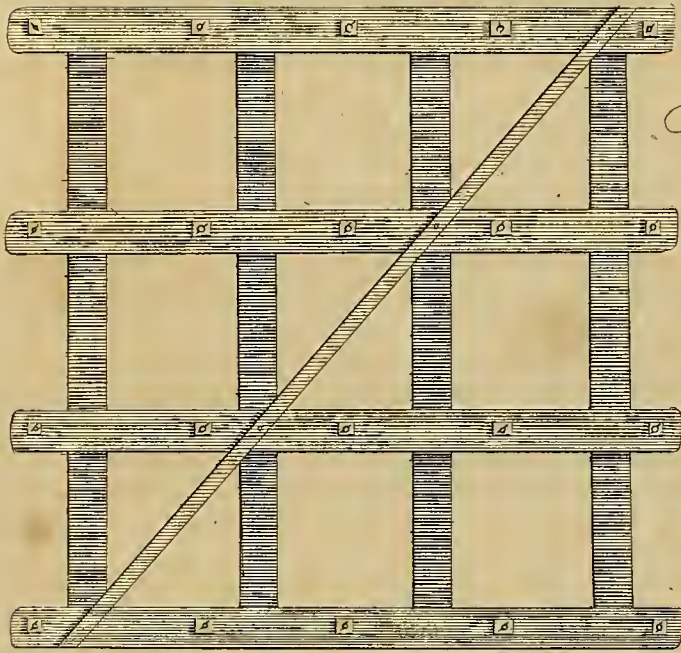


Fig. 8. Chain & Screw Harrow

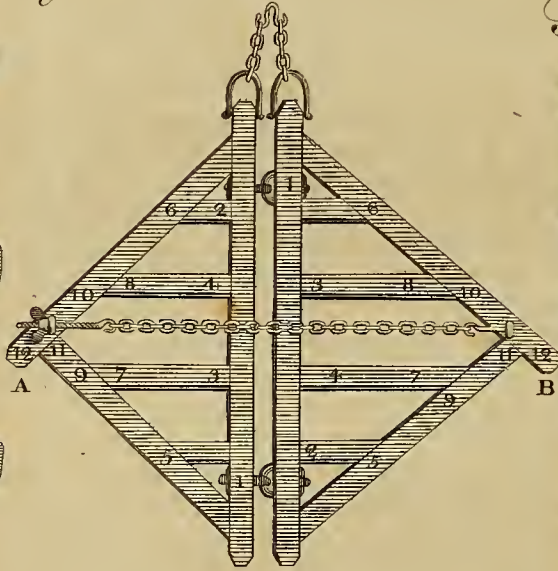


Fig. 3. first Harrow

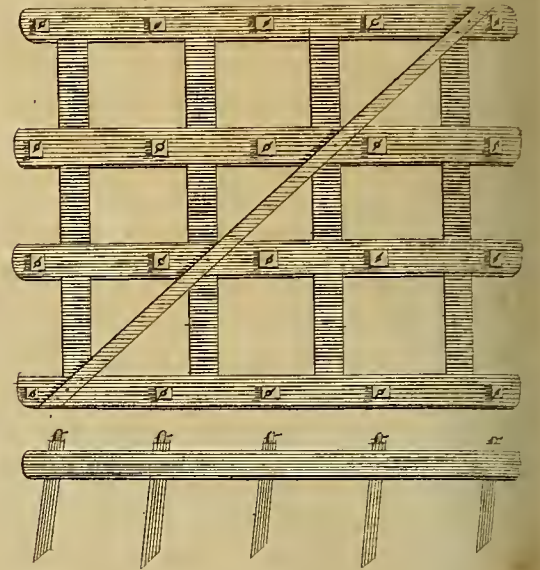


Fig. 4. second Harrow

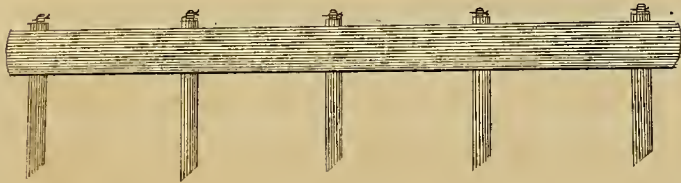
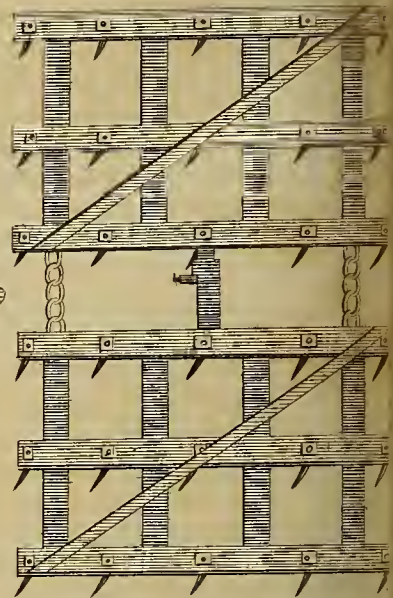


Fig. 5. third Harrow

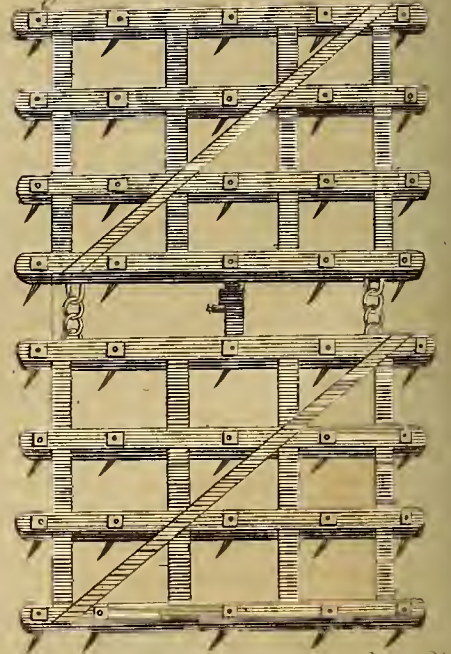


Fig. 6. Cleaning Harrow

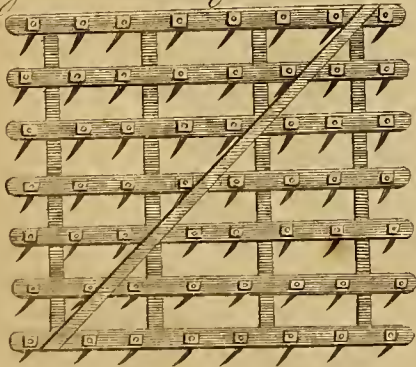
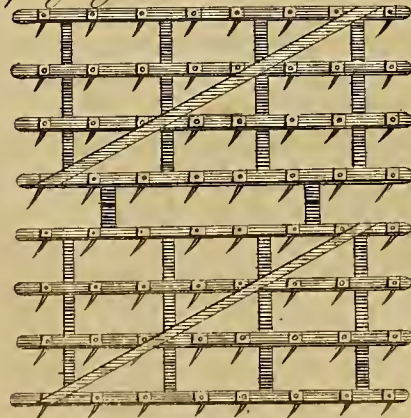


Fig. 7. Grass Seed Harrow



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Practice. ferent forms, adapted for different purposes. They are all of the same weight, drawn each by two horses. Birch is the best wood for them, because it is cheap, and not apt to split. The first is composed of four bulls, each four feet ten inches long, three and a quarter inches broad, and three and a half deep; the interval between the bulls 11 and three-fourths inches; so that the breadth of the whole harrow is four feet. The bulls are connected by four sheths, which go thro' each bull and are fixed by timber-nails driven through both. In each bull five teeth are inserted, ten inches free under the bull, and ten inches asunder. They are of the same form of those with the brake, and inserted into the wood in the same manner. Each of these teeth is three pounds weight; and where the harrow is made of birch, the weight of the whole is six stone 14 pounds, Dutch. An erect bridle is fixed at the corner of the harrow three inches high, with four notches for drawing higher or lower. To this bridle a double tree is fixed for two horses drawing abreast, as in a plough. And to strengthen the harrow, a flat rod of iron is nailed upon the harrow from corner to corner in the line of the draught.

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The second harrow consists of two parts, connected together by a crank or hinge in the middle, and two chains of equal length, one at each end, which keep the two parts always parallel, and at the same distance from each other. The crank is so contrived as to allow the two parts to ply to the ground like two unconnected harrows; but neither of them to rise above the other, more than if they were a single harrow without a joint. In a word, they may form an angle downward but not upward. Thus they have the effect of two harrows in curved ground, and of one weighty harrow in a plain. This harrow is composed of six bulls, each four feet long, three inches broad, and three and a half deep. The interval between the bulls nine and a half inches; which makes the breadth of the whole harrow, including the length of the crank, to be five feet five inches. Each bull has five teeth, nine inches free under the wood, and ten inches asunder. The weight of each tooth is two pounds; the rest as in the former.

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The third consists also of two parts, connected together like that last mentioned. It has eight bulls, each four feet long, two and a half inches broad, and three deep. The interval between the bulls is eight inches; and the breadth of the whole harrow, including the length of the crank, is six feet four inches. In each bull are inserted five teeth, seven inches free under the wood, and ten and a half inches asunder, each tooth weighing one pound. The rest as in the two former harrows.

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These harrows are a considerable improvement. They ply to curved ground like two unconnected harrows; and when drawn in one plain, they are in effect one harrow of double weight, which make the teeth pierce deep into the ground. The imperfection of common harrows, mentioned above, will suggest the advantages of the set of harrows here recommended. The first is proper for harrowing land that has long lain after ploughing, as where oats are sown on a winter-furrow, and in general for harrowing stiff land: it pierces deep into the soil by its long teeth, and divides it minutely. The se-

cond is intended for covering the seed: its long teeth lays the seed deeper than the common harrow can do; which is no slight advantage. By placing the seed considerably under the surface, the young plants are, on the one hand, protected from too much heat, and, on the other, have sufficiency of moisture. At the same time, the seed is so well covered that none of it is lost. Seed slightly covered by the common harrows wants moisture, and is burnt up by the sun; beside, that a proportion of it is left upon the surface uncovered. The third harrow supplies what may be deficient in the second, by smoothing the surface, and covering the seed more accurately. The three harrows make the ground finer and finer, as heckles do lint; or to use a different comparison, the first harrow makes the bed, the second lays the seed in it, the third smooths the cloaths. They have another advantage not inferior to any mentioned: they mix manure with the soil more intimately than can be done by common harrows; and upon such intimate mixture depends greatly the effect of manure, as has already been explained. To conclude, these harrows are contrived to answer an established principle in agriculture, That fertility depends greatly on pulverizing the soil, and on an intimate mixture of manure with it, whether dung, lime, marle, or any other.

*The Chain and Screw Harrow.* Fig. 8. is the plan of a harrow also invented by Mr Sandilands, and to which he has given the name of the *chain and screw harrow*. Its properties are, that if your ridges be high, and you wish to harrow them from one end to the other, by lengthening the chain (which the screw commands), the harrow, when drawn along, forms an angle downwards, and misses none of the curve of the ridge, so far as it extends (which may be nine feet, the distance from A to B. The extent in the contrary direction, is five feet six inches). When the crowns of the ridges have got what is thought sufficient harrowing lengthwise, you shorten the chain by the screw, which forms an angle upwards: the harrow is then drawn by the horses, one on each side of the furrow; which completely harrows it, and the sides of the ridge, if 18 feet broad.

Plate VI.

When you want to harrow even ground or high ridges across with the screw, you can bring the harrow to be horizontal, so as to work as a solid harrow without a joint.

The teeth are formed and fixed in the common manner, square, not in the fashion of coulter; and are nine or ten inches below the wood, and of such strength as it is thought the land requires. The teeth cut, or rather tear, the ground at every four inches without variation, though seemingly placed irregular; and this without any risk of choking, except sometimes at the extreme angles, where the teeth are necessarily near each other; but which may be cleaned with the greatest ease, by raising them a little from the ground. The figures 1, 2, &c. point out where the 12 teeth on each side of the harrow are placed.

Where a strong brake-harrow is not necessary, by making the teeth shorter and lighter, you may have 48 teeth, which will tear the ground at every two inches, cover the seed well, and make a fine mould.

It is recommended, that harrows for every purpose, and

**Practice.** and of any size, be made on the above principle; by which no tooth can ever follow the track of another, and all of them will be kept constantly acting.

### 5. The ROLLER.

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The roller. THE roller is an instrument of capital use in husbandry, though scarcely known in ordinary practice; and, where introduced, it is commonly so slight as to have very little effect.

Rollers are of different kinds; stone, cast-iron, wood. Each of these has its advantages. We would recommend the last, constructed in the following manner. Take the body of a tree, six feet ten inches long, the larger the better, made as near a perfect cylinder as possible. Surround this cylinder with three rows of staves, one row in the middle, and one at each end. Line these staves with planks of wood equally long with the roller, and so narrow as to ply into a circle. Bind them fast together with iron rings. Beech-wood is the best, being hard and tough. The roller thus mounted ought to have a diameter of three feet ten inches. It has a double pair of shafts for two horses abreast. These are sufficient in level ground; in ground not level, four horses may be necessary. The roller without the shafts ought to weigh 200 stone Dutch; and the large diameter makes this great weight easy to be drawn.

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Season for rolling.

Rolling wheat in the month of April is an important article in loose soil; as the winter-rains pressing down the soil leave many roots in the air. Barley ought to be rolled immediately after the seed is sown; especially where grass seeds are sown with it. The best time for rolling a gravelly soil, is as soon as the mould is so dry as to bear the roller without clinging to it. A clay soil ought neither to be tilled, harrowed, nor rolled, till the field be perfectly dry. And as rolling a clay soil is chiefly intended for smoothing the surface, a dry season may be patiently waited for, even till the crop be three inches high. There is the greater reason for this precaution, because much rain immediately after rolling is apt to cake the surface when drought follows. Oats in a light soil may be rolled immediately after the seed is sown, unless the ground be so wet as to cling to the roller. In a clay soil, delay rolling till the grain be above ground. The proper time for sowing grass-seeds in an oat-field, is when the grain is three inches high; and rolling should immediately succeed, whatever the soil be. Flax ought to be rolled immediately after sowing. This should never be neglected; for it makes the seed push equally, and prevents after-growth: the bad effect of which is visible in every step of the process for dressing flax. The first year's crop of sown grasses ought to be rolled as early the next spring as the ground will bear the horses. It fixes all the roots precisely as in the case of wheat. Rolling the second and third crops in loose soil is an useful work; though not so essential as rolling the first crop.

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Effects of rolling.

In the first place, rolling renders a loose soil more compact and solid; which encourages the growth of plants, by making the earth clap close to every part of every root. Nor need we be afraid of rendering the soil too compact; for no roller that can be drawn by two or four horses will have that effect. In the next place,

**Practice.** rolling keeps in the moisture, and hinders drought to penetrate. This effect is of great moment. In a dry season, it may make the difference of a good crop, or no crop, especially where the soil is light. In the third place, the rolling grass seeds, beside the foregoing advantages, facilitates the mowing for hay; and it is to be hoped, that the advantage of this practice will lead farmers to mow their corn also, which will increase the quantity of straw both for food and for the dunghill.

There is a small roller for breaking clods in land intended for barley. The common way is, to break clods with a mell; which requires many hands, and is a laborious work. This roller performs the work more effectually, and at much less expence: let a harrowing precede, which will break the clods a little; and after lying a day, or a day and a half, to dry, this roller will dissolve them into powder. This however does not supersede the use of the great roller after all the other articles are finished, in order to make the soil compact, and to keep out the summer-drought. A stone roller four feet long, and fifteen inches diameter, drawn by one horse, is sufficient to break clods that are easily dissolved by pressure. The use of this roller in preparing land for barley is gaining ground daily, even among ordinary tenants, who have become sensible both of the expence and toil of using wooden mells. But in a clay soil, the clods are sometimes too firm, or too tough, to be subdued by so light a machine. In that case, a roller of the same size, but of a different construction, is necessary. It ought to be surrounded with circles of iron, six inches asunder, and seven inches deep; which will cut even the most stubborn clods, and reduce them to powder. Let not this instrument be considered as a finical refinement. In a stiff clay, it may make the difference of a plentiful or scanty crop.

### 6. The FALLOW-CLEANSING MACHINE.

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The fallow-cleansing machine, Plate VII. fig. 5. THIS was invented by Mr Aaron Ogden, a smith at Ashton-under-Line, near Manchester in Lancashire. It is intended for cleansing fallows from weeds, &c. which exhaust the riches of the soil. A, A, is the frame; B, the first roller; C, the second ditto; in which last are two cranks to move the arms D, D, which work the rake up the directors fixed on the plank E. The under side of the lower ends or shares of these directors are sharp, to cut the clods and let them come on the upper side. Each alternate heel of the share is longer than the intermediate one, that they may not have more than one-half to cut at once. At the back of the plank E are two screws to let it loose, that the directors may be set higher or lower. The shares are to penetrate the ground two or three inches, to raise the quicks till the rake I, I, fetches them into the cart H, where a man must be ready with a muck-hook to clear them backward when gathered. In the rake I are two teeth for every space of the directors, that stones, &c. may be gathered without damage. K, K, are two staples, by which the machine is drawn: under them at h are two hooks, placed low to raise the machine in turning, by the help of the traces; and the axle-tree of the cart should be fixed upon a pin, that it may turn like a waggon. F, F, are the triggers to throw the rake behind the roots. The long teeth at G, G, are to cleanse the roller C. I, I, is the rake which gathers up the weeds into

*Practice.* into the cart H, and is drawn above the trigger F by the working of the arms D, expressed by the dotted lines at *dd, iii*. The triggers F, of which there is one on each side, move on the pivots *a*; so that when the points *b*, of the rake I, have been drawn up by the directors E to the part marked *c*, the trigger, giving way, permits the rake to pass; but immediately falling, the rake returns along the upper surface of the trigger marked *e, e*, and of course falls on the weeds when it comes to the end, a little beyond the pivot *a*. The reader will observe, that the boarding is taken away on one side, in the Plate, in order to give a more perfect view of the inner parts of the machine; and in fact it would perhaps be better if all the boarding, marked L, L, L, was taken away, and frame-work put in its stead. The cart H might undoubtedly also be made lighter. The wheels M, M, appear in the Plate to be made of solid wood; but there is no necessity they should be so. At N is another view of the roller C, by which the disposition of the spikes may be easily comprehended. Suppose the circle O, described by the end of the roller N, to be divided by four straight lines into eight equal segments, as represented at P. Let the same be done at the other end of the roller, and parallel lines be drawn from one corresponding point to the other the length of the roller; mark the points with figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; afterwards draw oblique lines, as from 1, at the end of O, to 2, at the other end, and from 2 to 3, &c. On these oblique lines the spikes are to be fixed at equal distances, in eight circles, described on the circumference of the roller. The spikes of the small roller B are fixed in the same manner, except that the diameter being smaller, there are only six instead of eight rows. R is another view of the directors, with the plank E on which they are fixed; and S is a section of a part of the plank, with one of the directors as fixed, in which may be seen the heel *m*, from whence to the point of the share *n* is a sharp cutting edge. See the same letters in figure R. At T is one of the long teeth to be seen at G; it is bent towards the roller C, which it serves to cleanse. When the end of the rake *b*, after rising above *c*, is pushed, by the motion of the arms D, D, along the upper part *e*, of the trigger F, and comes to the end beyond *a*; as it falls, the part of the arm marked *o* rests in the notch *p*, till it is again raised by the motion of the roller C with the rake. The roller C is to be one foot diameter, the spikes nine inches long, that they may go through the furrow (if the soil should be loose) into the hard earth, the more effectually to work the rake, which otherwise might be so overcharged as to cause the roller to drag without turning. In the rake-ends *b* there should be pivots, with rollers or pullers on, to go in the groove, to take off the friction; and they would likewise take the triggers more surely as the rake comes back. The rake should also be hung so far backward, that when it is fallen the arms of it may lie in the same plane or parallel with the directors, on which it comes up (which will require the frame to be two inches longer in the model). This will cause the rake to fall heavier, and drive the teeth into the roots, and bring them up without shattering. These teeth must be made of steel, very fine, and so long as to reach down

*Practice.* to the plank on which the directors are fixed, that is to say, six inches long (the directors are also to be made six inches broad above the plank). The rake-head should also fall a little before the crank is at its extremity, which will cause the rake to push forward to let the teeth come into the roots. The rake-teeth must drop in the same plane with the roller and wheels, or on the surface of the earth. No more space should be given from the roller C to the long teeth at G G than that the rake may just miss the spikes of the roller C, and fall on the places before mentioned. As the first roller B was intended to cleanse the second C more than for any other use, it may be omitted when the machine is made in large, as Mr Ogden has lately found that the long teeth at G G answer the end alone, and this renders the machine about a sixth part shorter. Now, to suit any sort of earth, there should be to each machine three planks, with directors at different spaces, to use occasionally; in the first the spaces between the directors should be eight inches wide, in the second six, and the third four. This will answer the same end as having so many machines.

As there may be some objections to the rake not leaving the roots when it has brought them up, Mr Ogden has several methods of cleansing it; but as he would make it as simple as possible, he chooses to let it be without them at present; but suppose it should bring some roots back again with it, it will probably lose them before it gets back to the extremity; whence they will lie light, and be of but little detriment to the others coming up. Mr Ogden would have the first machine made four feet six inches wide, the teeth divided into equal spaces, the outsides into half spaces.

#### 7. The new-invented Patent Universal SOWING Machine.

THIS machine, whether made to be worked by hand, <sup>105</sup> Universal drawn by a horse, or fixed to a plough, and used with sowing machine, it is extremely simple in the construction, and not liable to be put out of order; as there is but one <sup>Plate IX.</sup> movement to direct the whole, nor does it require any <sup>fig. 1. 2. III.</sup> skill in working. It will sow wheat, barley, oats, rye, clover, cole-seed, hemp, flax, canary, rape, turnip, besides a great variety of other kinds of grain and seeds broad-cast, with an accuracy hitherto unknown. It is equally useful in the new husbandry, particularly when fixed to a plough; it will then drill a more extensive variety of grain, pulse, and feed, (through every gradation, with regard to quantity), and deliver each kind with greater regularity, than any drill-plough whatever. When used in this manner, it will likewise be found of the utmost service to farmers who are partial to the old husbandry, as, among many other very valuable and peculiar properties, it will not only sow in the broad-cast way with a most singular exactness, but save the expence of a seedsman; the seed being sown (either over or under furrow at pleasure), and the land ploughed, at the same operation.

Perhaps a fair and decisive experiment for ascertaining the superior advantage of broad-casting or drilling any particular crop, was never before so practicable; as the seed may now be put in with the utmost degree of regularity, in both methods of culture, by the same machines;

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machine: consequently, the seed will be sown in both cases with equal accuracy, without which it is impossible to make a just decision.

The excellence of this machine consists in spreading any given quantity of seed over any given number of acres, with a mathematical exactness, which cannot be done by hand; by which a great saving may be made in seeding the ground, as well as benefiting the expected crop.

There has always been a difficulty in sowing turnip seed with any degree of exactness, both from the minuteness of the seed, and the smallness of the quantity required to be sown on an acre. Here the machine has a manifest advantage, as it may be set to sow the least quantity ever required on an acre; and with an accuracy the best seedsman can never attain to.

It will also sow clover, cole, flax, and every other kind of small seed, with the utmost degree of regularity.

It will likewise broad-cast beans, pease, and tares, or drill them with the greatest exactness, particularly when constructed to be used with a plough.

Another advantage attending the use of this machine is, that the wind can have no effect on the falling of the seed.

*Of the Machine when made to be used without a Plough, and to be drawn by a Horse.*—It may in this case be made of different lengths, at the desire of the purchaser. The upper part A A A A, contains the hoppers from which the grain or seed descends into the spouts. The several spouts all rest upon a bar, which hangs and plays freely by two diagonal supporters B B; a trigger fixed to this bar bears a catch-wheel: this being fixed on the axle, occasions a regular and continual motion, or jogging of the spouts, quicker or slower in proportion to the pace the person sowing with it drives; and of course, if he quickens his pace, the bar will receive a greater number of strokes from the catch-wheel, and the grain or seed will feed the faster. If he drives slower, by receiving fewer strokes, the contrary must take place. In going along the side of a hill the strength of the stroke is corrected by a spring which acts with more or less power, in proportion as the machine is more or less from a horizontal position, and counteracts the difference of gravity in the bar, so that it presses, in all situations, with a proper force against the catch-wheel. This spring is unnecessary if the land be pretty level. At the bottom of the machine is placed an apron or shelf in a sloping position, and the corn or seed, by falling thereon from the spouts above, is scattered about in every direction under the machine, and covers the ground in a most regular and uniform manner.

To sow the corn or seed in drills, there are moveable spouts, (see fig. 10.) which are fixed on, or taken off at pleasure, to direct the seed from the upper spout to the bottom of the furrow.

The machine is regulated for sowing any particular quantity of seed on an acre by a brass slider, A, fig. 7. fixed by screws against a brass bridge on each of the spouts. The machine is prevented from feeding while turning at the ends, by only removing the lever E, fig. 2. out of the channel G, to another at H, on the right hand of it, which carries back the bar from the catch-wheel, and occasions the motion of the spouts to cease, and at the same time brings them upon a level

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by the action of the diagonal supporters; so that no corn or seed can fall from them. Practice.

The machine in this form is particularly useful for broad-casting clover upon barley or wheat; or for sowing any other kind of seed, where it is necessary that the land should first be harrowed exceedingly fine and even.

*Manner of using the Machine, when drawn by a Horse.*—Place the machine about two feet from the ends of the furrows where you intend it shall begin to sow. Fill the hoppers with seed, and drive it forwards with the outside wheel in the first furrow. When you are at the end of the length, at the opposite side of the field, lift the lever E, fig. 2, into the channel H, and the machine will instantly stop sowing. Drive it on about two feet, and then turn. Fill the hoppers again if necessary; then remove the lever back again into the channel, G, and in returning, let the outside wheel of the machine go one furrow within the track which was made by it, in passing from the opposite end; as, for example, if the wheel passed down the eighth furrow from the outside of the field, let it return in the seventh; and in every following length let the outside wheel always run one furrow within the track made by the same wheel: because the breadth sown is about nine inches less than the distance between the wheels.

Let the machine be kept in a perpendicular situation. If the farmer wishes to sow more or less seed on any one part of the field than the other, it is only raising the handles a little higher, or sinking them a little lower than usual, and it will occasion a sufficient alteration; and should the last turn be less in breadth than the machine, those spouts which are not wanted may be taken up from the bar, and prevented from feeding, by turning the knob above them.

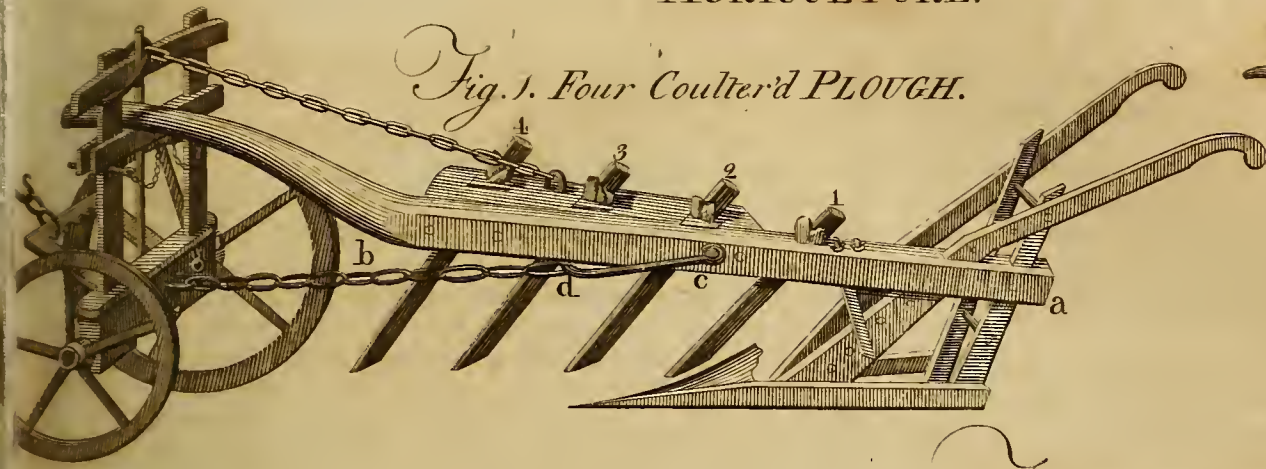
Also, when the land required to be sown has what is called a *vent*, that is, when the sides of the field run in an oblique line to the furrows, which by this means are unequal in length; the spouts must be taken up or let down in succession by turning the knobs; as that part of the machine, where they are placed, arrives at the ends of the furrows. This is done while the machine is going forwards.

If the land be tolerably level, the machine may be fixed by the screw in the front, and the machine may then be used by any common harrow boy.

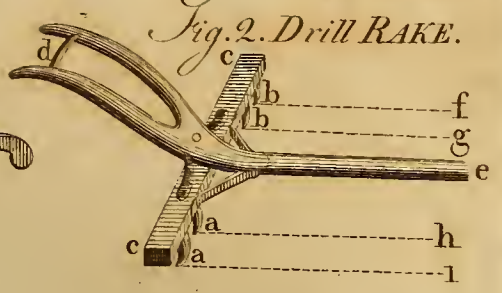
*Method of regulating the Machine.*—In each spout is fixed a bridge, (see fig. 7.) with an aperture in it, B, for the grain or seed to pass through. This aperture is enlarged or contracted by a slider, A, which passes over it; and when properly fixed for the quantity of seed designed to be sown on an acre, is fastened by means of two strong screws firmly against the bridge. This is made use of in sowing all kinds of seed, where it is required to sow from one bushel upwards on an acre. To sow one, two, three gallons, or any of the intermediate quantities, as of clover, cole-feed, &c. the brass plate, fig. 6, is placed between the bridge and the slider; with the largest aperture B downwards, which aperture is enlarged or contracted by the slider as before.—To sow turnips, the same plate is placed between the bridge and the slider, with its smallest aperture A downwards, and the hollow part about the same aperture inwards.

Fig. 8. is a view of the regulator, by which the apertures

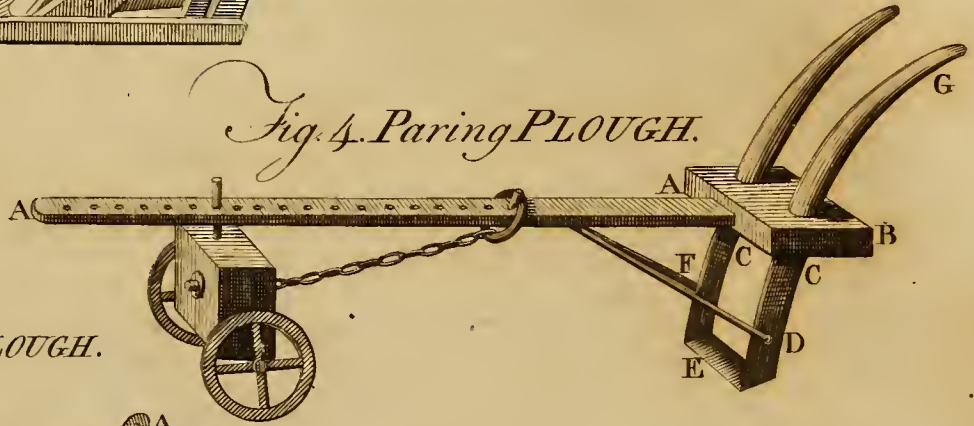
*Fig. 1. Four Coulter'd PLOUGH.*



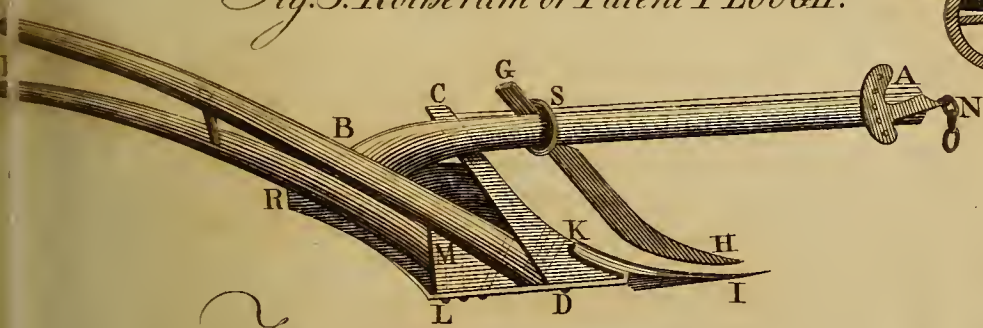
*Fig. 2. Drill RAKE.*



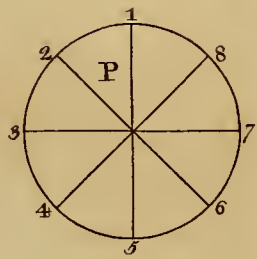
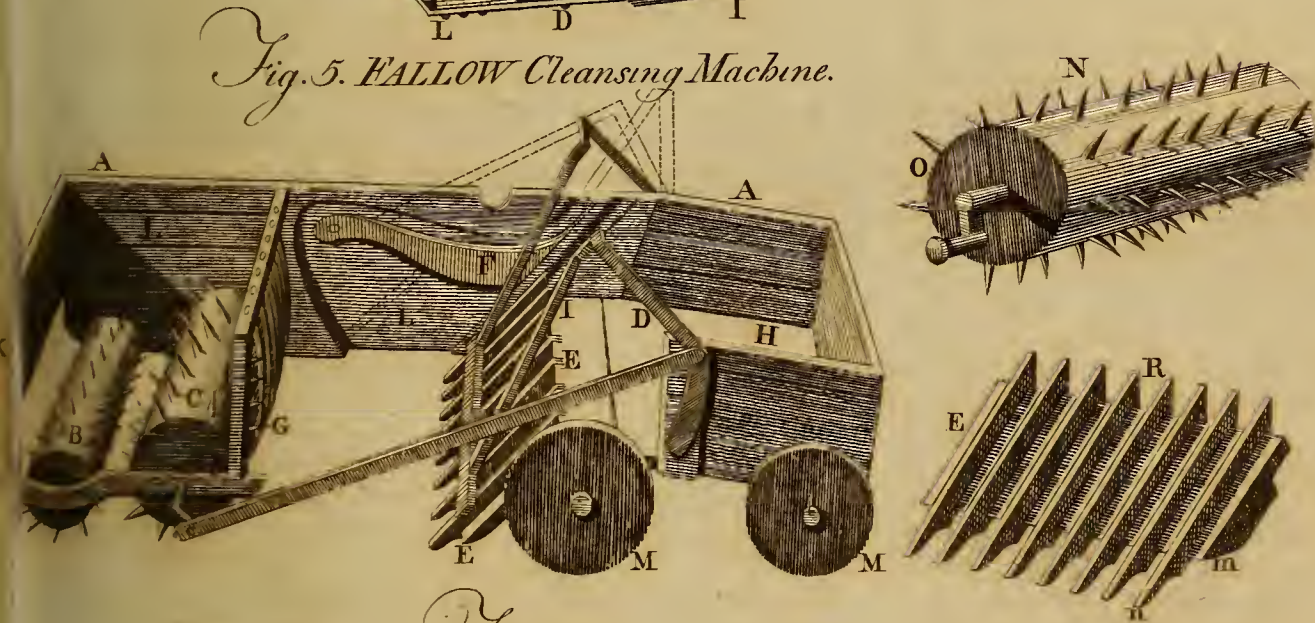
*Fig. 4. Paring PLOUGH.*



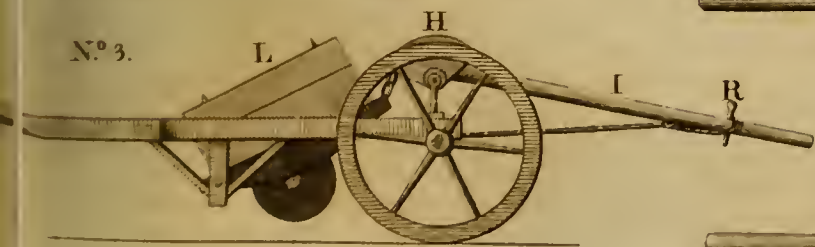
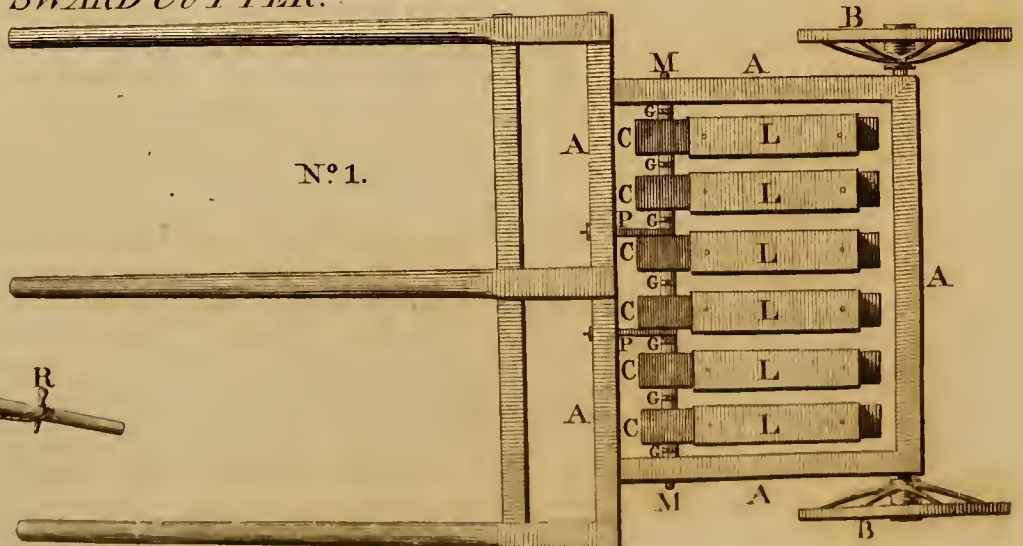
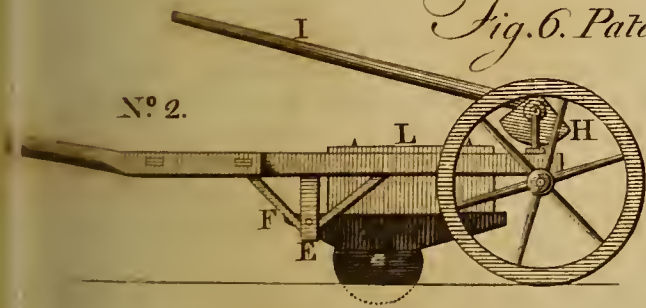
*Fig. 3. Rotheram or Patent PLOUGH.*



*Fig. 5. FALLOW Cleansing Machine.*



*Fig. 6. Patent SWORD CUTTER.*







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By this means the spouts (being all fixed in the same manner) will feed equally.

It is easy to conceive that the size of the apertures, and consequently the quantity of seed to be sown on an acre, may be regulated with a far greater accuracy than is required in common practice.

The spouts may be regulated with the utmost nicety, in five minutes, to sow each particular seed, for the whole season. But a little practice will enable any person, who possesses but a very moderate capacity, to make the spouts feed equally, even without using the regulator (A).

*Of the Machine when made to be used by Hand.*—The difference of the machine in this case is, that it is made lighter, with but three spouts, without shafts, and is driven forwards by the handles. It hath also a bolt in front, which being pushed in by the thumb, releases the machine; so that it can then easily be placed in a perpendicular position. This alteration is necessary to keep the handles of a convenient height, in sowing up and down a hill, where the slope is considerable; and is done while the machine is turning at the end of the length. The method of regulating and using it is the same as when made to be drawn by a horse.

*Of the Machine when constructed to be used with a Plough.*—This is, without doubt, the most useful application of the machine; and it can be fixed without difficulty to any kind of plough, in the same manner as to that represented in fig. 1.

The advantages arising from the use of it are great and numerous; for, besides the increase in the crop, which will be insured by the seed's being broad-cast with a mathematical nicety, a large proportion of feed (the value of which alone, in a few months, will amount

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to more than the price of the machine) and the seedf-man's labour will be saved. The seed may likewise be sown either under or over furrow; or one cast each way, as is practised by some farmers. The seed also, being cast by the machine upon the fresh ploughed land, may be immediately harrowed in, before the mould has lost any part of its moisture; which in a dry season will greatly promote the crop. In drilling any kind of grain, pulse, or seed, it possesses every property that can be wished for in the best drill-plough, nor will it (as most of them do) bruise the seed, or feed irregularly. The construction of the machine is the same as the large ones, except being made with one hopper and spout instead of several, and the apron moveable instead of being fixed, as may be seen by inspecting fig. 4. The only alteration necessary to make the machine broad-cast or drill is, in the former case to place the apron B, fig. 1, at the bottom of the machine, upon the hooks FF', sloping either towards the furrows or the unploughed land, according as it is intended to sow the seed, either under or over furrow. Whenever the apron is required to be shifted, it is done in less than a second of time; as it only requires to be moved up or down with the hand, when a catch fixes it.

To prepare it for drilling, instead of the apron, place the long spout, fig. 10, upon the brackets, on the front of the machine, by the ears AA, to receive the feed from the upper spout, and fasten the lower end of it, by a small cord, to that hook upon which the apron is hung for broad-casting, which is next the plough (see fig. 3.) the seed will then be directed by the long spout, to the centre of the furrow, near the heel of the plough. The spring for correcting the strength of the stroke, is necessary only when they are required to go along the side of a considerable declivity. The machine, when fixed to a plough, does not require the smallest degree of skill in using, as nothing is necessary but to keep the hopper filled, which will contain a sufficient quantity of seed to go upwards of 140 rods, before it will want re-filling, when three bushels and a half are sown on an acre. The accuracy with which it will broad-cast, may in some measure be conceived, by considering that the seed regularly descends upon the apron or shelf, and is from thence scattered upon the ground, in quantity exactly proportioned to the speed of the plough: also that each cast spreads to the third furrow; and by this means shuts upon the last. In this manner it is continually filling up till the whole field is completely covered; so that it is impossible to leave the smallest space without its proper quantity of feed.

When the plough is wanted for any other purpose,

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(A) Proper directions are given with each machine for using it, as also for fixing the sliders to sow any particular quantity of corn or feed on an acre, so as to enable any person to set the spouts.

The prices of the machine (exclusive of the packing cases) are as follow. If constructed to be used with a single furrow plough; the wheel, with the axle and cheeks steeled, strap, regulator, brass-plates for broad-casting or drilling turnips, lucerne, tares, wheat, barley, &c. &c. &c. and every article necessary for fixing it included, three guineas and a half. If made with a spring (for sowing on the side of a hill, where the slope is considerable) but which is very rarely necessary, five shillings more. If made to be fixed to any double-furrow plough, four guineas and a half.

The large machine, fig. 2. when made to broad-cast seven furrows at a time, and to be drawn by a horse, eight guineas and a half. If constructed to sow five furrows at a time, and to be used by hand, six guineas. These are also five shillings more if made with a spring.

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Fig. 11. represents the machine fixed to a double-furrow creasing plough, and prepared for drilling. As this plough may not be generally known, it will not be improper to observe, that it is chiefly used for creasing the land with furrows (after it has been once ploughed and harrowed); which method is necessary when the seed is to be sown broad-cast upon land that has been a clover-lay, &c. because, if the seed be thrown upon the rough furrows, a considerable part of it will fall between them, and be unavoidably lost, by laying too deep buried in the earth. This mode answers extremely well, and partakes of both methods of culture; the seed, though sown broad-cast, falling chiefly into the furrows.

The machine is very useful for sowing in this manner; as the seed is broad-cast, with an inconceivable regularity, at the time the land is creased. The advantages it likewise possesses for drilling all sorts of grain or seed with this plough, are too evident to need mentioning.

The machine, when constructed to be used with a double-furrow plough, is made with two upper and two long spouts for drilling, two aprons for broad-casting, and with a double hopper; but in other respects the same as when intended for a single furrow plough: it is used in all cases with the greatest ease imaginable.

The interval between the points of the two shares of a creasing plough is usually ten inches; the beam about nine feet long; and the whole made of a light construction.

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*More particular explanation of the figures.*—Fig. 1. The machine fixed to a Kentish turn wrest plough. A, The machine. B, The apron upon which the seed falls and rebounds upon the land, in broad-casting. C, Lid to cover the hopper. D, Wheel at the heel of the plough. E, strap. FF, Hooks, upon which the apron turns by a pivot on each side. G, Stays, to keep the machine steady. H, Lever, to prevent it from sowing.

Fig. 2. The machine constructed to be drawn by a horse. AAAA, The hoppers. BB, The diagonal supporters. CCCC, The upper spouts. D, The apron or shelf upon which the seed falls from the upper spouts. E, The lever, which carries back the bar, and prevents the machine from sowing. FF, Staples upon the handles, through which the reins pass, for the man who conducts the machine, to direct the horse by. I, Screw, to fix the machine occasionally. N. B. The knobs (by turning which each particular spout may be taken from off the bar, and thereby prevented from feeding) are over each upper spout; but, to prevent confusion, are not lettered in the Plate.

Fig. 3. Is the same machine with that in fig. 1. The dotted lines, expressing the situation of the long spout, when the apron is removed, and the machine adapted for drilling.

Fig. 4. Also the same machine, with the front laid open to show the inside. A, The catch-wheel fixed upon the axle. BB, The axle upon which the machine hangs between the handles of the plough. C, The pulley, by which the strap from the wheel at the heel of the plough turns the catch-wheel. D, The bar,

upon which the upper spout rests, suspended by the diagonal supporters EE, bearing against the catch-wheel by the trigger F, and thereby kept in motion while the plough is going. G, The apron in a sloping position, upon which the corn or feed falls from the upper spout, and is scattered by rebounding upon the land. It turns upon pivots, and by this means throws the feed either towards the right hand or left at pleasure.

Fig. 5. The upper spout.

Fig. 6. The plate which is placed between the bridge and the slider, for sowing small seeds. The aperture A being downwards for sowing turnips; the larger one B downwards for sowing clover, &c.

Fig. 7. The bridge, fixed in the upper spouts. A, The slider, which contracts or enlarges the different apertures. B, The aperture in the bridge, through which the seed passes, when sowing any quantity from one bushel upwards on an acre.

Fig. 8. The regulator, made of brass. D, The slider or horse which moves upon it, and is fixed at any particular degree by a screw in its side.

Fig. 9. Represents the movement in the machine fig. 2. AAAA, Cleets, between which the upper spouts rest. BB, The diagonal supporters, by which the bar with the upper spouts hang. C, The catch-wheel. DD, The axle. E, The trigger upon the bar, which bears against the catch-wheel. FF, Stays from the back of the machine, by which the bar plays.

Fig. 10. The long spout. AA, The ears by which it hangs.

## SECT. II. Preparing Land for Cropping.

### I. OBSTRUCTIONS TO CROPPING.

In preparing land for cropping, the first thing that occurs, is to consider the obstructions to regular ploughing. The most formidable of these are *stones* lying above or below the surface, which are an impediment to a plough, as rocks are to a ship. Stones above the surface may be avoided by the ploughman, though not without loss of ground; but stones below the surface are commonly not discovered till the plough be shattered to pieces, and perhaps a day's work lost. The clearing land of stones is therefore necessary to prevent mischief. And to encourage the operation, it is attended with much actual profit. In the first place, the stones are useful for fences: when large they must be blown, and commonly fall into parts proper for building. And as the blowing, when gunpowder is furnished, does not exceed a halfpenny for each inch that is bored, these stones come generally cheaper than to dig as many out of the quarry. In the next place, as the soil round a large stone is commonly the best in the field, it is purchased at a low rate by taking out the stone. Nor is this a trifle; for not only is the ground lost that is occupied by a large stone, but also a considerable space round it, to which the plough has not access without danger. A third advantage is greater than all the rest; which is, that the ploughing can be carried on with much expedition, when there is no apprehension of stones: in stony land, the plough must proceed so slow, as not to perform half of its work.

To clear land of stones, is in many instances an undertaking

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Obstructions, viz.  
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Stones.

**Practice.** dertaking too expensive for a tenant who has not a very long lease. As it is profitable both to him and to his landlord, it appears reasonable that the work should be divided, where the lease exceeds not nineteen years. It falls naturally upon the landlord to be at the expence of blowing the stones, and upon the tenant to carry them off the field.

**108 Wetness.** Another obstruction is *wet ground*. Water may improve gravelly or sandy soils; but it fours (A) a clay soil, and converts low ground into a morafs, unfit for any purpose that can interest the husbandman.

A great deal has been written upon different methods of draining land, mostly so expensive as to be scarce fit for the landlord, not to mention the tenant.

One way of draining without expence when land is to be inclosed with hedge and ditch, is to direct the ditches so as to carry off the water. But this method is not always practicable, even where the divisions lie convenient for it. If the run of water be considerable, it will destroy the ditches, and lay open the fences, especially where the soil is loose or sandy.

If ditches will not answer, hollow drains are sometimes made, and sometimes open drains, which must be made so deep as to command the water. The former is filled up with loose stones, with brush-wood, or with any other porous matter that permits the water to pass. The latter is left open, and not filled up. To make the former effectual, the ground must have such a slope as to give the water a brisk course. To execute them in level ground is a gross error: the passages are soon stopped up with sand and sediment, and the work is rendered useless. This inconvenience takes not place in open drains; but they are subject to other inconveniencies: They are always filling up, to make a yearly reparation necessary; and they obstruct both ploughing and pasturing.

The following is the best in all views. It is an open drain made with the plough, cleaving the space intended for the drain over and over, till the furrow be made of a sufficient depth for carrying off the water. The slope on either side may, by repeated ploughings, be made so gentle as to give no obstruction either to the plough or to the harrow. There is no occasion for a spade, unless to smooth the sides of the drain, and to remove accidental obstructions in the bottom. The advantages of this drain are manifold. It is executed at much less expence than either of the former; and it is perpetual, as it can never be obstructed. In level ground, it is true, grafs may grow at the bottom of the drain; but to clear off the grafs once in four or five years, will restore it to its original perfection. A hollow drain may be proper between the spring-head and the main drain, where the distance is not great; but in every other case the drain recommended is the best.

Where a level field is infested with water from higher ground, the water ought to be intercepted by a ditch carried along the foot of the high ground, and terminating in some capital drain.

The only way to clear a field of water that is hollow

in the middle, is to carry it off by some drain still lower. This is commonly the case of a morafs fed with water from higher ground, and kept on the surface by a clay bottom.

A clay soil of any thickness is never pestered with springs; but it is pestered with rain, which settles on the surface as in a cup. The only remedy is high narrow ridges, well rounded. And to clear the furrows, the furrow of the foot-ridge ought to be considerably lower, in order to carry off the water cleverly. It cannot be made too low, as nothing hurts clay soil more than the stagnation of water on it: witness the hollows at the end of crooked ridges, which are absolutely barren. Some gravelly soils have a clay bottom; which is a substantial benefit to a field when in grafs, as it retains moisture. But when in tillage, ridges are necessary to prevent rain from settling at the bottom; and this is the only case where a gravelly soil ought to be ridged.

Clay soils that have little or no level, have sometimes a gravelly bottom. For discharging the water, the best method is, at the end of every ridge to pierce down to the gravel; which will absorb the water. But if the furrow of the foot-ridge be low enough to receive all the water, it will be more expeditious to make a few holes in that furrow. In some cases, a field may be drained by filling up the hollows with earth taken from higher ground. But as this method is expensive, it will only be taken where no other method answers. Where a field happens to be partly wet, partly dry, there ought to be a separation by a middle ridge, if it can be done conveniently; and the dry part may be ploughed while the other is drying.

The low part of Berwickshire is generally a brick clay, extremely wet and poachy during winter. This in a good measure may be prevented by proper inclosing, as there is not a field but can be drained into lower ground all the way down to the river Tweed. But, as this would lessen the quantity of rain in a dry climate, such as is all the east side of Britain, it may admit of some doubt whether the remedy would not be as bad as the disease. (*See the article DRAINING.*)

## 2. Bringing into CULTURE, LAND from the STATE OF NATURE.

To improve a moor, let it be opened in winter when it is wet; which has one convenience, that the plough cannot be employed at any other work. In spring, after frost is over, a slight harrowing will fill up the seams with mould, to keep out the air, and rot the sod. In that state let it lie the following summer and winter, which will rot the sod more than if laid open to the air by ploughing. Next April, let it be cross-ploughed, braked, and harrowed, till it be sufficiently pulverized. Let the manure laid upon it, whether lime or dung, be intimately mixed with the soil by repeated harrowings. This will make a fine bed for turnip-seed if sown broad-cast. But if drills be intended, the method must

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(A) By this expression it is not meant that the ground really becomes acid, but only that it becomes unfit for the purposes of vegetation. The natural products of such a soil are rushes and *four grafs*: which last appears in the furrows, but seldom in the crown of the ridge; is dry and tasteless like a chip of wood; and feels rough when stroked backwards.

Practice. be followed that is directed afterward in treating more directly of the culture of turnip.

A successful turnip-crop, fed on the ground with sheep, is a fine preparation for laying down a field with grass-feeds. It is an improvement upon this method, to take two or three successive crops of turnip, which will require no dung for the second and following crops. This will thicken the soil, and enrich it greatly.

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Swampy  
ground.

The best way of improving swampy ground after draining, is paring and burning. But where the ground is dry, and the soil so thin as that the surface cannot be pared, the best way of bringing it into tilth from the state of nature, as mentioned above, is to plough it with a feathered sock, laying the grassy surface under. After the new surface is mellowed with frost, fill up all the seams by harrowing crows the field, which by excluding the air will effectually rot the sod. In this state let it lie summer and winter. In the beginning of May after, a cross-ploughing will reduce all to small square pieces, which must be pulverized with the brake, and make it ready for a May or June crop. If these square pieces be allowed to lie long in the sap without breaking, they will become tough and not be easily reduced.

### 3. Forming RIDGES.

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Of ridges.

THE first thing that occurs on this head, is to consider what grounds ought to be formed into ridges, and what ought to be tilled with a flat surface. Dry soils, which suffer by a lack of moisture, ought to be tilled flat, which tends to retain moisture. And the method for such tilling, is to go round and round from the circumference to the centre, or from the centre to the circumference. This method is advantageous in point of expedition, as the whole is finished without once turning the plough. At the same time, every inch of the soil is moved, instead of leaving either the crown or the furrow unmoved, as is commonly done in tilling ridges. Clay soil, which suffers by water standing on it, ought to be laid as dry as possible by proper ridges. A loamy soil is the middle between the two mentioned. It ought to be tilled flat in a dry country, especially if it incline to the soil first mentioned. In a moist country, it ought to be formed into ridges, high or low according to the degree of moisture and tendency to clay.

In grounds that require ridging, an error prevails, that ridges cannot be raised too high. High ridges labour under several disadvantages. The soil is heaped upon the crown, leaving the furrows bare: the crown is too dry, and the furrows too wet: the crop, which is always best on the crown, is more readily shaken with the wind, than where the whole crop is of an equal height: the half of the ridge is always covered from the sun, a disadvantage which is far from being slight in a cold climate. High ridges labour under another disadvantage in ground that has no more level than barely sufficient to carry off water: they sink the furrows below the level of the ground; and consequently retain water at the end of every ridge. The furrows ought never to be sunk below the level of the ground. Water will more effectually be carried off by lessening the ridges both in height and breadth: a

Practice. narrow ridge, the crown of which is but 18 inches higher than the furrow, has a greater slope than a very broad ridge where the difference is three or four feet.

Next, of forming ridges where the ground hangs considerably. Ridges may be too steep as well as too horizontal; and if to the ridges be given all the steepness of a field, a heavy shower may do irreparable mischief. To prevent such mischief, the ridges ought to be so directed cross the field, as to have a gentle slope for carrying off water slowly, and no more. In that respect, a hanging field has greatly the advantage of one that is nearly horizontal; because, in the latter, there is no opportunity of a choice in forming the ridges. A hill is of all the best adapted for directing the ridges properly. If the soil be gravelly, it may be ploughed round and round, beginning at the bottom, and ascending gradually to the top in a spiral line. This method of ploughing a hill, requires no more force than ploughing on a level; and at the same time removes the great inconvenience of a gravelly hill, that rains go off too quickly; for the rain is retained in every furrow. If the soil be such as to require ridges, they may be directed to any slope that is proper.

In order to form a field into ridges, that has not been formerly cultivated, the rules mentioned are easily put in execution. But what if ridges be already formed, that are either crooked or too high? After seeing the advantage of forming a field into ridges, people were naturally led into an error, that the higher the better. But what could tempt them to make their ridges crooked? Certainly this method did not originate from design; but from the laziness of the driver suffering the cattle to turn too hastily, instead of making them finish the ridge without turning. There is more than one disadvantage in this slovenly practice. First, the water is kept in by the curve at the end of every ridge, and sours the ground. Next, as a plough has the least friction possible in a straight line, the friction must be increased in a curve, the back part of the mould-board pressing hard on the one hand, and the coulter pressing hard on the other. In the third place, the plough moving in a straight line, has the greatest command in laying the earth over. But where the straight line of the plough is applied to the curvature of a ridge in order to heighten it by gathering, the earth moved by the plough, is continually falling back, in spite of the most skilful ploughman.

The inconveniencies of ridges high and crooked are so many, that one would be tempted to apply a remedy at any risk. And yet, if the soil be clay, it would not be adviseable for a tenant to apply the remedy upon a lease shorter than two nineteen years. In a dry gravelly soil, the work is not difficult nor hazardous. When the ridges are cleaved two or three years successively in the course of cropping, the operation ought to be concluded in one summer. The earth, by reiterated ploughings, should be accumulated upon the furrows, so as to raise them higher than the crowns: they cannot be raised too high, for the accumulated earth will subside by its own weight. Cross-ploughing once or twice will reduce the ground to a flat surface, and give opportunity to form ridges at will. The same method brings down ridges in clay soil: only let care be taken to carry on the work with expedition; because

**Practice.** cause a hearty shower, before the new ridges are formed, would soak the ground in water, and make the farmer suspend his work for the remainder of that year at least. In a strong clay, we would not venture to alter the ridges, unless it can be done to perfection in one season.—On this subject Mr Anderson has the following observations\*.

\* *Essays on Agriculture.* Vol. I. p. 146

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Inconveniences in the common methods of levelling.

“The difficulty of performing this operation properly with the common implements of husbandry, and the obvious benefit that accrues to the farmer from having his fields level, has produced many new inventions of ploughs, harrows, drags, &c. calculated for speedily reducing the fields to that state; none of which have as yet been found fully to answer the purpose for which they were intended, as they all indiscriminately carry the earth that was on the high places into those that were lower; which, although it may, in some cases, render the surface of the ground tolerably smooth and level, is usually attended with inconveniences far greater for a considerable length of time, than that which it was intended to remove.

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Vegetable mould becomes inert by being long buried.

“For experience sufficiently shows, that even the best vegetable mould, if buried for any length of time so far beneath the surface as to be deprived of the benign influences of the atmosphere, loses its *vis vitæ*, if I may be allowed that expression; becomes an inert, lifeless mass, little fitted for nourishing vegetables; and constitutes a soil very improper for the purposes of the farmer. It therefore behoves him, as much as in him lies, to preserve, on every part of his fields, an equal covering of that vegetable mould that has long been uppermost, and rendered fertile by the meliorating influence of the atmosphere. But, if he suddenly levels his high ridges by any of these mechanical contrivances, he of necessity buries all the good mould that was on the top of the ridges in the old furrows; by which he greatly impoverishes one part of his field, while he too much enriches another; insomuch that it is a matter of great difficulty, for many years thereafter, to get the field brought to an equal degree of fertility in different places; which makes it impossible for the farmer to get an equal crop over the whole of his field by any management whatever: and he has the mortification frequently, by this means, to see the one half of his crop rotted by an over-luxuriance, while other parts of it are weak and sickly, or one part ripe and ready for reaping, while the other is not properly filled; so that it were, on many occasions, better for him to have his whole field reduced at once to the same degree of poorness as the poorest of it, than have it in this state. An almost impracticable degree of attention in spreading the manures may indeed in some measure get the better of this; but it is so difficult to perform this properly, that I have frequently seen fields that had been thus levelled, in which, after thirty years of continued culture and repeated dressings, the marks of the old ridges could be distinctly traced when the corn was growing, altho’ the surface was so level that no traces of them could be perceived when the corn was off the ground.

“But this is a degree of perfection in levelling that cannot be usually attained by following this mode of practice; and, therefore, is but seldom seen. For all that can be expected to be done by any levelling ma-

chine, is to render the surface perfectly smooth and even in every part, at the time that the operation is performed: but as, in this case, the old hollows are suddenly filled up with loose mould to a great depth, while the earth below the surface upon the heights of the old ridges remains firm and compact, the new-raised earth after a short time subsides very much, while the other parts of the field do not sink at all; so that in a short time the old furrows come to be again below the level of the other parts of the field, and the water of course is suffered in some degree to stagnate upon them; insomuch that, in a few years, it becomes necessary once more to repeat the same levelling process, and thus renew the damage that the farmer sustains by this pernicious operation.

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“On these accounts, if the farmer has not a long lease, it will be found in general to be much his interest to leave the ridges as he found them, rather than to attempt to alter their direction; and, if he attends with due caution to moderate the height of these old ridges, he may reap very good crops, although perhaps at a somewhat greater expence of labour than he would have been put to upon the same field, if it had been reduced to a proper level surface, and divided into straight and parallel ridges.

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Levelling sometimes not to be attempted.

“But, where a man is secure of possessing his ground for any considerable length of time, the advantages that he will reap from having level and well laid-out fields, are so considerable as to be worth purchasing, if it should even be at a considerable expence. But the loss that is sustained at the beginning, by this mechanical mode of levelling ridges, if they are of a considerable height, is so very great, that it is perhaps doubtful if any future advantages can ever fully compensate it. I would therefore advise, that all this levelling apparatus should be laid aside; and the following more efficacious practice be substituted in its stead: A practice that I have long followed with success, and can safely recommend as the very best that has yet come to my knowledge.

“If the ridges have been raised to a very great height, as a preparation for the ensuing operations, they may be first *cloven*, or *scaled* out, as it is called in different places; that is, ploughed so as to lay the earth on each ridge from the middle towards the furrows. But, if they are only of a moderate degree of height, this operation may be omitted. When you mean to proceed to level the ground, let a number of men be collected, with spades, more or fewer as the nature of the ground requires, and then set a plough to draw a furrow directly across the ridges of the whole field intended to be levelled. Divide this line into as many parts as you have labourers, allotting to each one ridge or two, or more or less, according to their number, height, and other circumstances. Let each of the labourers have orders, as soon as the plough has passed that part assigned him, to begin to dig in the bottom of the furrow that the plough has just made, about the middle of the side of the old ridge, keeping his face towards the old furrow, working backwards till he comes to the height of the ridge, and then turn towards the other furrow, and repeat the same on the other side of the ridge, always throwing the earth that he digs up into the deep old furrow between the rid-

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Best method of levelling.

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“ In performing this operation, it will always be proper to make the ridges, formed for the purpose of levelling, which go across the old ridges, as broad as possible; because the deep trench that is thus made in each of the furrows is an impediment in the future operations, as well as the height that is accumulated in the middle of each of these ridges; so that the fewer there are of these, the better it is. The farmer, therefore, will do well to advert to this in time, and begin by forming a ridge by always turning the plough to the right hand, till it becomes of such a breadth as makes it very inconvenient to turn longer in that manner; and then, at the distance of twice the breadth of this new-formed ridge from the middle of it, mark off a furrow for the middle of another ridge, turning round it to the right hand, in the same manner as was done in the former, till it becomes of the same breadth with it; and then, turning to the left hand, plough out the interval that was left between the two new-formed ridges. By this mode of ploughing, each ridge may be made of 40, or 50 or 60 yards in breadth, without any great inconvenience; for although some time will be lost in turning at the ends of these broad ridges, yet, as this operation is only to be once performed in this manner, the advantage that is reaped by having few open furrows, is more than sufficient to counterbalance it. And, in order to moderate the height that would be formed in the middle of each of these great ridges, it will always be proper to mark out the ridges, and draw the furrow that is to be the middle of each some days before you collect your labourers to level the field; that you may, without any hurry or loss of labour, clear out a good trench through the middle of each of the old ridges; as the plough at this time going and returning nearly in the same track, prevents the labourers from working properly without this precaution.

“ If these rules are attended to, your field will be at once reduced to a proper level, and the rich earth that formed the surface of the old ridges be still kept upon the surface of your field; so that the only loss that the possessor of such ground can sustain by this operation, is merely the expence of performing it.”

He afterwards makes a calculation of the different

expences of levelling by the plough and by the spade, in which he finds the latter by far the cheapest method. **Practice.**

Let it be a rule, to direct the ridges north and south, if the ground will permit. In this direction, the east and west sides of the ridges, dividing the sun equally between them, will ripen at the same time. **116** Proper direction of the ridges.

It is a great advantage in agriculture, to form ridges so narrow, and so low, as to admit the crowns and furrows to be changed alternately every crop. The soil nearest the surface is the best; and by such ploughing, it is always kept near the surface, and never buried. In high ridges, the soil is accumulated at the crown and the furrows left bare. Such alterations of crown and furrow, is easy where the ridges are no more but seven or eight feet broad. This mode of ploughing answers perfectly well in sandy and gravelly soils, and even in loam; but it is not safe in clay soil. In that soil, the ridges ought to be 12 feet wide, and 20 inches high; to be preserved always in the same form by casting, that is, by ploughing two ridges together, beginning at the furrow that separates them, and ploughing round and round till the two ridges be finished. By this method, the separating furrow is raised a little higher than the furrows that bound the two ridges. But at the next ploughing, that inequality is corrected, by beginning at the bounding furrows, and going round and round till the ploughing of the two ridges be completed at the separating furrow. **117** Narrow ridges an advantage.

#### 4. CLEARING GROUND OF WEEDS.

For this purpose a new instrument, termed a *cleaning harrow*, has been introduced by Lord Kames, and is strongly recommended (B). It is one entire piece like the first of those mentioned above, consisting of seven bulls, four feet long each, two and one-fourth inches broad, two and three-fourths deep. The bulls are united together by sheths, similar to what are mentioned above. The intervals between the bulls being three and three-fourths inches, the breadth of the whole harrow is three feet five inches. In each bull are inserted eight teeth, each nine inches free below the wood, and distant from each other six inches. The weight of each tooth is a pound, or near it. The whole is firmly bound by an iron plate from corner to corner in the line of the draught. The rest as in the harrows mentioned above. The size, however, is not invariable. The cleaning harrow ought to be larger or less according as the soil is stiff or free. **118** Cleaning harrow. Plate VI. fig. 6.

To give this instrument its full effect, stones of such a size as not to pass freely between the teeth ought to be carried off, and clods of that size ought to be broken. The ground ought to be dry, which it commonly is in the month of May.

In preparing for barley, turnip, or other summer-crop, begin with ploughing and cross-ploughing. If the ground be not sufficiently pulverized, let the great brake be applied, to be followed successively with the 1st and 2d harrows. In stiff soil, rolling may be proper, or twice between the acts. These operations will loosen every root, and bring some of them to the surface. **Plate VI. fig. 3, 4.**

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(B) In his *Gentleman Farmer*; to which performance the practical part of this article is materially indebted.

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Fig. 5.

This is the time for the 3d harrow, conducted by a boy mounted on one of the horses, who trots smartly along the field, and brings all the roots to the surface: there they are to lie for a day or two, till perfectly dry. If any stones or clods remain, they must be carried off in a cart. And now succeeds the operation of the cleaning harrow. It is drawn by a single horse, directed by reins, which the man at the opposite corner puts over his head, in order to have both hands free. In this corner is fixed a rope, with which the man from time to time raises the harrow from the ground, to let the weeds drop. For the sake of expedition, the weeds ought to be dropt in a straight line cross the field, whether the harrow be full or not; and seldom is a field so dirty but that the harrow may go 30 yards before the teeth are filled. The weeds will be thus laid in parallel rows, like those of hay raked together for drying. A harrow may be drawn swiftly along the rows, in order to shake out all the dust; and then the weeds may be carried clean off the field in carts. But we are not yet done with these weeds: instead of burning, which is the ordinary practice, they may be converted into useful manure, by laying them in a heap with a mixture of hot dung to begin fermentation. At first view, this way of cleaning land will appear operose; but upon trial, neither the labour nor expence will be found immoderate. At any rate, the labour and expence ought not to be grudged; for if a field be once thoroughly cleaned, the seasons must be very cross, or the farmer very indolent, to make it necessary to renew the operation in less than 20 years. In the worst seasons, a few years pasture is always under command; which effectually destroys triennial plants, such as thistles and couch-grass.

#### 5. On the Nature of different kinds of SOILS, and the PLANTS proper to each.

1. CLAY, which is in general the stiffest of all soils, and contains an unctuous quality. But under the term *clays*, earths of different sorts and colours are included. One kind is so obstinate, that scarcely any thing will subdue it; another is so hungry and poor, that it absorbs whatever is applied, and turns it into its own quality. Some clays are fatter than others, and the fatter are the best; some are more soft and slippery. But all of them retain water poured on their surfaces, where it stagnates, and chills the plants, without sinking into the soil. The closeness of clay prevents the roots and fibres of plants from spreading in search of nourishment. The blue, the red, and the white clay, if strong, are unfavourable to vegetation. The stony and looser sort are less so; but none of them are worth any thing till their texture is so loosened by a mixture of other substances, and opened, as to admit the influence of the sun, the air, and frosts. Among the manures recommended for clay, sand is of all others to be preferred; and sea-sand the best of all where it can be obtained: This most effectually breaks the cohesion.

The reason for preferring sea-sand is, that it is not formed wholly (as most other sands are) of small stones; but contains a great deal of calcareous matter in it, such as, shells grated and broken to pieces by the tide; and also of salts. The smaller the sand is the more

easily it penetrates the clay; but it abides less time in it than the larger.

The next best sand is that washed down by rains on gravelly soils. Those which are dry and light are the worst. Small gritty gravel has also been recommended by the best writers on agriculture for these soils; and in many instances we have found them to answer the purpose.

Shell marle, ashes, and all animal and vegetable substances, are very good manures for clay; but they have been found most beneficial when sand is mixed with them. Lime has been often used, but the writer of this section would not recommend it, for he never found any advantage from it singly, when applied to clays.

The crops most suitable for such lands are, wheat, beans, cabbages, and rye-grass. Clover seldom succeeds, nor indeed any plants whose roots require depth, and a wide spread in the earth.

2. Chalk. Chalky soils are generally dry and warm, and if there be a tolerable depth of mould, fruitful; producing great crops of barley, rye, pease, vetches, clover, trefoil, burnet, and particularly sain-foin. The latter plant flourishes in a chalky soil better than any other. But if the surface of mould be very thin, this soil requires good manuring with clay, marle, loam, or dung. As these lands are dry, they may be sown earlier than others.

When your barley is three inches high, throw in 10 lb. of clover, or 15 lb. of trefoil, and roll it well. The next summer mow the crop for hay; feed off the aftermath with sheep; and in winter give it a top-dressing of dung. This will produce a crop the second spring, which should be cut for hay. As soon as this crop is carried off, plough up the land, and in the beginning of September sow three bushels of rye per acre, either to feed off the sheep in the spring or to stand for harvest. If you feed it off, sow winter vetches in August or September, and make them into hay the following summer. Then get the land into as fine tilth as possible, and sow it with sain-foin, which with a little manure once in two or three years, will remain and produce good crops for 20 years together.

3. Light poor land, which seldom produces good crops of any thing till well manured. After it is well ploughed, sow three bushels of buck-wheat per acre, in April or May: When in bloom, let your cattle in a few days to eat off the best, and tread the other down; this done, plough in what remains immediately. This will soon ferment and rot in the ground; then lay it fine, and sow three bushels of rye per acre. If this can be got off early enough, sow turnips; if not, winter vetches to cut for hay. Then get it in good tilth and sow turnip-rooted cabbages, in rows three feet apart. This plant seldom fails, if it has sufficient room, and the intervals be well horse-hoed; and you will find it the best spring-feed for sheep when turnips are over.

The horse-hoeing will clean and prepare the land for sain-foin; for the sowing of which April is reckoned the best season. The usual way is to sow it broad-cast, four bushels to an acre; but the writer prefers sowing it in drills two feet asunder; for then it may be horse-hoed, and half the seed will be sufficient.

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The horse-hoeing will not only clean the crop, but earth up the plants, and render them more luxuriant and lasting.

If you sow it broad-cast, give it a top-dressing in December or January, of rotten dung or ashes, or, which is still better, of both mixed in compost.

From various trials, it is found that taking only one crop in a year, and feeding the after-growth, is better than to mow it twice. Cut it as soon as it is in full bloom, if the weather will permit. The hay will be the sweeter, and the strength of the plants less impaired, than if it stands till the seed is formed.

4. Light rich land, being the most easy to cultivate to advantage, and capable of bearing most kinds of grain, pulse, and herbage, little need be said upon it. One thing however is very proper to be observed, that such lands are the best adapted to the drill husbandry, especially where machines are used, which require shallow furrows to be made for the reception of the seed. This, if not prone to couch-grass, is the best of all soils for lucerne; which, if sown in two feet drills, and kept clean, will yield an astonishing quantity of the most excellent herbage. But lucerne will never be cultivated to advantage where couch-grass and weeds are very plentiful; nor in the broad cast method, even where they are not so; because horse-hoeing is essential to the vigorous growth of this plant.

5. Coarse rough land. Plough deep in autumn; when it has lain two weeks, cross-plough it, and let it lie rough through the winter. In March give it another good ploughing; drag, rake, and harrow it well, to get out the rubbish, and sow four bushels of black oats per acre if the soil be wet, and white oats if dry. When about four inches high, roll them well after a shower: This will break the clods; and the fine mould falling among the roots of the plants will promote their growth greatly.

Some sow clover and rye grass among the oats, but this appears to be bad husbandry. If you design it for clover, sow it single, and let a coat of dung be laid on in December. The snow and rain will then dilute its salts and oil, and carry them down among the roots of the plants. This is far better than mixing the crops on such land, for the oats will exhaust the soil so much that the clover will be impoverished. The following summer you will have a good crop of clover, which cut once, and feed the after-growth. In the winter plough it in, and let it lie till February: Then plough and harrow it well; and in March, if the soil be moist, plant beans in drills of three feet, to admit the horse-hoe freely. When you horse-hoe them a second time, sow a row of turnips in each interval, and they will succeed very well. But if the land be strong enough for sowing wheat as soon as the beans are off, the turnips may be omitted.

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THE articles hitherto insisted on, are all of them preparatory to the capital object of a farm, that of raising plants for the nourishment of man, and of other animals. These are of two kinds; culmiferous and leguminous; differing widely from each other. Wheat, rye, barley, oats, rye-grass, are of the first

kind: of the other kind are, pease, beans, clover, cabbage, and many others.

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Culmiferous plants, says Bonnet, have three sets of roots. The first issue from the seed, and push to the surface an upright stem; another set issue from a knot in that stem; and a third from another knot, nearer the surface. Hence the advantage of laying seed so deep in the ground as to afford space for all the sets.

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Culmiferous plants.

Leguminous plants form their roots differently. Pease, beans, cabbage, have store of small roots, all issuing from the seed, like the undermost set of culmiferous roots; and they have no other roots. A potato and a turnip have bulbous roots. Red clover has a strong tap-root. The difference between culmiferous and leguminous plants with respect to the effects they produce in the soil, will be insisted on afterward, in the section concerning rotation of crops. As the present section is confined to the propagation of plants, it falls naturally to be divided into three articles: first, Plants cultivated for fruit: second, Plants cultivated for roots: third, Plants cultivated for leaves.

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Leguminous plants.

#### I. Plants cultivated for Fruit.

##### I. WHEAT and RYE.

ANY time from the middle of April to the middle of May, the fallowing for wheat may commence. The moment should be chosen, when the ground, beginning to dry, has yet some remaining softness; in that condition, the soil divides easily by the plough, and falls into small parts. This is an essential article, deserving the strictest attention of the farmer. Ground ploughed too wet, rises, as we say, *whole-fur*, as when pasture-ground is ploughed: when ploughed too dry, it rises in great lumps, which are not reduced by subsequent ploughings; not to mention, that it requires double force to plough ground too dry, and that the plough is often broken to pieces. When the ground is in proper order, the farmer can have no excuse for delaying a single minute. This first course of fallow must, it is true, yield to the barley-feed; but as the barley-feed is commonly over the first week of May, or sooner, the season must be unfavourable if the fallow cannot be reached by the middle of May.

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Fallowing for wheat.

As clay soil requires high ridges, these ought to be cleaved at the first ploughing, beginning at the furrow, and ending at the crown. This ploughing ought to be as deep as the soil will admit; and water-furrowing ought instantly to follow; for if rain happen before water-furrowing, it stagnates in the furrow, necessarily delays the second ploughing till that part of the ridge be dry, and prevents the furrow from being mellowed and roasted by the sun. If this first ploughing be well executed, annual weeds will rise in plenty.

About the first week of June, the great brake will loosen and reduce the soil, encourage a second crop of annuals, and raise to the surface the roots of weeds moved by the plough. Give the weeds time to spring, which may be in two or three weeks. Then proceed to the second ploughing about the beginning of July; which must be cross the ridges, in order to reach all the slips of the former ploughing. By cross-ploughing the furrows will be filled up, and water-furrowing be still more necessary than before. Employ the brake again about the 10th of August, to destroy the annuals that



**Practice.** that have sprung since the last stirring. The destruction of weeds is a capital article in fallowing: yet so blind are people to their interest, that nothing is more common than a fallow field covered with charlock and wild mustard, all in flower, and 10 or 12 inches high. The field having now received two harrowings and two breakings, is prepared for manure, whether lime or dung, which without delay ought to be incorporated with the soil by a repeated harrowing and a gathering furrow. This ought to be about the beginning of September, and as soon after as you please the seed may be sown.

As in ploughing a clay soil it is of importance to prevent poaching, the hinting furrows ought to be done with two horses in a line. If four ploughs be employed in the same field, to one of them may be allotted the care of finishing the hinting furrows.

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Dressing  
loam for  
wheat.

Loam, being a medium between sand and clay, is of all soils the fittest for culture, and the least subject to chances. It does not hold water like clay; and when wet, it dries sooner. At the same time, it is more retentive than sand of that degree of moisture which promotes vegetation. On the other hand, it is more subject to couch-grass than clay, and to other weeds; to destroy which fallowing is still more necessary than in clay.

Beginning the fallow about the first of May, or as soon as barley-seed is over, take as deep a furrow as the soil will admit. Where the ridges are so low and narrow as that the crown and furrow can be changed alternately, there is little or no occasion for water furrowing. Where the ridges are so high as to make it proper to cleave them, water-furrowing is proper. The second ploughing may be at the distance of five weeks. Two crops of annuals may be got in the interim, the first by the brake and the next by the harrow; and by the same means eight crops may be got in the season. The ground must be cleared of couch-grass and knot-grass roots, by the cleaning harrow described above. The time for this operation is immediately before the manure is laid on. The ground at that time being in its loosest state, parts with its grass roots more freely than at any other time. After the manure is spread, and incorporated with the soil by breaking or harrowing, the seed may be sown under furrow, if the ground hang so as easily to carry off the moisture. To leave it rough without harrowing has two advantages: it is not apt to cake with moisture, and the inequalities make a sort of shelter to the young plants against frost. But if it lie flat, it ought to be smoothed with a slight harrow after the seed is sown, which will facilitate the course of the rain from the crown to the furrow.

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Dressing a  
sandy soil.

A sandy soil is too loose for wheat. The only chance for a crop is after red clover, the roots of which bind the soil; and the instructions above given for loam are applicable here. Rye is a crop much fitter for sandy soil than wheat; and, like wheat, it is generally sown after a summer-fallow.

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Time for  
sowing.

Lastly, Sow wheat as soon in the month of October as the ground is ready. When sown a month more early, it is too forward in the spring, and apt to be hurt by frost; when sown a month later, it has not time to root before frost comes on, and frost spews it out of the ground.

Setting of wheat, a method which is reckoned one  
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of the greatest improvements in husbandry that has taken place this century. It seems to have been first suggested by planting grains in a garden from mere curiosity, by persons who had no thought or opportunity of extending it to a lucrative purpose. Nor was it attempted on a larger scale, till a little farmer near Norwich began it about 17 years since, upon less than an acre of land. For two or three years only a few followed his example; and those were generally the butt of their neighbours merriment for adopting so singular a practice. They had, however, considerably better corn and larger crops than their neighbours: this, together with the saving in seed, engaged more to follow them: while some ingenious persons, observing its great advantage, recommended and published its utility in the Norwich papers. These recommendations had their effect. The curiosity and inquiry of the Norfolk farmers (particularly round Norwich) were excited, and they found sufficient reason to make general experiments. Among the rest was one of the largest occupiers of lands in that county, who set 57 acres in one year. His success, from the visible superiority of his crop, both in quantity and quality, was so great, that the following autumn he set 300 acres, and has continued the practice ever since. This noble experiment established the practice and was the means of introducing it generally among the intelligent farmers in a very large district of land; there being few who now sow any wheat, if they can procure hands to set it. It has been generally observed, that although the set crops appear very thin during the autumn and winter, the plants tiller and spread prodigiously in the spring. The ears are indisputably larger, without any dwarfish or small corn; the grain is of a large bulk, and specifically heavier per bushel than when sown.

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Setting of  
wheat;

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A capital  
improvement in  
agriculture.

The lands on which this method is particularly prosperous, are either after clover stubble, or on which trefoil and grass-seed were sown the spring before the last. These grounds, after the usual manuring, are once turned over by the plough in an extended flag or turf, at ten inches wide; along which a man, who is called a *dibbler*, with two setting-irons, somewhat bigger than ram-rods, but considerably bigger at the lower end, and pointed at the extremity, steps backwards along the turf and makes the holes about four inches asunder every way, and an inch deep. Into these holes the droppers (women, boys, and girls) drop two grains, which is quite sufficient. After this, a gate bushed with thorns is drawn by one horse over the land, and closes up the holes. By this mode, three pecks of grain is sufficient for an acre; and being immediately buried, it is equally removed from vermin or the power of frost. The regularity of its rising gives the best opportunity of keeping it clear from weeds, by weeding or hand-hoeing.

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Wheat-setting is a method peculiarly beneficial when corn is dear; and, if the season be favourable, may be practised with great benefit to the farmer. Sir Thomas Beevor of Hethel-Hall in Norfolk, found the produce to be two bushels per acre more than from the wheat which is sown; but having much less small corn intermixed with it, the sample is better, and always fetches a higher price, to the amount generally of two shillings per quarter.

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Peculiar  
advantages.

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This method, too, saves to the farmer and to the public six pecks of seed-wheat in every acre; which, if nationally adopted, would of itself afford bread for more than half a million of people.

Add to these considerations, the great support given to the poor by this *second* harvest, as it may be called, which enables them to discharge their rents and maintain their families without having recourse to the parish.—The expence of setting by hand is now reduced to about ten shillings per acre; which, in good weather, may be done by one dibbler, attended by three droppers, in two days. This is five shillings per day; of which if the dibbler gives to the children sixpence each, he will have himself three shillings and sixpence for his day's work, which is much more than he can possibly earn by any other labour so easy to himself. But put the case, that the man has a wife who dabbles with him, and two or three of his own children to drop to him, you see his gains will then be prodigious, and enough to ensure a plenty of candidates for that work, even in the least populous parts of the country.

It is, however, to be observed with regard to this method, that in seasons when feed-corn is very cheap, or the autumn particularly unfavourable to the practice, it must certainly be lessened. In light lands, for instance, a very dry time prevents dibbling; as the holes made with the instruments will be filled up again by the mould as fast as the instrument is withdrawn. So, again, in a very wet season, on strong and stiff clays, the seeds in the holes cannot be well and properly covered by the bushes drawn over them. But these extremes of dry and wet do not often happen, nor do they affect lands of a moderately consistent texture, or both light and heavy soils at the same time, so that the general practice is in fact never greatly impeded by them.

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Propagating of  
wheat by  
dividing  
the roots.

*Propagating of wheat by dividing and transplanting its roots.* In the Philosophical Transactions for 1768, we meet with a very extraordinary experiment, of which the following is an abstract. On the 2d of June 1766, Mr C. Miller sowed some grains of the common red wheat; and on the 8th of August a single plant was taken up and separated into 18 parts, and each part planted separately. These plants having pushed out several side-shoots, by about the middle of September some of them were then taken up and divided, and the rest of them between that time and the middle of October. This second division produced 67 plants. These plants remained through the winter, and another division of them, made between the middle of March and the 12th of April, produced 500 plants. They were then divided no further, but permitted to remain. The plants were in general stronger than any of the wheat in the fields. Some of them produced upwards of 100 ears from a single root. Many of the ears measured seven inches in length, and contained between 60 and 70 grains.

The whole number of ears which, by the process above mentioned, were produced from one grain of wheat, was 21,109, which yielded three pecks and three quarters of clear corn, the weight of which was 47 lb. 7 ounces; and from a calculation made by counting the number of grains in an ounce, the whole number of grains was about 576,840.

By this account we find, that there was only one general division of the plants made in the spring. Had

a second been made, Mr Miller thinks the number of plants would have amounted to 2000 instead of 500, and the produce thereby much enlarged. Practice.

The ground was a light blackish soil, upon a gravelly bottom; and, consequently, a bad soil for wheat. One half of the ground was well dunged, the other half had no manure. There was, however, not any difference discoverable in the vigour, or growth, or produce, of the plants.

It must be evident, that the expence and labour of setting in the above manner by the hand, will render it impracticable upon a large scale, so as to be productive of any utility. A correspondent of the Bath Society, therefore (Robert Bogle, Esq; of Daldowin, near Glasgow), with a view to extend the practice, has proposed the use of the harrow and roller until some better implements be invented. This method occurred to him from attending to the practice usual with farmers on certain occasions, of harrowing their fields after the grain is sprung up. Upon investigating the principles upon which these practices are founded, he found them confined merely to that of pulverising the earth, without any attention to Mr Miller's doctrine. They said, "that after very heavy rains, and then excessive dry weather, the surface of their lands were apt to be caked, the tender fibres of the young roots were thereby prevented from pushing, and of course the vegetation was greatly obstructed; in such instances, they found very great benefit from harrowing and rolling."

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Method  
proposed by  
Mr Bogle.

These principles he acknowledges to be well founded, so far as relates to pulverising; but contends, that the benefit arising from harrowing and rolling is not derived from pulverising entirely, but also from subdividing and enabling the plants to tiller (as it is termed). "The harrow (he observes) certainly breaks the incrustation on the surface, and the roller crumbles the clods; but it is also obvious, that the harrow removes a great many of the plants from their original stations; and that if the corn has begun to tiller at the time it is used, the roots will be, in many instances, subdivided, and then the application of my system of divisibility comes into play. The roller then serves to plant the roots which have been torn up by the harrow."

But on this the society observe, that the teeth of a harrow are too large to divide roots so small and tenacious as are those of grain; and whenever such roots (however tillered) stand in the line any tooth makes, they will, if small, be only turned on one side by the earth yielding to their lateral pressure, or, if large, the whole root will probably be drawn out of the ground. The principal uses, therefore, derived from harrowing and rolling these crops are, opening the soil between the plants, earthing them up, breaking the clods, and closing the earth about their roots.

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Objections

In a subsequent letter, Mr Bogle, without contesting these points, further urges the scheme of propagating wheat by dividing and transplanting its roots. "I have conversed (says he) much with many practical farmers, who all admit that my plan has the appearance not only of being practical, but advantageous. I have also seen in the ninth number of Mr Young's Annals of Agriculture, the account of an experiment which strongly corroborates my theory. It was made by the Rev. Mr Pike of Edmonton. From this, and other experiments

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**133** Practicability of the scheme ascertained.

**134** Bath Society's observations.

On this letter we have the following note by the society: "Mr Bogle will see, by the society's premium-book this year, that by having offered several premiums for experiments of the kind he so earnestly recommends, we wish to have his theory brought to the test of practice. Our reason for this, as well as for printing Mr B's letter, was rather to excite decisive trials by ingenious persons, than from any expectation of the practice ever becoming a general one. General, indeed, it never can be. A sufficient number of hands could not be found to do it. Unkindly seasons at the time of transplanting and dividing the roots would frequently endanger and injure, if not destroy the crops. But admitting the mode generally practicable, we very much doubt whether all the advantages he has enumerated would be derived from this mode of culture. Why should dividing and transplanting the roots of wheat cause the crop to be early, or afford a *certainty* of its being a *good one*? We cannot think that *less manure* is necessary in this method, than either in drilling or broad-cast; nor can we by any means admit, that such crops would "be perfectly free from weeds without either hand or horse-hoeing." We readily agree with Mr Bogle, that by this mode of culture on a general scale, an immense quantity of seed-corn would be annually saved to the nation; and in this we believe, the advantage, were it practicable, would principally consist."

**135** Further observations of Mr Bogle.

Upon the same subject, and that of harrowing all kinds of corn, we are informed, Mr Bogle afterwards communicated to the Society his thoughts more at large, together with authentic accounts which were made at his instance, and which were attended with very great success. These, however, were received too late for publication in the last (3d) volume of their papers. But the Society, conceiving his system may be attended with considerable advantages if brought into general practice, have given, at the end of the volume, a few of his leading principles. Mr Bogle states, 1. That he has known many instances of very great crops having been obtained by harrowing fields of corn after they were sprouted; and therefore recommends the practice very warmly.

2. That he has also received an authentic account of one instance where the same good effects were produced by ploughing the field.

3. On the system of transplanting, he states, that a very great proportion of the seed will be saved, as a farmer may have a nursery, or small patch of plants,

from which his fields may be supplied; he calculates that one acre will yield plants sufficient for 100 acres.

4. That a very great increase of crops may be obtained by this method, probably a double crop, nay perhaps a triple quantity of what is reaped either by drilling, or by the broad-cast husbandry.

5. That a great part of the labour may be performed by infirm men and women, and also by children, who are at present supported by the parish charity; and that of course the poor's rates may be considerably reduced.

6. That the expence will not exceed from 20s. to 30s. per acre, if the work be performed by able-bodied men and women; but that it will be much lower, if that proportion of the work which may be done by employing young boys and girls should be allotted to them.

7. That in general he has found the distance of nine inches every way a very proper distance for setting out the plants at; but recommends them to be tried at other spaces, such as six, eight, or even 12 inches.

8. That he conceives an earlier crop may be obtained in this manner than can be obtained by any other mode of cultivation.

9. That a clean crop may also be procured in this way, because if the land be ploughed immediately before the plants are set out, the corn will spring much quicker from the plants than the weeds will do from their seeds, and the corn will thereby bear down the growth of the weeds.

10. That such lands as are overflowed in the winter and spring, and are of course unfit for sowing with wheat in the autumn, may be rendered fit for crops of wheat by planting them in the spring, or even in the summer.

11. That he has known instances of wheat being transplanted in September, October, November, February, March, April, and even as late as the middle of May, which have all answered very well.

12. That he has known an early kind of wheat sown as late as the middle of May, which has ripened in very good time; and from that circumstance he conceives, if the plants should be taken from that early kind, the season of transplanting might be prolonged at least till the 1st of July, perhaps even later.

13. That he has reason to think wheat, oats, and barley, are not annuals, but are perennials, provided they are eaten down by cattle and sheep, or are kept low by the scythe or sickle; and are prevented from sprouting or coming to the ear.

14. That one very prevalent motive with him in prosecuting this plan, is, that he is of opinion it may enable government to devise means of supporting the vagrant poor, both old and young, who are now to be met with every where, both in towns and in the country, and who are at present a burden on the community: but if such employment could be struck out for them, a comfortable subsistence might be provided for them by means of their own labour and industry; and not only save the public and private charitable contributions, but may also render that class of people useful and profitable subjects; instead of their remaining in a useless, wretched, and perhaps a profligate and vicious course of life.

Lastly, Mr Bogle has hinted at a secondary object which

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which he has in view, from this mode of cultivation, which he apprehends may in time, with a small degree of attention, prove extremely advantageous to agriculture.—It is, that in the first place, the real and intrinsic value of different kinds of grain may be more accurately ascertained by making a comparison of it with a few plants of each kind set out at the same time, than can be done when sown in drills or broad-cast; and when the most valuable kinds of wheat, oats, or barley, are discovered, he states, that in a very short time (not exceeding four or five years) a sufficient quantity of that valuable kind may be procured to supply the kingdom with seed from a single grain of each kind; for he calculates, that 47,000 grains of wheat may be produced by divisibility in two years and three months.

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Observations of the Bath Society.

Upon these propositions the society observes, "That although Mr Bogle appears to be too sanguine in his expectations of seeing his plan realized in *general practice*, it certainly merits the attention of Gentlemen Farmers. We wish them to make fair experiments, and report their success. Every grand improvement has been, and ever will be progressive. They must necessarily originate with gentlemen; and thence the circle is extended by almost imperceptible degrees over provinces and countries. At all events, Mr Bogle is justly intitled to the thanks of the Society, and of the public, for the great attention he has paid to the subject."

## 2. O A T S.

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Effects of frost upon tilled land.

As winter-ploughing enters into the culture of oats, we must remind the reader of the effects of frost upon tilled land. Providence has neglected no region intended for the habitation of man. If in warm climates the soil be meliorated by the sun, it is no less meliorated by frost in cold climates. Frost acts upon water, by expanding it into a larger space. Frost has no effect upon dry earth; witness sand, upon which it makes no impression. But upon wet earth it acts most vigorously: it expands the moisture, which requiring more space puts every particle of the earth out of its place, and separates them from each other. In that view, frost may be considered as a plough superior to any that is made, or can be made by the hand of man: its action reaches the minutest particles; and by dividing and separating them, it renders the soil loose and friable. This operation is the most remarkable in tilled land, which gives free access to frost. With respect to clay-soil in particular, there is no rule in husbandry more essential than to open it before winter in hopes of frost. It is even advisable in a clay-soil to leave the stubble rank; which, when ploughed in before winter, keeps the clay loose, and admits the frost into every cranny.

To apply this doctrine, it is dangerous to plough clay-soil when wet, because water is a cement for clay, and binds it so as to render it unfit for vegetation. It is, however, less dangerous to plough wet clay before winter than after. A succeeding frost corrects the bad effects of such ploughing; a succeeding drought increases them.

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The common method is, to sow oats on new-ploughed land in the month of March, as soon as the ground is tolerably dry. If it continues wet all the month of March, it is too late to venture them after. It is much

better to summer-fallow, and to sow wheat in the autumn. But the preferable method, especially in clay-soil, is to turn over the field after harvest, and to lay it open to the influences of frost and air, which lessen the tenacity of clay, and reduce it to a free mould. The surface-soil by this means is finely mellowed for reception of the seed; and it would be a pity to bury it by a second ploughing before sowing. In general, the bulk of clay-soils are rich; and skilful ploughing without dung, will probably give a better crop, than unskilful ploughing with dung.

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Hitherto of natural clays. We must add a word of carse-clays which are artificial, whether left by the sea, or swept down from higher grounds by rain. The method commonly used of dressing carse-clay for oats, is, not to stir it till the ground be dry in the spring, which seldom happens before the first of March, and the seed is sown as soon after as the ground is sufficiently dry for its reception. Frost has a stronger effect on such clays than on natural clay. And if the field be laid open before winter, it is rendered so loose by frost as to be soon drenched in water. The particles at the same time are so small, as that the first drought in spring makes the surface cake or crust. The difficulty of reducing this crust into mould for covering the oat-seed, has led farmers to delay ploughing till the month of March. But we are taught by experience, that this soil ploughed before winter, is sooner dry than when the ploughing is delayed till spring; and as early sowing is a great advantage, the objection of the superficial crusting is easily removed by the first harrow above described, which will produce abundance of mould for covering the seed. The ploughing before winter not only produces early sowing, but has another advantage: the surface-soil that had been mellowed during winter by the sun, frost, and wind, is kept above.

The dressing a loamy soil for oats differs little from dressing a clay soil, except in the following particular, that being less hurt by rain, it requires not high ridges, and therefore ought to be ploughed crown and furrow alternately.

Where there is both clay and loam in a farm, it is obvious from what is said above, that the ploughing of the clay after harvest ought first to be dispatched. If both cannot be overtaken that season, the loam may be delayed till the spring with less hurt.

Next of a gravelly soil; which is the reverse of clay, as it never suffers but from want of moisture. Such a soil ought to have no ridges; but be ploughed circularly from the centre to the circumference, or from the circumference to the centre. It ought to be tilled after harvest: and the first dry weather in spring ought to be laid hold of to sow, harrow, and roll; which will preserve it in sap.

The culture of oats is the simplest of all. That grain is probably a native of Britain: it will grow on the worst soil with very little preparation. For that reason, before turnip was introduced, it was always the first crop upon land broken up from a state of nature.

Upon such land, may it not be a good method, to build upon the crown of every ridge, in the form of a wall, all the surface-earth, one sod above another, as in a fold for sheep? After standing in this form all the summer and winter, let the walls be thrown down, and the ground prepared for oats. This will

secure.

**Practice.** secure one or two good crops; after which the land may be dunged for a crop of barley and grafs-seeds. This method may answer in a farm where manure is scanty.

## 3. BARLEY.

**139** Culture of barley. THIS is a culmiferous plant that requires a mellow soil. Upon that account, extraordinary care is requisite where it is to be sown in clay. The land ought to be stirred immediately after the foregoing crop is removed, which lays it open to be mellowed with the frost and air. In that view, a peculiar sort of ploughing has been introduced, termed *ribbing*; by which the greatest quantity of surface possible is exposed to the air and frost. The obvious objection to this method is, that half of the ridge is left unmoved. And to obviate that objection, the following method is offered, which moves the whole soil, and at the same time exposes the same quantity of surface to the frost and air. As soon as the former crop is off the field, let the ridges be gathered with as deep a furrow as the soil will admit, beginning at the crown and ending at the furrows. This ploughing loosens the whole soil, giving free access to the air and frost. Soon after, begin a second ploughing in the following manner. Let the field be divided by parallel lines cross the ridges, with intervals of 30 feet or so. Plough once round an interval, beginning at the edges, and turning the earth toward the middle of the interval; which covers a foot or so of the ground formerly plowed. Within that foot plough another round similar to the former; and after that, other rounds, till the whole interval be finished, ending at the middle. Instead of beginning at the edges, and ploughing toward the middle, it will have the same effect to begin at the middle and to plough toward the edges. Plough the other intervals in the same manner. As by this operation the furrows of the ridges will be pretty much filled up, let them be cleared and water-furrowed without delay. By this method, the field will be left waving like a plot in a kitchen-garden, ridged up for winter. In this form, the field is kept perfectly dry; for beside the capital furrows that separate the ridges, every ridge has a number of cross furrows that carry the rain instantly to the capital furrows. In hanging grounds retentive of moisture, the parallel lines above-mentioned ought not to be perpendicular to the furrows of the ridges, but to be directed a little downward, in order to carry rain-water the more hastily to these furrows. If the ground be clean, it may lie in that state winter and spring, till the time of seed-furrowing. If weeds happen to rise, they must be destroyed by ploughing, or breaking, or both; for there cannot be worse husbandry, than to put seed into dirty ground.

**141** A better method. This method resembles common ribbing in appearance, but is very different in reality. As the common ribbing is not preceded by a gathering furrow, the half of the field is left untilled, compact as when the former crop was removed, impervious in a great measure to air or frost. The common ribbing at the same time lodges the rain-water on every ridge, preventing it from descending to the furrows; which is hurtful in all soils, and poisonous in a clay soil. The *slitching* here described, or *ribbing*, if you please to call it so,

prevents these noxious effects. By the two ploughings the whole soil is opened, admitting freely air and frost; and the multitude of furrows lays the surface perfectly dry, giving an early opportunity for the barley-feed.— But further, as to the advantage of this method: When it is proper to sow the seed, all is laid flat with the brake, which is an easy operation upon the soil that is dry and pulverized; and the seed-furrow which succeeds, is so shallow as to bury little or none of the surface-earth; whereas the stirring for barley is commonly done with the deepest furrow; and consequently buries all the surface-soil that was mellowed by the frost and air. Nor is this method more expensive; because the common ribbing must always be followed with a stirring furrow, which is saved in the method recommended. Nay, it is less expensive; for after common ribbing, which keeps in the rain water, the ground is commonly so soured, as to make the stirring a laborious work.

It is well known that barley is less valuable when it does not ripen equally; and that barley which comes up speedily in a dusky soil, must gain a great advantage over seed-weeds. Therefore, first take out about one-third of the contents of the sacks or feed-barley or bear, to allow for the swelling of the grain. Lay the sacks with the grain to steep in clean water; let it lie covered with it for at least 24 hours. When the ground is so dry as at present, and no likelihood of rain for 10 days, it is better to lie 36 hours. Sow the grain wet from steeping, without any addition of powdered quick-lime, which, though often recommended in print, can only poison the seed, suck up part of its useful moisture, and burn the hands of the sower. The seed will scatter well, as clean water has no tenacity; only the sower must put in a fourth or a third more seed in bulk than usual of dry grain, as the grain is swelled in that proportion: harrow it in as quickly as possible after it is sown; and though not necessary, give it the benefit of fresh furrow, if convenient. You may expect it up in a fortnight at farthest.

The following experiment by a correspondent of the Bath Society being considered as a very interesting one, is here subjoined.

**143** Management of seed in a dry season. "The last spring, (1783) being remarkably dry, I soaked my seed-barley in the black water taken from a reservoir which constantly receives the draining of my dung-heap and stables. As the light corn floated on the top, I skimmed it off, and let the rest stand 24 hours. On taking it from the water, I mixed the seed grain with a sufficient quantity of sifted wood-ashes, to make it spread regularly, and sowed three fields with it. I began sowing the 16th, and finished the 23d of April. The produce was 60 bushels per acre, of good clean barley, without any *small* or *green* corn, or weeds at harvest. No person in this country had better grain.

"I sowed also several other fields with the same seed dry, and without any preparation; but the crop, like those of my neighbours, was very poor; not more than twenty bushels per acre, and much mixed with *green* corn and weeds when harvested. I also sowed some of the seed dry on one ridge in each of my former fields, but the produce was very poor in comparison of the other parts of the field."

Where the land is in good order, and free of weeds, April.

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143 Management of seed in a dry season.

144 Important experiments on seed-barley.

**Practice.** April is the month for sowing barley. Every day is proper, from the first to the last.

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Time of sowing.

The dressing loamy soil and light soil for barley, is the same with that described; only that to plough dry is not altogether so essential as in dressing clay-soil. Loam or sand may be stirred a little moist: better, however, delay a week or two, than to stir a loam when moist. Clay must never be ploughed moist, even tho' the season should escape altogether. But this will seldom be necessary; for not in one year out of 20 will it happen, but that clay is dry enough for ploughing some time in May. Frost may correct clay ploughed wet after harvest; but ploughed wet in the spring, it unites into a hard mass, not to be dissolved but by very hard labour.

On the cultivation of this grain we have the following observations by a Norfolk farmer.

<sup>146</sup>  
Miscellaneous observations concerning the cultivation of barley.

The best soil, he observes, is that which is dry and healthy, rather light than stiff, but yet of sufficient tenacity and strength to retain the moisture. On this kind of land the grain is always the best bodied and coloured, the nimblest in the hand, and has the thinnest rind. These are qualities which recommend it most to the maltster. If the land is poor, it should be dry and warm; and when so, it will often bear better corn than richer land in a cold and wet situation.

In the choice of your seed, it is needful to observe, that the best is of a pale lively colour, and brightish cast, without any deep redness or black tinge at the tail. If the rind be a little shrivelled, it is the better; for that slight shrivelling proves it to have a thin skin, and to have sweated in the mow. The necessity of a change of seed by not sowing two years together what grew on the same soil, is not in any part of husbandry more evident than in the culture of this grain, which, if not frequently changed, will grow coarser and coarser every succeeding year.

It has generally been thought that seed-barley would be benefited by steeping; but liming it has, in many instances, been found prejudicial. Sprinkling a little foot with the water in which it is steeped has been of great service, as it will secure the seed from insects. In a very dry seed-time, barley that has been wetted for malting, and begins to sprout, will come up sooner, and produce as good a crop as any other.

If you sow after a fallow, plough three times at least. At the first ploughing, lay your land up in small ridges, and let it remain so during the winter, for the frost to mellow it; the second ploughing should be the beginning of February. In March split the ridges, and lay the land as flat as possible, at the same time harrowing it fine. But in strong wet lands (if you have no other for barley) lay it round, and make deep furrows to receive the water.

"I have often (continues he), taken the following method with success: On lands tolerably manured, I sowed clover with my barley, which I reaped at harvest; and fed the clover all the following winter, and from spring to July, when I fallowed it till the following spring, and then sowed it with barley and clover as before. Repeating this method every year, I had very large crops, but would not recommend this practice on poor light land.

"We sow on our lightest lands in April, on our moist lands in May; finding that those lands which are

the most subject to weeds produce the best crops when sown late. **Practice.**

"The common method is to sow the barley-feed broad-cast at two sowings; the first harrowed in once, the second twice; the usual allowance from three to four bushels per acre. But if farmers could be prevailed on to alter this practice, they would soon find their account in it. Were only half the quantity sown equally, the produce would be greater, and the corn less liable to lodge: For when corn stands very close, the stalks are drawn up weak; and on that account are less capable of resisting the force of winds, or supporting themselves under heavy rains.

"From our great success in setting and drilling wheat, some of our farmers tried these methods with barley; but did not find it answer their expectations, except on very rich land.

"I have myself had 80 stalks on one root of barley, which all produced good and long ears, and the grain was better than any other; but the method is too expensive for general practice. In poor land, sow thin, or your crop will be worth little. Farmers who do not reason on the matter, will be of a different opinion; but the fact is indisputable."

When the barley is sowed and harrowed in, he advises that the land be rolled after the first shower of rain, to break the clods. This will close the earth about the roots, which will be a great advantage to it in dry weather.

When the barley has been up three weeks or a month, it is a very good way to roll it again with a heavy roller, which will prevent the sun and air from penetrating the ground to the injury of the roots. This rolling, before it branches out, will also cause it to tiller into a greater number of stalks: so that if the plants be thin, the ground will be thereby filled, and the stalks strengthened.

If the blade grows too rank, as it sometimes will in a warm wet spring, mowing is a much better method than feeding it down with sheep; because the scythe takes off only the rank tops, but the sheep being fond of the sweet end of the stalk next the root, will often bite so close as to injure its future growth.

#### 4. BUCK-WHEAT.

THE uses of this plant have been mentioned in the preceding part N<sup>o</sup> 46. It delights in a mellow sandy soil; but succeeds well in any dry loose healthy land, and moderately so in a free loamy stone-brash. A stiff clay is its aversion, and it is entirely labour lost to sow it in wet poachy ground. The proper season for sowing is from the last week of May or the beginning of June. It has been sown, however, so early as the beginning of April, and so late as the 22d of July, by way of experiment; but the latter was rather extreme to be chosen, and the former was in danger from frost. In an experiment upon a small piece of ground, the grain of two different crops was brought to maturity in the summer 1787.—After spring feedings, a crop of turnip-rooted cabbage, or vetches, there will be sufficient time to sow the land with buck-wheat. Probably, in hot dry summers, a crop of vetches might even be mown for hay early enough to introduce a crop of this grain after it.

In the year 1780, about seven acres of a sandy soil

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Culture of Buck-wheat.

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**Practice.** on Brislington Common (A), having been first tolerably well cleaned from brambles, furze, &c. received one ploughing. To reduce the irregularities of the surface, it was rolled; and on the 9th of June in that year, two bushels and a half of buck-wheat per acre sown, the ground rolled again without harrowing.

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**Advantages of this cropping.** The vegetation appeared in five or six days, as is constantly the case, be the weather wet or dry. The growth was so rapid, that the fern, with which this land greatly abounded, was completely kept under. About the middle of September the crop was mown, but by reason of a great deal of rain about that time, it was not secured until the beginning of October; hence a loss of great part of the grain by shedding, as well as some eaten by birds. However, there were saved about 24 Winchester bushels per acre; and, notwithstanding its long exposure to the weather, received no sort of damage, only perhaps that the finest and most perfect grain was the first to fall from the plant. The ground after this had almost the appearance of a fallow, and was immediately ploughed.

When it had lain a moderate time to meliorate, and to receive the influences of the atmosphere, it was harrowed, sowed with Lammas wheat, and ploughed in under furrow, in a contrary direction to the first ploughing. Thus, a piece of land, which in the month of April was altogether in a state of nature, in the following November was seen under a promising crop of what is well styled the king of grain, and this without the aid of manure, or of any very great degree of tillage. Nor was the harvest by any means deficient; for several persons conversant in such things estimated the produce from 26 to 30 bushels per acre. As soon as the wheat crop was taken off, the ground had one ploughing, and on the first of September following was sown with turnip-seed. The turnips were not large, but of an herbage so abundant as in the following spring to support 120 ewes with their lambs, which were fed on it by folding four weeks. After this it was manured with a composition of rotten dung and natural earth, about 20 putt loads per acre, and planted with potatoes. The crop sold for L. 138, besides a considerable number used in the family, and a quantity reserved, with which ten acres were planted the following season. The ensuing autumn it was again sown with wheat, and produced an excellent crop. In the spring of 1784, it was manured and planted with potatoes, as in the preceding instance; the crop (tho' tolerably good) by no means equal to the former, producing about 100 sacks per acre only. In spring 1785, the land was now for a third time under a crop of wheat, it being intended to try how far this mode of alternate cropping, one year with potatoes and another with wheat, may be carried.

From the success of the preceding and other experiments, by Nchemiah Bartley, Esq; of Bristol, as detailed in the Bath Society Papers, it would seem, that the culture of this plant ought in many cases to be adopted instead of a summer-fallowing: for the crop produced appears not only to be so much clear gain in respect to such practice, but also affords a considerable quantity of straw for fodder and manure; beside that

a summer-fallowing is far from being so advantageous a preparation for a succeeding crop.

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## 5. BEANS.

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**Culture of beans.** THE properest soil for beans is a deep and moist clay. There was lately introduced into Scotland a method of sowing beans with a drill-plough, and horse-hoeing the intervals; which, beside affording a good crop, is a dressing to the ground. But as that method is far from being general, we keep in the common track.

As this grain is early sown, the ground intended for it should be ploughed before winter, to give access to the frost and air; beneficial in all soils, and necessary in a clay soil. Take the first opportunity after January, when the ground is dry, to loosen the soil with the harrow first described, till a mould be brought upon it. Sow the seed, and cover it with the second harrow. The third will smooth the surface, and cover the seed equally. These harrows make the very best figure in sowing beans; which ought to be laid deep in the ground, not less than six inches. In clay soil, the common harrows are altogether insufficient. The soil, which has rested long after ploughing, is rendered compact and solid: the common harrows skim the surface: the seed is not covered; and the first hearty shower of rain lays it above ground. Where the farmer overtakes not the ploughing after harvest, and is reduced to plough immediately before sowing, the plough answers the purpose of the first harrow; and the other two will complete the work. But the labour of the first harrow is ill saved; as the ploughing before winter is a fine preparation, not only for beans, but for grain of every kind. If the ground ploughed before winter happen by superfluity of moisture to cake, the first harrow going along the ridges, and crossing them, will loosen the surface, and give access to the air for drying. As soon as the ground is dry, sow without delaying a moment. If rain happen in the interim, there is no remedy but patience till a dry day or two come.

Carfe-clay, ploughed before winter, seldom fails to cake. Upon that account, a second ploughing is necessary before sowing; which ought to be performed with an ebb furrow, in order to keep the frost-mould as near the surface as possible. To cover the seed with the plough is expressed by the phrase *to sow under furrow*. The clods raised in this ploughing are a sort of shelter to the young plants in the chilly spring-months.

The foregoing method will answer for loam. And as for a sandy or gravelly soil, it is altogether improper for beans.

Though we cannot approve the horse-hoeing of beans, with the intervals that are commonly allotted for turnip, yet we would strongly recommend the drilling them at the distance of 10 or 12 inches, and keeping the intervals clean of weeds. This may be done by hand-hoeing, taking opportunity at the same time to lay fresh soil to the roots of the plants. But as this is an expensive operation, and hands are not always to be got, a narrow plough, drawn by a single horse, might be used, with a mould-board on each side to scatter the earth.

**Practice.** earth upon the roots of the plants. This is a cheap and expeditious method: it keeps the ground clean; and nourishes the plants with fresh soil.

As beans delight in a moist soil, and have no end of growing in a moist season, they cover the ground totally when sown broad-cast, keep in the dew, and exclude the sun and air: the plants grow to a great height; but carry little seed, and that little not well ripened. This displays the advantage of drilling; which gives free access to the sun and air, dries the ground, and affords plenty of ripe seed.

#### 6. PEASE.

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Culture of  
pease.

PEASE are of two kinds; the white, and the gray. The cultivation of the latter only belongs to this place.

There are two species of the gray kind, distinguished by their time of ripening. One ripens soon, and for that reason is termed *hot seed*: the other, which is slower in ripening, is termed *cold seed*.

Pease, a leguminous crop, is proper to intervene between two culmiferous crops; less for the profit of a pease-crop, than for meliorating the ground. Pease, however, in a dry season, will produce six or seven bolls each acre; but, in an ordinary season, they seldom reach above two, or two and a half. Hence, in a moist climate, red clover seems a more beneficial crop than pease; as it makes as good winter-food as pease, and can be cut green thrice during summer.

A field intended for cold seed ought to be ploughed in October or November; and in February, as soon as the ground is dry, the seed ought to be sown on the winter-furrow. A field intended for hot seed ought to be ploughed in March or April, immediately before sowing. But if infested with weeds, it ought to be also ploughed in October or November.

Pease laid a foot below the surface will vegetate; but the most approved depth is six inches in light soil, and four inches in clay soil; for which reason, they ought to be sown under furrow when the ploughing is delayed till spring. Of all grain, beans excepted, they are the least in danger of being buried.

Pease differ from beans, in loving a dry soil and a dry season. Horse-hoeing would be a great benefit, could it be performed to any advantage; but pease grow expeditiously, and soon fall over and cover the ground, which bars ploughing. Horse-hoeing has little effect when the plants are new-sprung; and when they are advanced to be benefited by that culture, their length prevents it. Fast growing at the same time is the cause of their carrying so little seed: the seed is buried among the leaves; and the sun cannot penetrate to make it grow and ripen. The only practicable remedy to obtain grain, is thin sowing; but thick sowing produces more straw, and mellows the ground more. Half a boll for an English acre may be reckoned thin sowing; three firlots, thick sowing.

Notwithstanding what is said above, Mr Hunter, a noted farmer in Berwickshire, began some time ago to sow all his pease in drills; and never failed to have great crops of corn as well as of straw. He sowed double rows at a foot interval, and two feet and a half between the double rows, which admit horse-hoeing. By that method, he had also good crops of beans on light land.

Pease and beans mixed are often sown together, in order to catch different seasons. In a moist season, the beans make a good crop; in a dry season, the pease. **Practice.**

The growth of plants is commonly checked by drought in the month of July; but promoted by rain in August. In July, grass is parched; in August, it recovers verdure. Where pease are so far advanced in the dry season as that the seed begins to form, their growth is indeed checked, but the seed continues to fill. If only in the blossom at that season, their growth is checked a little; but they become vigorous again in August, and continue growing without stopping till stopped by frost. Hence it is, that cold seed, which is early sown, has the best chance to produce corn: hot seed, which is late sown, has the best chance to produce straw.

The following method is practised in Norfolk, for sowing pease upon a dry light soil, immediately opened from pasture. The ground is pared with a plough extremely thin, and every sod is laid exactly on its back. In every sod a double row of holes is made. A peadrop in every hole lodges in the flay'd ground immediately below the sod, thrusts its roots horizontally, and has sufficient moisture. This method enabled Norfolk farmers, in the barren year 1740, to furnish white pease at 12s. per boll.

#### II. Plants cultivated for Roots. [See also Art. III.]

##### I. TURNIP.

TURNIPI delights in a gravelly soil; and there it can be raised to the greatest perfection, and with the least hazard of miscarrying. At the same time, there is no soil but will bear turnip when well prepared. **Culture of**

No person ever deserved better of a country, than he who first cultivated turnip in the field. No plant is better fitted for the climate of Britain, no plant prospers better in the coldest part of it, and no plant contributes more to fertility. In a word, there has not for two centuries been introduced into Britain a more valuable improvement.

Of all roots, turnip requires the finest mould; and to that end, of all harrows frost is the best. In order to give access to frost, the land ought to be prepared by ribbing after harvest, as above directed in preparing land for barley. If the field be not subject to annuals, it may lie in that state till the end of May; otherwise the weeds must be destroyed by a brakeing about the middle of April; and again in May, if weeds rise. The first week of June, plough the field with a shallow furrow. Lime it if requisite, and harrow the lime into the soil. Draw single furrows with intervals of three feet, and lay dung in the furrows. Cover the dung sufficiently, by going round it with the plough, and forming the three-feet spaces into ridges. The dung comes thus to lie below the crown of every ridge.

The season of sowing must be regulated by the time intended for feeding. Where intended for feeding in November, December, January, and February, the seed ought to be sown from the 1st to the 20th of June. Where the feeding is intended to be carried on to March, April, and May, the seed must not be sown till the end of July. Turnip sown earlier than above directed, flowers that very summer, and runs fast to seed; which renders it in a good measure unfit for food. **Season and method of sowing.**



Practice. food. If sown much later, it does not apple, and there is no food but from the leaves.

Though by a drill-plough the seed may be sown of any thickness, the safest way is to sow thick. Thin sowing is liable to many accidents, which are far from being counterbalanced by the expence that is saved in thinning. Thick-sowing can bear the ravage of the black fly, and leave a sufficient crop behind. It is a protection against drought, gives the plants a rapid progress, and establishes them in the ground before it is necessary to thin them.

The sowing turnip broad cast is universal in England, and common in Scotland, though a barbarous practice. The eminent advantage of turnip is, that beside a profitable crop, it makes a most complete fallow; and the latter cannot be obtained but by horse-hoeing. Upon that account, the sowing turnip in rows at three feet distance is recommended. Wider rows answer no profitable end, straiter rows afford not room for a horse to walk in. When the turnip is about four inches high, annual weeds will appear. Go round every interval with the slightest furrow possible, at the distance of two inches from each row, moving the earth from the rows toward the middle of the interval. A thin plate of iron must be fixed on the left side of the plough, to prevent the earth from falling back and burying the turnip. Next, let women be employed to weed the rows with their fingers; which is better, and cheaper done, than with the hand-hoe. The hand-hoe, beside, is apt to disturb the roots of the turnip that are to stand, and to leave them open to drought by removing the earth from them. The standing turnip are to be at the distance of twelve inches from each other: a greater distance makes them swell too much; a less distance affords them not sufficient room. A woman soon comes to be expert in finger-weeding. The following hint may be necessary to a learner. To secure the turnip that is to stand, let her cover it with the left hand; and with the right pull up the turnip on both sides. After thus freeing the standing turnip, she may safely use both hands. Let the field remain in this state till the appearance of new annuals make a second ploughing necessary; which must be in the same furrow with the former, but a little deeper. As in this ploughing the iron plate is to be removed, part of the loose earth will fall back on the roots of the plants: the rest will fill the middle of the interval, and bury every weed. When weeds begin again to appear, then is the time for a third ploughing in an opposite direction, which lays the earth to the roots of the plants. This ploughing may be about the middle of August; after which, weeds rise very faintly. If they do rise, another ploughing will clear the ground of them. Weeds that at this time rise in the row, may be cleared with a hand-hoe, which can do little mischief among plants distant twelve inches from each other. It is certain, however, that it may be done cheaper with the hand (A). And after the leaves of turnips in a row meet

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together, the hand is the only instrument that can be applied for weeding.

In swampy ground, the surface of which is best reduced by paring and burning, the seed may be sown in rows with intervals of a foot. To save time, a drill plough may be used that sows three or four rows at once. Hand-hoeing is proper for such ground; because the soil under the burnt *stratum* is commonly full of roots, which digest and rot better under ground than when brought to the surface by the plough. In the mean time, while these are digesting, the ashes will secure a good crop.

In cultivating turnips to advantage, great care should be taken to procure good, bright, nimble, and well-dried seed, and of the best kinds.

The Norfolk farmers generally raise the oval white, large green-topp'd, and the red or purple-topp'd kinds, which from long experience they have found to be the most profitable.

The roots of the green-topp'd will grow to a large size, and continue good much longer than others. The red or purple-topp'd will also grow large, and continue good to the beginning of February; but the roots become hard and stringy sooner than the former.

The green-topp'd growing more above ground, is in more danger of sustaining injury from severe frosts than the red or purple, which are more than half covered by the soil; but it is the softest and sweetest, when grown large, of any kind. We have seen them brought to table a foot in diameter, and equally good as garden turnips.

Turnips delight in a light soil, consisting of sand and loam mixed; for when the soil is rich and heavy, although the crop may be as great in weight, they will be rank, and run to flower earlier in spring.

Turnip-feed, like that of grain, will not do well without frequent changing. The Norfolk seed is sent to most parts of the kingdom, and even to Ireland, but after two years it degenerates; so that those who wish to have turnips in perfection should procure it fresh every year from Norwich, and they will find their account in so doing. For from its known reputation, many of the London seedmen sell, under that character, seed raised in the vicinity of the metropolis, which is much inferior in quality.

When the plants have got five leaves, they should be hoed, and set out at least six inches apart. A month afterward, or earlier if it be a wet season, a second hoeing should take place, and the plants be left at least 14 inches distant from each other, especially if intended for feeding cattle; for where the plants are left thicker, they will be proportionably smaller, unless the land is very rich indeed.

Some of the best Norfolk farmers sow turnips in drills three feet asunder, and at a second hoeing leave them a foot apart in the rows. By this means the trouble and expence of hoeing is much lessened, and the crop of equal weight as when sown in the com-

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(A) Children under thirteen may be employed to weed turnip with the fingers. We have seen them go on in that work with alacrity; and a small premium will have a good effect. For boys and girls above thirteen, a hand-hoe adapted to their size is an excellent instrument: it strengthens the arms amazingly. In driving the plough, the legs only are exercised; but as the arms are chiefly employed in husbandry, they ought to be prepared beforehand by gentle exercise.

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Great quantities of turnips are raised in Norfolk every year for feeding black cattle, which turn to great advantage.

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It is well known, that an acre of land contains 4840 square yards, or 43,560 square feet; suppose then that every square foot contains one turnip, and that they weigh only two pounds each on an average, here will be a mass of food excellent in kind, of 46 tons per acre, often worth from four to five guineas, and sometimes more.

Extraordinary crops of barley frequently succeed turnips, especially when fed off the land. In feeding them off, the cattle should not be suffered to run over too much of the ground at once, for in that case they will tread down and spoil twice as many as they eat. In Norfolk, they are confined by herdles to as much as is sufficient for them for one day. By this mode the crop is eaten clean, the soil is equally trodden, which if light, is of much service, and equally manured by the cattle.

A notion prevails in many places, that mutton fattened with turnips is thereby rendered rank and ill-tasted; but this is a vulgar error. The best mutton in Norfolk (and few counties have better) is all fed with turnips. It is rank pastures, and marshy lands, that produce rank mutton.

If the land be wet and springy, the best method is to draw and carry off your turnips to some dry pasture; for the treading of the cattle will not only injure the crop, but render the land so stiff, that you must be at an additional expence in ploughing.

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To preserve turnips for late spring feed, the best method, and which has been tried with success by some of the best English farmers, is, To stack them up in dry straw; a load of which is sufficient to preserve 40 tons of turnips. The method is easy, and as follows:—

After drawing your turnips in February, cut off the tops and tap roots, (which may be given to sheep), and let them lay a few days in the field, as no weather will then hurt them.

Then, on a layer of straw next the ground, place a layer of turnips two feet thick; and then another layer of straw, and so on alternately, till you have brought the heap to a point. Care must be taken to turn up the edges of the layers of straw, to prevent the turnips from rolling out; cover the top well with long straw, and it will serve as a thatch for the whole.

In this method, as the straw imbibes the moisture exhaled from the roots, all vegetation will be prevented, and the turnips will be nearly as good in May as when first drawn from the field. If straw be scarce, old haulm or stubble will answer the same purpose.

But to prevent this trouble and expence, perhaps farmers in all countries would find it most to their interest to adopt the method used by the Norfolk farmers, which is, to continue sowing turnips to the latter end of August; by which means their late crops remain good in the field till the latter end of April, and often till the middle of May.

The advantages of having turnips good till the spring feed is generally ready, are so obvious and so great, that many of the most intelligent farmers (although at

first prejudiced against the practice) are now come into it, and find their account in so doing. **Practice.**

### I. POTATOES.

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**General culture.** THE choice of soil is not of greater importance in any other plant than in a potato. This plant in clay soil, or in rank black loam lying low without ventilation, never makes palatable food. In a gravelly or sandy soil, exposed to the sun and to free air, it thrives to perfection, and has a good relish. But a rank black loam, though improper to raise potatoes for the table, produces them in great plenty; and the product is, as already observed, a palatable food for horned cattle, hogs, and poultry.

The spade is a proper instrument for raising a small quantity, or for preparing corners or other places inaccessible to the plough; but for raising potatoes in quantities, the plough is the only instrument.

As two great advantages of a drilled crop are, to destroy weeds, and to have a fallow at the same time with the crop, no judicious farmer will think of raising potatoes in any other way. In September or October, as soon as that year's crop is removed, let the field have a rousing furrow, a cross-brakeing next, and then be cleared of weeds by the cleaning harrow. Form it into three-foot ridges, in that state to lie till April, which is the proper time for planting potatoes. Cross-brake it, to raise the furrows a little. Then lay well-digested horse-dung along the furrows, upon which lay the roots at eight inches distance. Cover up the roots with the plough, going once round every row. This makes a warm bed for the potatoes; hot dung below, and a loose covering above, that admits every ray of the sun. As soon as the plants appear above ground, go round every row a second time with the plough, which will lay upon the plants an additional inch or two of mould, and at the same time bury all the annuals; and this will complete the ploughing of the ridges. When the potatoes are six inches high, the plough, with the deepest furrow, must go twice along the middle of each interval in opposite directions, laying carth first to one row, and next to the other. And to perform this work, a plough with a double mould-board will be more expeditious. But as the earth cannot be laid close to the roots by the plough, the spade must succeed, with which four inches of the plants must be covered, leaving little more but the tops above ground; and this operation will at the same time bury all the weeds that have sprung since the former ploughing. What weeds arise after must be pulled up with the hand. A hoe is never to be used here: it cannot go so deep as to destroy the weeds without cutting the fibres of the plants; and if it skim the surface, it only cuts off the heads of the weeds, and does not prevent their pushing again.

**Particular methods.** In the Bath Society Papers, we have the following practical observations on the culture and use of potatoes, given as the result of various experiments made for five years successively on that valuable root, the growth of which cannot be too much encouraged.

When the potato crop is the only object in view, the following method is the most eligible.

The land being well pulverized by two or three good harrowings and ploughings, is then manured with 15 or 20 cart-loads of dung per acre, before it receives its

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In the end of September or the beginning of October, when the haulm becomes withered, they should be ploughed up with a strong double-breasted plough. The workman must be cautioned to set his plough very deep, that he may strike below all the potatoes, to avoid damaging the crop. The women who pick them up, if not carefully attended to, will leave many in the ground, which will prove detrimental to any succeeding corn, whether wheat or barley. To avoid which inconvenience, let the land be harrowed, and turn the swine in to glean the few that may be left by their negligence.

By this method, the sets will be 15 square inches from each other; it will take 18 bushels to plant an acre; and the produce, if on a good mixed loamy soil, will amount to 300 bushels.

If the potatoes are grown as a preparation for wheat, it is preferable to have the rows two feet two inches from each other, hand-hoeing only the space from plant to plant in each row; then turning a small furrow from the inside of each row by a common light plough, and afterwards with a double-breasted plough with one horse, split the ridge formed by the first ploughing thoroughly to clean the intervals. This work should not be done too deep the first time, to avoid burying the tender plants; but the last earth should be ploughed as deep as possible; and the closer the mould is thrown to the stems of the plants, the more advantageous it will prove. Thus 15 bushels will plant an acre, and the produce will be about 300 bushels; but the land, by the summer ploughings, will be prepared to receive seed-wheat immediately, and almost ensure a plentiful crop.

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To prevent the grub. The potato-sets should be cut a week before planting, with one or two eyes to each, and the pieces not very small; two bushels of fresh slaked lime should be sown over the surface of the land as soon as planted, which will effectually prevent the attacks of the grub.

The expence attending an acre of potatoes well cultivated in the first method, supposing the rent 20 shillings, tithe and town charges rather high (as in Suffolk), taking up, and every thing included, will be about six pounds. In the last method, it would be somewhat reduced.

“When predilections for old customs are subdued (adds the author), I hope to see the potato admitted in the constant course of crops by every spirited husbandman. The most beneficial effects will, I am certain, accrue from such a system. The advantages in my neighbourhood are apparent; I cultivated and fed my own children upon them, and my poorer neighbours sensibly followed the example. A great proportion of

every cottager’s garden is now occupied by this root, and it forms a principal part of their diet. Potatoes are cheap and excellent substitutes for pease in soups and broths, allowing double the quantity.

“Although it is nearly a transcript of the directions given by a very ingenious author, yet I shall take the liberty of inserting a receipt for making a potato-soup, which I have weekly distributed among the poor to their great relief.

	s.	d.
An ox’s head	2	9
Two pecks of potatoes	0	6
Quarter of a peck of onions	0	3
Three quarters of a pound of salt	0	1
An ounce and a half of pepper	0	3

Total 3 10

Ninety pints of water to be boiled with the above ingredients on a slow fire until reduced to 60, which require one peck of coals, value three-pence. I have added the expence of every article according to their prices with me, that gentlemen may nearly perceive at how easy a rate they can feed 60 of their poor neighbours. I find from experience, a pint of this soup, with a small piece of the meat, is sufficient to satisfy a hearty working man with a good meal. If vegetables are plentiful, some of every sort may be added, with a few sweet herbs.

“I hope my inserting the above, will not be esteemed improper; though somewhat deviating from the culture of potatoes, it may possibly be a means of rendering them more extensively useful.”

A premium having been offered by the abovementioned Society for the cultivation of potatoes by farmers, &c. whose rent does not exceed 40 l. per annum, the following methods were communicated, by which those who have only a small spot of ground may obtain a plentiful crop.

First, then, the earth should be dug 12 inches deep, if the soil will allow of it; after this, a hole should be opened about six inches deep, horse-dung, or long litter should be put therein about three inches thick; this hole should not be more than 12 inches in diameter; upon this dung or litter, a potato should be planted whole, upon which a little more dung should be shook, and then earth must be put thereon. In like manner the whole plot of ground must be planted, taking care that each potato be at least 16 inches apart; and when the young shoots make their appearance, they should have fresh mould drawn round them with a hoe; and if the tender shoots are covered, it will prevent the frost from injuring them: they should again be earthed when the shoots make a second appearance, but not be covered, as in all probability the season will then be less severe. A plentiful supply of mould should be given them, and the person who performs this business should never tread upon the plant, or the hillock that is raised round it; as the lighter the earth is, the more room the potato will have to expand. From a single root thus planted, very near 40 pounds weight of large potatoes were obtained, and from almost every other root upon the same plot of ground from 15 to 20 pounds weight; and except the soil be stony or gravelly, 10 pounds or half a peck of potatoes may almost always be obtained from each root, by pursuing

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A cheap preparation for the poor.

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Methods of cultivating potatoes on small spots.

**Practice.** the foregoing method. But note, cuttings or small sets will not do for this purpose.

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of culture  
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The second method will suit the indolent, or those who have not time to dig their ground, and that is, where weeds much abound and have not been cleared in the winter, a trench may be opened in a straight line the whole length of the ground, and about six inches deep; in this trench the potatoes should be planted about 10 inches apart; cuttings or small potatoes will do for this method. When they are laid in the trench, the weeds that are on the surface may be pared off on each side about 10 inches from it, and be turned upon the plants; another trench should then be dug, and the mould that comes out of it turned carefully on the weeds. It must not be forgot, that each trench should be regularly dug, that the potatoes may be throughout the plot 10 or 12 inches from each other. This slovenly method will in general raise more potatoes than can be produced by digging the ground twice, and dibbling in the plants; and the reason is, that the weeds lighten the soil, and give the roots room to expand. They should be twice hoed, and earthed up in rows. And here note, that if cut potatoes are to be planted, every cutting should have two eyes, for though fewer sets will be obtained, there will be a greater certainty of a crop, as one eye often fails or is destroyed by grubs in the earth.

When a crop of potatoes fail in part (as will sometimes be the case in a dry season), amends may still be made by laying a little dung upon the knots of the straw or haulm of those potatoes that do appear, and covering them with mould; each knot or joint thus ordered will, if the weather prove wet afterwards, produce more potatoes than the original roots.

From the smallest potatoes planted whole, from four to six pounds at a root were obtained, and some of the single potatoes weighed near two pounds. These were dug in as before-mentioned, in trenches where the ground was covered with weeds, and the soil was a stiff loamy clay.

A good crop may be obtained by laying potatoes upon turf at about 12 or 14 inches apart, and upon beds of about six feet wide; on each side of which a trench should be opened about three feet wide, and the turf that comes from thence should be laid with the grassy side downwards upon the potatoes; a spit of mould should next be taken from the trenches, and be spread over the turf; and in like manner the whole plot of ground that is designed to be planted must be treated. And remark, that when the young shoots appear, another spit of mould from the trenches should be strewed over the beds so as to cover the shoots; this will prevent the frost from injuring them, encourage them to expand, and totally destroy the young weeds; and when the potatoes are taken up in the autumn, a careful person may turn the earth again into the trenches, so as to make the surface level; and it will be right to remark, that from the same ground a much better crop of potatoes may be obtained the following year.

For field planting, a good (if not the best) method is to dung the land, which should be once ploughed previous thereto; and when it is ploughed a second time, a careful person should drop the potato plants before the plough in every third furrow at about eight or

ten inches apart. Plants that are cut with two eyes are best for this purpose. The reason for planting them at so great a distance as every third furrow, is, that when the shoots appear, a horse-hoe may go upon the two vacant furrows to keep them clean; and after they are thus hoed, they should be moulded up in ridges; and if this crop be taken up about October or November, the land will be in excellent condition to receive a crop of wheat. Lands that are full of twitch or couch-grass may be made clean by this method, as the horse-hoeing is as good as a summer-fallow; and if, when the potatoes are taken up, women and children were to pick out such filth, not any traces of it would remain; and by laying it on heaps and burning it, a quantity of ashes would be produced for manure.

After ploughing, none should ever dabble in potatoes, as the persons who dabble, plant, or hoe them, will all tread the ground; by which means it will become so bound, that the young fibres cannot expand, as has been already observed. Good crops have indeed been obtained by ploughing the land twice, and dropping the plants in every other furrow, and by hand-hoeing and earthing them up afterwards as the gardeners do pease; but this method is not equal to the other.

Vacant places in hedge-rows might be grubbed and planted with potatoes, and a good crop might be expected, as the leaves of trees, thorns, &c. are a good manure, and will surprisingly encourage their growth, and gratify the wishes of the planter; who by cultivating such places, will then make the most of his ground, and it will be in fine order to receive a crop of corn the following year.

*Account of the culture, expences, and produce of six acres of potatoes, being a fair part of near 70 acres, raised by John Billingsley, Esq; and for which the premium was granted him in the year 1784.*

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EXPENCES.		£.	s.	d.
Plowing on oat-stubble in October 1783, at 4s. per acre	-	1	4	0
Cross-ploughing in March 1784	-	1	4	0
Harrowing, 2s. per acre	-	0	12	0
180 cart-loads of compost, 3l. per acre	-	18	0	0
42 sacks of feed-potatoes (each sack weighing 240 lb.) of the white sort	-	10	10	0
Cutting the sets, 6d. per sack	-	1	1	0
Setting on ridges eight feet wide (leaving an interval of two feet for an alley) 6d. for every 20 yards	-	10	12	0
Hoeing, at 5s. per acre	-	1	10	0
Digging up the two feet interval, and throwing the earth on the plants, at 10s. per acre	-	3	0	0
Digging up the crop, at 8d. for every 20 yards in length, the breadth being 8 feet	-	14	6	0
Labour and expence of securing in pits, wear and tear of baskets, straw, reed, spikes, &c. 10s. per acre	-	3	0	0
Rent	-	6	0	0
Tithe	-	1	10	0
		72	9	0
Profit	-	73	11	0

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600 sacks of best potatoes at 4s.	-	120	0	0
120 sacks middle-sized, 3s. 6d.	-	21	0	0
50 of small, 2s.	-	5	0	0
N. B. each sack 240lb.		£. 146 0 0		

The field on which the above experiment was made, was an oat-stubble in the autumn of 1783. In October it was ploughed, and left in a rough state during the winter. In April it was cross-ploughed and harrowed. On the 8th of May the field was marked out into beds or ridges eight feet wide, leaving a space of two feet wide for an alley between every two ridges. The manure (a compost of stable dung, virgin earth, and scrapings of a turnpike road) was then brought on the land, and deposited in small heaps on the centre of each ridge, in the proportion of about 30 cart-loads to each acre. A trench was then opened with a spade, breadth-way of the ridge, about four inches deep; in this trench the potato-sets were placed, at the distance of nine inches from each other; the dung was then spread in a trench on the sets, and a space or slit of 14 inches in breadth, dug in upon them. When the plants were about six inches high, they were carefully hoed, and soon after the two feet intervals between the ridges were dug, and the contents thrown around the young plants. This refreshment, added to the ample manuring previously bestowed, produced such a luxuriance and rapidity of growth, that no weed could show its head.

<sup>165</sup> Best method of taking them up.  
The shortest and most certain method of taking up potatoes, is to plough once round every row at the distance of four inches, removing the earth from the plants, and gathering up with the hand all the potatoes that appear. The distance is made four inches, to prevent cutting the roots, which are seldom found above that distance from the row on each side. When the ground is thus cleared by the plough, raise the potatoes with a fork having three broad toes or claws; which is better than a spade, as it does not cut the potatoes. The potatoes thus laid above ground must be gathered with the hand. By this method scarce a potato will be left.

<sup>166</sup> Of preserving them.  
As potatoes are a comfortable food for the poor people, it is of importance to have them all the year round. For a long time, potatoes in Scotland were confined to the kitchen-garden; and after they were planted in the field, it was not imagined at first that they could be used after the month of December. Of late years, they have been found to answer even till April; which has proved a great support to many a poor family, as they are easily cooked, and require neither kiln nor mill. But there is no cause for stopping there. It is easy to preserve them till the next crop: when taken out of the ground, lay in the corner of a barn a quantity that may serve till April, covered from frost with dry straw pressed down: bury the remainder in a hole dug in dry ground, mixed with the husks of dried oats, sand, or the dry leaves of trees, over which build a stack of hay or corn. When the pit is opened for taking out the potatoes, the eyes of what have a tendency to push must be cut out; and this cargo will serve all the month of June. To be still more certain of making the old crop meet the new, the setting of a small quantity may be delayed till June, to be taken

up at the ordinary time before frost. This cargo, having not arrived to full growth, will not be so ready to push as what are set in April.

If the old crop happen to be exhausted before the new crop is ready, the interval may be supplied by the potatoes of the new crop that lie next the surface, to be picked up with the hand; which, far from hurting the crop, will rather improve it.

### 3. CARROT and PARSNIP.

OF all roots, a carrot requires the deepest soil. It ought at least to be a foot deep, all equally good from top to bottom. If such a soil be not in the farm, it may be made artificially by trench-ploughing, which brings to the surface what never had any communication with the sun or air. When this new soil is sufficiently improved by a crop or two with dung, it is fit for bearing carrots. Beware of dunging the year when the carrots are sown; for with fresh dung they seldom escape rotten seeds.

<sup>167</sup> Culture of carrot.

The only soils proper for that root, are a loam and a sandy soil.

The ground must be prepared by the deepest furrow that can be taken, the sooner after harvest the better; immediately upon the back of which, a ribbing ought to succeed, as directed for barley. At the end of March, or beginning of April, which is the time for sowing the seed, the ground must be smoothed with a brake. Sow the seed in drills, with intervals of a foot for hand-hoeing: which is no expensive operation where the crop is confined to an acre or two: but if the quantity of ground be greater, the intervals ought to be three feet, in order for horse-hoeing.

In flat ground without ridges, it may be proper to make parallel furrows with the plough, ten feet from each other, in order to carry off any redundant moisture.

At Parlington in Yorkshire, from the end of September to the first of May, 20 work-horses, four bullocks, and six milk-cows, were fed on the carrots that grew on three acres; and these animals never tasted any other food but a little hay. The milk was excellent: and, over and above, 30 hogs were fattened upon what was left by the other beasts. We have this fact from undoubted authority.

The culture of parsnips is the same with that of carrots.

<sup>168</sup> Parsnips.

### III. Plants cultivated for Leaves, or for both Leaves and Root.

THERE are many garden-plants of these kinds. The plants proper for the field are cabbage red and white, colewort plain and curled, turnip-rooted cabbage, and the root of scarcity.

1. Cabbage is an interesting article in husbandry. It is easily raised, is subject to few diseases, resists frost more than turnip, is palatable to cattle, and sooner fills them than turnips, carrots, or potatoes.

<sup>169</sup> Culture of cabbage.

The season for setting cabbage depends on the use it is intended for. If intended for feeding in November, December, and January, plants procured from seed sown the end of July the preceding year must be set in March or April. If intended for feeding in March, April, and May, the plants must be set the first weeks.

**Practice.** week of the preceding July, from seed sown in the end of February or beginning of March the same year. The late setting of the plants retards their growth; by which means they have a vigorous growth the following spring. And this crop makes an important link in the chain that connects winter and summer green food. Where cabbage for spring-food happens to be neglected, a few acres of rye, sown at Michaelmas, will supply the want. After the rye is consumed, there is time sufficient to prepare the ground for turnip.

And now to prepare a field for cabbage. Where the plants are to be set in March, the field must be made up after harvest, in ridges three feet wide. In that form let it lie all winter, to be mellowed with air and frost. In March, take the first opportunity, between wet and dry, to lay dung in the furrows. Cover the dung with a plough, which will convert the furrow into a crown, and consequently the crown into a furrow. Set the plants upon the dung, distant from each other three feet. Plant them so as to make a straight line across the ridges, as well as along the furrows, to which a gardener's line stretched perpendicularly across the furrows will be requisite. This will set each plant at the distance precisely of three feet from the plants that surround it. The purpose of this accuracy is to give opportunity for ploughing, not only along the ridges, but cross them. This mode is attended with three signal advantages: it saves hand-hoeing, it is a more complete dressing to the soil, and it lays earth neatly round every plant.

If the soil be deep and composed of good earth, a trench-ploughing after the preceding crop will not be amiss; in which case, the time for dividing the field into three feet ridges, as above, ought to be immediately before the dunging for the plants.

If weeds happen to rise so close to the plants as not to be reached by the plough, it will require very little labour to destroy them with a hand-hoe.

Unless the soil be much infested with annuals, twice ploughing after the plants are set will be a sufficient dressing. The first removes the earth from the plants; the next, at the distance of a month or so, lays it back.

Where the plants are to be set in July, the field must be ribbed as directed for barley. It ought to have a slight ploughing in June before the planting, in order to loosen the soil, but not so as to bury the surface-earth; after which the three-foot ridges must be formed, and the other particulars carried on as directed above with respect to plants that are to be set in March.

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2. As to the *turnip-rooted cabbages*, their importance and value seem only to have been lately ascertained. In the Bath Society Papers we have the following account of Sir Thomas Bevor's method of cultivating them; which from experience he found to be cheaper and better than any other.

"In the first or second week of June, I sow the same quantity of seed, hoe the plants at the same size, leave them at the same distance from each other, and treat them in all respects like the common turnip. In this method I have always obtained a plentiful crop of them; to ascertain the value of which I need only inform you, that on the 23d day of April last, having then two acres left of my crop, found, and in great

perfection, I divided them by fold hurdles into three parts of nearly equal dimensions. Into the first part I put 24 small bullocks of about 30 stone weight each (14lb to the stone), and 30 middle-sized fat wethers, which, at the end of the first week, after they had eaten down the greater part of the leaves, and some part of the roots, I shifted into the second division, and then put 70 lean sheep into what was left of the first; these fed off the remainder of the turnips left by the fat stock; and so they were shifted through the three divisions, the lean stock following the fat as they wanted food, until the whole was consumed.

The 24 bullocks and 30 fat wethers continued in the turnips until the 21st of May, being exactly four weeks; and the 70 lean sheep until the 29th, which is one day over four weeks: so that the two acres kept my 24 small bullocks and 110 sheep four weeks (not reckoning the overplus day of keeping the lean sheep); the value, at the rate of keeping at that season, cannot be estimated in any common year at less than 4d. a-week for each sheep, and 1s. 6d. per week for each bullock, which would amount together to the sum of L. 14 : 10 : 8 for the two acres.

"You will hardly, I conceive, think I have set the price of keeping the stock at too high a rate; it is beneath the price here in almost every spring, and in this last it would have cost double, could it have been procured; which was so far from being the case, that hundreds of sheep and lambs here were lost, and the rest greatly pinched for want of food.

"You will observe, gentlemen, that in the valuation of the crop abovementioned I have claimed no allowance for the great benefit the farmer receives by being enabled to suffer his grass to get into a forward growth, nor for the superior quality of these turnips in fattening his stock; both which circumstances must stamp a new and a great additional value upon them. But as their continuance on the land may seem to be injurious to the succeeding crop, and indeed will deprive the farmer totally of either oats or barley; so to supply that loss I have always sown buck-wheat on the first earth upon the land from which the turnips were thus fed off; allowing one bushel of seed per acre, for which I commonly receive from five to six quarters per acre in return. And that I may not throw that part of my land out of the same course of tillage with the rest, I sow my clover or other grass-seeds with the buck-wheat, in the same manner as with the oat or barley crops, and have always found as good a *layer* (lea) of it afterwards.

"Thus you see, that in providing a most incomparable vegetable for food for cattle, in that season of the year in which the farmer is generally most distressed, and his cattle almost starved, a considerable profit may likewise be obtained, much beyond what is usually derived from his former practice, by the great produce and price of a crop raised at so easy an expence as that of buck-wheat, which, with us, sells commonly at the same price as barley, oftentimes more, and but very rarely for less.

"The land on which I have usually sown turnip-rooted cabbages is a dry mixed soil, worth 15s. per acre."

To the preceding account the Society have subjoined the following note: "Whether we regard the importance

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To raise the turnip-rooted cabbage for transplanting, the best method yet discovered is, to breast-plough and burn as much old pasture as may be judged necessary for the feed-bed ; two perches well stocked with plants will be sufficient to plant an acre. The land should be dug as shallow as possible, turning the ashes in ; and the seed should be sown the beginning of April.

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The land intended for the plantation to be cultivated and dunged as for the common turnip. About Midsummer (or sooner if the weather will permit) will be a proper time for planting, which is best done in the following manner : the land to be thrown into *one-bout* ridges, upon the tops of which the plants are to be set, at about 18 inches distance from each other. As soon as the weeds rise, give a hand-hoeing, afterwards run the ploughs in the intervals, and fetch a furrow from each ridge, which, after laying a fortnight or three weeks, is again thrown back to the ridges ; if the weeds rise again, it is necessary to give them another hand-hoeing.

If the young plants in the feed-bed should be attacked by the fly, sow wood-ashes over them when the dew is on, which will effectually prevent the ravages they would otherwise make.

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3. The *racine de disette*, or root of scarcity, (*Betacicla*) delights in a rich loamy land well dunged. It is directed to be sown in rows, or broad-cast, and as soon as the plants are of the size of a goosequill, to be transplanted in rows of 18 inches distance, and 18 inches apart, one plant from the other : care must be taken in the sowing, to sow very thin, and to cover the seed, which lays in the ground about a month, an inch only.—In transplanting, the root is not to be shortened, but the leaves cut at the top : the plant is then to be planted with a setting-stick, so that the upper part of the root shall appear about half an inch out of the ground ; this last precaution is very necessary to be attended to. These plants will strike root in twenty-four hours, and a man a little accustomed to planting, will plant with ease 1800 or 2000 a-day. In the feed-bed, the plants, like all others, must be kept clear of weeds : when they are planted out, after once hoeing, they will take care of themselves, and suffocate every kind of weed near them.

The best time to sow the seed is from the beginning of March to the middle of April : it is, however, advised to continue sowing every month until the beginning of July, in order to have a succession of plants. Both leaves and roots have been extolled as excellent both for man and beast. This plant is said not to be liable, like the turnip, to be destroyed by insects, for no insect touches it, nor is it affected by excessive drought, or the changes of seasons. Horned cattle, horse, pigs, and poultry, are exceedingly fond of it when cut small. The leaves may be gathered every 12 or 15 days ; they are from 30 to 40 inches long, by 22 to 25 inches broad. This plant is excellent for milch cows, when given to them in proper proportions,

as it adds much to the quality as well as quantity of their milk ; but care must be taken to proportion the leaves with other green food, otherwise it would abate the milk, and fatten them too much, it being of so exceeding fattening a quality. To put all these properties beyond doubt, however, further experiments are wanting.

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THE latter end of August, or the beginning of September, is the best season for growing grass-seeds, as there is time for the roots of the young plants to fix themselves before the sharp frosts set in. It is scarce necessary to say, that moist weather is best for sowing ; the earth being then warm, the seeds will vegetate immediately ; but if this season prove unfavourable, they will do very well the middle of March following.

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If you would have fine pasture, never sow on foul land. On the contrary, plough it well, and clear it from the roots of couch-grass, reit-harrow, fern, broom, and all other noxious weeds. If these are suffered to remain, they will soon get above, and destroy your young grass. Rake these up in heaps, and burn them on the land, and spread the ashes as a manure. These ploughings and harrowings should be repeated in dry weather. And if the soil be clayey and wet, make some under-drains to carry off the water, which, if suffered to remain, will not only chill the grass, but make it sour. Before sowing, lay the land as level and fine as possible. If your grass-seeds are clean, (which should always be the case) three bushels will be sufficient per acre. When sown, harrow it in gently, and roll it in with a wooden roller. When it comes up, fill up all the bare spots by fresh seed, which, if rolled to fix it, will soon come up, and overtake the rest.

In Norfolk they sow clover with their grasses, particularly with rye-grass ; but this should not be done except when the land is designed for grass only three or four years, because neither of these kinds will last long in the land. Where you intend it for a continuance, it is better to mix only small white Dutch clover, or marle grass, with your other grass seed, and not more than eight pounds to an acre. These are abiding plants, spread close on the surface, and make the sweetest feed of any for cattle. In the following spring, root up thistles, hemlock, or any large plants that appear. The doing this while the ground is soft enough to permit your drawing them by the roots, and before they seed, will save you infinite trouble afterwards.

The common method of proceeding in laying down fields to grass is extremely injudicious. Some sow barley with their grasses, which they suppose to be useful in shading them, without considering how much the corn draws away the nourishment from the land.

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Others take their seeds from a foul hay-rick ; by which means, besides filling the land with rubbish and kinds of weeds, what they intend for dry soils may have come from moist, where it grew naturally, and *vice versa*. The consequence is, that the ground, instead of being covered with a good thick sward, is filled with plants unnatural to it. The kinds of grass most eligible for pasture-lands are, the annual-meadow, creeping, and fine bent, the fox-tails, and crested dog's-tail, the poas, the fescues, the vernal, oat-grass,

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grafs, and the ray, or rye-grafs. We do not, however, approve of fowing all these kinds together; for not to mention their ripening at different times, by which means you can never cut them all in perfection and full vigour, no kind of cattle are fond of all alike.

Horses will scarcely eat hay which oxen and cows will thrive upon; sheep are particularly fond of some kinds and refuse others. The Darnel grafs, if not cut before several of the other kinds are ripe, becomes so hard and wiry in the stalks, that few cattle care to eat it.

Such gentlemen as wish a particular account of the above-mentioned grasses, will be amply gratified in consulting Mr Stillingfleet on this subject. He has treated it with great judgment and accuracy, and those who follow his directions in the choice of their grasses will be under no small obligation to him for the valuable information he has given them. The substance of his observations are given in the article GRASSES in this Dictionary.

The grasses commonly sown for pasture, for hay, or to cut green for cattle, are red clover, white clover, yellow clover, rye-grafs, narrow-leaved plantain commonly called *ribwort*, sain-foin, and lucerne.

Red clover is of all the most proper to be cut green for summer-food. It is a biennial plant when suffered to perfect its seed; but when cut green, it will last three years, and in a dry soil longer. At the same time the safest course is to let it stand but a single year: if the second year's crop happen to be scanty, it proves, like a bad crop of pease, a great encourager of weeds by the shelter it affords them.

Here, as in all other crops, the goodness of seed is of importance. Choose plump seed of a purple colour, because it takes on that colour when ripe. It is red when hurt in the drying, and of a faint colour when unripe.

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Red clover is luxuriant upon a rich soil, whether clay, loam, or gravel: it will grow even upon a moor, when properly cultivated. A wet soil is its only bane; for there it does not thrive.

To have red clover in perfection, weeds must be extirpated, and stones taken off. The mould ought to be made as fine as harrowing can make it; and the surface be smoothed with a light roller, if not sufficiently smooth without it. This gives opportunity for distributing the seed evenly; which must be covered by a small harrow with teeth no larger than that of a garden-rake, three inches long, and six inches asunder\*. In harrowing, the man should walk behind with a rope in his hand fixed to the back part of the harrow, ready to disentangle it from stones, clods, turnip or cabbage-roots, which would trail the seed, and displace it.

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Nature has not determined any precise depth for the seed of red clover more than for other seed. It will grow vigorously from two inches deep, and it will grow when barely covered. Half an inch may be reckoned the most advantageous position in clay soil, a whole inch in what is light or loose. It is a vulgar error, that small seed ought to be sparingly covered. Misled by that error, farmers commonly cover their clover-feed with a bushy branch of thorn; which not only covers it unequally, but leaves part on the surface to wither in the air.

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The proper season for sowing red-clover, is from the middle of April to the middle of May. It will spring from the first of March to the end of August; but such liberty ought not to be taken except from necessity.

There cannot be a greater blunder in husbandry, than to be sparing of seed. Ideal writers talk of sowing an acre with four pounds. That quantity of seed, say they, will fill an acre with plants as thick as they ought to stand. This rule may be admitted where grain is the object; but it will not answer with respect to grass. Grass-feed cannot be sown too thick: the plants shelter one another: they retain all the dew: and they must push upwards having no room laterally. Observe the place where a sack of pease, or of other grain, has been set down for sowing: the seed dropt there accidentally grows more quickly than in the rest of the field sown thin out of hand. A young plant of clover, or of sain-foin, according to Tull, may be raised to a great size where it has room; but the field will not produce half the quantity. When red clover is sown for cutting green, there ought not to be less than 24 pounds to an acre. A field of clover is seldom too thick: the smaller a stem be, the more acceptable it is to cattle. It is often too thin; and when so, the stems tend to wood.

Red clover is commonly sown with grain; and the most proper grain has been found by experience to be flax. The soil must be highly cultivated for flax as well as for red clover. The proper season of sowing is the same for both; the leaves of flax being very small, admit of free circulation of air; and flax being an early crop, is removed so early as to give the clover time for growing. In a rich soil it has grown so fast, as to afford a good cutting that very year. Next to flax, barley is the best companion to clover. The soil must be loose and free for barley; and so it ought to be for clover; the season of sowing is the same; and the clover is well established in the ground, before it is over-topped by the barley. At the same time, barley commonly is sooner cut than either oats or wheat. In a word, barley is rather a nurse than a stepmother to clover during its infancy. When clover is sown in spring upon wheat, the soil, which has lain five or six months without being stirred, is an improper bed for it; and the wheat, being in the vigour of growth, overtops it from the beginning. It cannot be sown along with oats, because of the hazard of frost; and when sown as usual among the oats three inches high, it is over-topped, and never enjoys free air till the oats be cut. Add, that where oats are sown upon the winter-furrow, the soil is rendered as hard as when under wheat.—Red clover is sometimes sown by itself without other grain; but this method, beside losing a crop, is not salutary; because clover in its infant state requires shelter.

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As to the quantity of grain proper to be sown with clover: In a rich soil well pulverized, a peck of barley on an English acre is all that ought to be ventured; Two Linlithgow firlots make the proper quantity for an acre that produces commonly six bolls of barley; half a firlot for what produces nine bolls. To those who are governed by custom, so small a quantity will be thought ridiculous. Let them only consider, that a rich soil in perfect good order, will from a single seed of



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of barley produce 20 or 30 vigorous stems. People may flatter themselves with the remedy of cutting barley green for food, if it happen to oppress the clover. This is an excellent remedy in a field of an acre or two; but the cutting an extensive field for food must be slow; and while one part is cutting, the clover is smothered in other parts.

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White and yellow clover, ribwort, and rye-grafs.

The culture of white clover, of yellow clover, of ribwort, of rye-grafs, is the same in general with that of red-clover. We proceed to their peculiarities. Yellow clover, ribwort, rye-grafs, are all of them early plants, blooming in the end of April or beginning of May. The two latter are evergreens, and therefore excellent for winter-pasture. Rye-grafs is less hurt by frost than any of the clovers, and will thrive in a moist soil: nor in that soil is it much affected by drought. In a rich soil, it grows four feet high: even in the dry summer of 1775, it rose to three feet eight inches; but it had gained that height before the drought came on. These grasses are generally sown with red-clover for producing a plentiful crop. The proportion of seed is arbitrary; and there is little danger of too much. When rye-grafs is sown for procuring seed, five firlots wheat-measure may be sown on an acre; and for procuring seed of ribwort, 40 pounds may be sown. The roots of rye-grafs spread horizontally: they bind the soil by their number; and tho' small, are yet so vigorous as to thrive in hard soil. Red clover has a large tap-root, which cannot penetrate any soil but what is open and free; and the largeness of the root makes the soil still more open and free. Rye-grafs, once a great favourite, appears to be discarded in most parts of Britain. The common practice has been, to sow it with red clover, and to cut them promiscuously the beginning of June for green food, and a little later for hay. This indeed is the proper season for cutting red clover, because at that time it begins to flower; but as at that time the seed of the rye-grafs is approaching to maturity, its growth is stopped for that year, as much as of oats or barley cut after the seed is ripe. Oats or barley cut green before the seed forms, will afford two other cuttings; which is the case of rye-grafs, of yellow clover, and of ribwort. By such management, all the profit will be drawn that these plants can afford.

When red clover is intended for seed, the ground ought to be cleared of weeds, were it for no other purpose than that the seed cannot otherwise be preserved pure: what seeds escape the plough ought to be taken out by the hand. In England, when a crop of seed is intended, the clover is always first cut for hay. This appears to be done, as in fruit-trees, to check the growth of the wood, in order to encourage the fruit. This practice will not answer in Scotland, as the seed would often be too late for ripening. It would do better to eat the clover with sheep till the middle of May, which would allow the seed to ripen. The seed is ripe when, upon rubbing it between the hands, it parts readily from the husk. Then apply the scythe, spread the crop thin, and turn it carefully. When perfectly dry, take the first opportunity of a hot day for threshing it on the boards covered with a coarse sheet. Another way less subject to risk, is to stack the dry hay, and to thresh it in the end of April. After the first threshing, expose the husks to the sun, and thresh them over and over till no seed remain. Nothing is more effica-

cious than a hot sun to make the husk part with its seed; in which view it may be exposed to the sun by parcels, an hour or two before the flail is applied.

White clover, intended for seed, is managed in the same manner. No plant ought to be mixed with rye-grafs that is intended for seed. In Scotland, much rye-grafs seed is hurt by transgressing that rule. The seed is ripe when it parts easily with the husk. The yellowness of the stem is another indication of its ripeness; in which particular it resembles oats, barley, and other culmiferous plants. The best manner to manage a crop of rye-grafs for seed, is to bind it loosely in small sheaves, widening them at the bottom to make them stand erect; as is done with oats in moist weather. In that state they may stand till sufficiently dry for threshing. By this method they dry more quickly, and are less hurt by rain, than by close binding and putting the sheaves in shocks like corn. The worst way of all is to spread the rye-grafs on the moist ground, for it makes the seed malten. The sheaves, when sufficiently dry, are carried in close carts to where they are to be threshed on a board, as mentioned above for clover. Put the straw in a rick when a hundred stone or so are threshed. Carry the threshing-board to the place where another rick is intended; and so on till the whole seed be threshed, and the straw ricked. There is necessity for close carts to save the seed, which is apt to drop out in a hot sun; and, as observed above, a hot sun ought always to be chosen for threshing. Carry the seed in sacks to the granary or barn, there to be separated from the husks by a fanner. Spread the seed thin upon a timber-floor, and turn it once or twice a day till perfectly dry. If suffered to take a heat, it is useless for seed.

The writers on agriculture reckon sain-foin preferable to clover in many respects: They say, that it produces a larger crop; that it does not hurt cattle when eaten green; that it makes better hay; that it continues four times longer in the ground: and that it will grow on land that will bear no other crop.

Sain-foin has a very long tap-root, which is able to pierce very hard earth. The roots grow very large; and the larger they are, they penetrate to the greater depth: and hence it may be concluded, that this grass, when it thrives well, receives a great part of its nourishment from below the *staple* of the soil: of course, a deep dry soil is best for the culture of sain-foin. When plants draw their nourishment from that part of the soil that is near the surface, it is not of much consequence whether their number be great or small. But the case is very different when the plants receive their food, not only near, but also deep below, the surface. Besides, plants that shoot their roots deep are often supplied with moisture, when those near the surface are parched with drought.

To render the plants of sain-foin vigorous, it is necessary that they be sown thin. The best method of doing this is by a drill; because, when sown in this manner, not only the weeds, but also the supernumerary plants, can easily be removed. It is several years before sain-foin comes to its fullest strength; and the number of plants sufficient to stock a field, while in this imperfect state, will make but a poor crop for the first year or two. It is therefore necessary that it be sown in such a manner as to make it easy to take up plants

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The great quantity of this grass which the writers on this subject assure us may be raised upon an acre, and the excellency and great value of the hay made of it, should induce farmers to make a complete trial of it, and even to use the spade in place of the hoe, or hoe-plough if necessary.

The plants taken up from a field of sain-foin may be set in another field; and if the transplanting of this grass succeeds as well as the transplanting of lucerne has done with Mr Lunin de Chatevieux, the trouble and expence will be sufficiently recompensed by the largeness of the crops. In transplanting, it is necessary to cut off great part of the long tap-root: this will prevent it from striking very deep into the soil, and make it push out large roots in a sloping direction from the cut end of the tap-root. Sain-foin managed in this manner, will thrive even on shallow land that has a wet bottom, provided it be not overstocked with plants.

Whoever inclines to try the culture of this grass should take great pains in preparing the land, and making it as free from weeds as possible.

In England, as the roots strike deep in that chalky soil, this plant is not liable to be so much injured by drought as other grasses are, whose fibres lie horizontally, and lie near the surface. The quantity of hay produced is greater and better in quality than any other. But there is one advantage attending this grass, which renders it superior to any other; and that arises from feeding with it milch cows. The prodigious increase of milk which it makes is astonishing, being nearly double that produced by any other green food. The milk is also better, and yields more cream than any other; and the butter procured from it much better coloured and flavoured.

The following remarks by an English farmer are made from much experience and observation.

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Sain-foin is much cultivated in those parts where the soil is of a chalky kind. It will always succeed well where the roots run deep; the worst soil of all for it is where there is a bed of cold wet clay, which the tender fibres cannot penetrate. This plant will make a greater increase of produce, by at least 30 times, than common grass or turf upon poor land. Where it meets with chalk or stone, it will extend its roots through the cracks and chinks to a very great depth in search of nourishment. The dryness is of more

consequence than the richness of land for sain-foin; although land that is both dry and rich will always produce the largest crops.

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It is very commonly sown broad-cast; but it is found to answer best in drills, especially if the land be made fine by repeated ploughing, rolling, and harrowing. Much depends on the depth which this seed is sown. If it be buried more than an inch deep, it will seldom grow; and if left uncovered, it will push out its roots above ground, and these will be killed by the air. March and the beginning of April are the best seasons for sowing it, as the severity of winter and the drought of summer are equally unfavourable to the young plants. A bushel of seed sown broad-cast, or half that quantity in drills, if good, is sufficient for an acre. The drills should be 30 inches apart, to admit of horse-hoeing between them. Much, however, depends on the goodness of the seed, which may be best judged of by the following marks.

The husk being of a bright colour, the kernel plump, of a grey or bluish colour without, and, if cut across, greenish and fresh within; if it be thin and furrowed, and of a yellowish cast, it will seldom grow. When the plants stand single, and have room to spread, they produce the greatest quantity of herbage, and the seed ripens best. But farmers in general, from a mistaken notion of all that appears to be waste ground being unprofitable, plant them so close, that they choke and impoverish each other, and often die in a few years. Single plants run deepest and draw most nourishment; they are also easiest kept free from weeds. A single plant will often produce half a pound of hay, when dry. On rich land this plant will yield two good crops in a year, with a moderate share of culture. A good crop must not be expected the first year; but, if the plants stand not too thick, they will increase in size the second year prodigiously.

No cattle should be turned on the field the first winter after the corn is off with which it is sown, as their feet would injure the young plants. Sheep should not come on the following summer, because they would bite off the crown of the plants, and prevent their shooting again. A small quantity of soapers ashes as a top-dressing will be of great service, if laid on the first winter.

If the sain-foin be cut just before it comes into bloom, it is admirable food for horned cattle; and if cut thus early, it will yield a second crop the same season. But if it proves a wet season, it is better to let it stand till its bloom be perfected; for great care must be taken, in making it into hay, that the flowers do not drop off, as cows are very fond of them; and it requires more time than other hay in drying. Sain-foin is so excellent a fodder for horses, that they require no oats while they eat it, although they be worked hard all the time. Sheep will also be fattened with it faster than with any other food.

If the whole season for cutting proves very rainy, it is better to let the crop stand for seed, as that will amply repay the loss of the hay; because it will not only fetch a good price, but a peck of it will go as far as a peck and a half of oats for horses.

The best time for cutting the seeded sain-foin is, when the greatest part of the seed is well filled, the first blown.

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blown ripe, and the last blown beginning to open. For want of this care some people have lost most of their seed by letting it stand to ripe. Seeded fain-foin should always be cut in a morning or evening, when the dews render the stalks tender. If cut when the sun shines hot, much of the seed will fall out and be lost.

An acre of very ordinary land, when improved by this grass, will maintain four cows very well from the first of April to the end of November; and afford, besides, a sufficient store of hay to make the greater part of their food the four months following.

If the soil be tolerably good, a field of fain-foin will last from 15 to 20 years in prime; but at the end of seven or eight years, it will be necessary to lay on a moderate coat of well-rotted dung; or, if the soil be very light and sandy, of marle. By this means the future crops, and the duration of the plants in health and vigour, will be greatly increased and prolonged. Hence it will appear, that for poor land there is nothing equal to this grass in point of advantage to the farmer.

Clover will last only two years in perfection; and often, if the soil be cold and moist, near half the plants will rot, and bald patches be found in every part of the field the second year. Besides, from our frequent rains during the month of September, many crops left for feeding are lost. But from the quantity and excellent quality of this grass (fain-foin), and its ripening earlier, and continuing in vigour so much longer, much risk and certain expence is avoided, and a large annual profit accrues to the farmer.

The writers on agriculture, ancient as well as modern, bestow the highest encomiums upon lucerne as affording excellent hay, and producing very large crops. Lucerne remains at least 10 or 12 years in the ground, and produces about eight tons of hay upon the Scots acre. There is but little of it cultivated in Scotland. However, it has been tried in several parts of that country; and it is found, that, when the seed is good, it comes up very well, and stands the winter frost. But the chief thing that prevents this grass from being more used in Scotland, is the difficulty of keeping the soil open and free from weeds. In a few years the surface becomes so hard, and the turf so strong, that it destroys the lucerne before the plants have arrived at their greatest perfection: so that lucerne can scarce be cultivated with success there, unless some method be fallen upon of destroying the natural grass, and prevent the surface from becoming hard and impenetrable. This cannot be done effectually by any other means than horse-hoeing. This method was first proposed by Mr Tull, and afterwards practised successfully by M. de Chateauxvieux near Geneva. It may be of use therefore to give a view of that gentleman's method of cultivating lucerne.

He does not mention any thing particular as to the manner of preparing the land; but only observes in general, that no pains should be spared in preparing it. He tried the sowing of lucerne both in rows upon the beds where it was intended to stand, and likewise the sowing it in a nursery, and afterwards transplanting it into the beds prepared for it. He prefers transplanting; because, when transplanted, part of the tap-root

is cut off, and the plant shoots out a number of lateral branches from the cut part of the root, which makes it spread its roots nearer the surface, and consequently renders it more easily cultivated: besides, this circumstance adapts it to a shallow soil, in which, if left in its natural state, it would not grow.

The transplanting of lucerne is attended with many advantages. The land may be prepared in the summer for receiving the plants from the nursery in autumn; by which means the field must be in a much better situation than if the seed had been sown upon it in the spring. By transplanting, the rows can be made more regular, and the intended distances more exactly observed; and consequently the hoeing can be performed more perfectly, and with less expence. Mr Chateauxvieux likewise tried the lucerne in single beds three feet wide, with single rows; in beds three feet nine inches wide, with double rows; and in beds four feet three inches wide, with triple rows. The plants in the single rows were six inches asunder, and those in the double and triple rows were about eight or nine inches. In a course of three years he found, that a single row produced more than a triple row of the same length. The plants of lucerne, when cultivated by transplantation, should be at least six inches asunder, to allow them room for extending their crowns.

He further observes, that the beds or ridges ought to be raised in the middle; that a small trench, two or three inches deep, should be drawn in the middle; and that the plants ought to be set in this trench, covered with earth up to the neck. He says, that if the lucerne be sown in spring, and in a warm soil, it will be ready for transplanting in September; that, if the weather be too hot and dry, the transplanting should be delayed till October; and that, if the weather be unfavourable during both these months, this operation must be delayed till spring. He further directs, that the plants should be carefully taken out of the nursery, so as not to damage the roots; that the roots be left only about six or seven inches long; that the green crops be cut off within about two inches of the crown; that they be put into water as soon as taken up, there to remain till they are planted; and that they should be planted with a planting-stick, in the same manner as cabbages.

He does not give particular directions as to the times of horse-hoeing; but only says in general, that the intervals should be stirred once in the month during the whole time that the lucerne is in a growing state. He likewise observes, that great care ought to be taken not to suffer any weeds to grow among the plants, at least for the first two or three years; and for this purpose, that the rows, as well as the edges of the intervals where the plough cannot go, should be weeded by the hand.

Burnet is peculiarly adapted to poor land; besides, it proves an excellent winter-pasture when hardly any thing else vegetates. Other advantages are, It makes good butter; it never blows or swells cattle; it is fine pasture for sheep; and will flourish well on poor, light, sandy, or stony soils, or even on dry chalk hills.

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On the failure of turnips, either from the fly or the black worm, some of our farmers have sown the land with burnet, and in March following had a fine pasture for their sheep and lambs. It will perfect its seed twice in a summer; and this seed is said to be as good as oats for horses; but it is too valuable to be applied to that use.

It is sometimes sown late in the spring with oats and barley, and succeeds very well; but it is best to sow it singly in the beginning of July, when there is a prospect of rain, on a small piece of land, and in October following, transplant it in rows two feet apart, and about a foot distant in the rows. This is a proper distance, and gives opportunity for hoeing the intervals in the succeeding spring and summer.

After it is fed down with cattle, it should be harrowed clean. Some horses will not eat it freely at first, but in two or three days they are generally very fond of it. It affords rich pleasant milk, and in great plenty.

A gentleman farmer near Maidstone some years since sowed four acres as soon as the crop of oats were got off, which was the latter end of August. He threw in 12 pounds of seed per acre, broad-cast; and no rain falling until the middle of September, the plants did not appear before the latter end of that month. There was however a good crop, and in the spring he set the plants out with a turnip-hoe, leaving them about a foot distant from each other. But the drill method is preferable, as it saves more than half the seed. The land was a poor dry gravel, not worth three shillings an acre for any thing else.

The severest frost never injures the plant; and the oftener it is fed the thicker are its leaves, which spring constantly from its root.

#### SECT. V. *Rotation of Crops.*

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168 *Culmiferous and leguminous plants.* The difference between culmiferous and leguminous plants, is occasionally mentioned above\*. With respect to the present subject, a closer inspection is necessary. Culmiferous plants, having small leaves and few in number, depend mostly on the soil for nourishment, and little on the air. During the ripening of the seed, they draw probably their whole nourishment from the soil; as the leaves by this time, being dry and withered, must have lost their power of drawing nourishment from the air. Now, as culmiferous plants are chiefly cultivated for their seed, and are not cut down till the seed be fully ripe, they may be pronounced all of them to be robbers, some more, some less. But such plants, while young, are all leaves; and in that state draw

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These plants are distinguished no less remarkably by the following circumstance. All the seeds of a culmiferous plant ripen at the same time. As soon as they begin to form, the plant becomes stationary, the leaves wither, the roots cease to push, and the plant when cut down is blanched and sapless. The seeds of a leguminous plant are formed successively: flowers and fruit appear at the same time in different parts of the plant. This plant accordingly is continually growing, and pushing its roots. Hence the value of bean or pease straw above that of wheat or oats: the latter is withered and dry when the crop is cut; the former, green and succulent. The difference therefore, with respect to the soil, between a culmiferous and leguminous crop, is great. The latter, growing till cut down, keeps the ground in constant motion, and leaves it to the plough loose and mellow. The former gives over growing long before reaping; and the ground, by want of motion, turns compact and hard. Nor is this all. Dew falling on a culmiferous crop after the ground begins to harden, rests on the surface, and is sucked up by the next sun. Dew that falls on a leguminous crop, is shaded from the sun by the broad leaves, and sinks at leisure into the ground. The ground accordingly, after a culmiferous crop, is not only hard, but dry: after a leguminous crop, it is not only loose, but soft and unctuous.

Of all culmiferous plants, wheat is the most severe, by the long time it occupies the ground without admitting a plough. And as the grain is heavier than that of barley or oats, it probably requires more nourishment than either. It is observed above, that as pease and beans draw part of their nourishment from the air by their green leaves while allowed to stand, they draw the less from the ground; and by their constant growing they leave it in good condition for subsequent crops. In both respects they are preferable to any culmiferous crop.

Culmiferous crops, as observed above, are not robbers when cut green: the soil, far from hardening, is kept

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Bulbous-rooted plants are above all successful in dividing and pulverizing the soil. Potato-roots grow six, eight, or ten inches, under the surface; and, by their size and number, they divide and pulverize the soil better than can be done by the plough; consequently, whatever be the natural colour of the soil, it is black when a potato-crop is taken up. The potato, however, with respect to its quality of dividing the soil, must yield to a carrot or parsnip; which are large roots, and pierce often to the depth of 18 inches. The turnip, by its tap-root, divides the soil more than can be done by a fibrous-rooted plant; but as its bulbous-root grows mostly above ground, it divides the soil less than the potato, the carrot, or the parsnip. Red clover, in that respect, may be put in the same class with turnip.

Whether potatoes or turnip be the more gentle crop, appears a puzzling question. The former bears seed, and probably draws more nourishment from the soil than the latter, when cut green. On the other hand, potatoes divide the soil more than turnip, and leave it more loose and friable. It appears no less puzzling, to determine between cabbage and turnip: the former draws more of its nourishment from the air, the latter leaves the soil more free and open.

The result of the whole is what follows: Culmiferous plants are robbers; some more, some less: they at the same time bind the soil; some more, some less. Leguminous plants in both respects are opposite: if any of them rob the soil, it is in a very slight degree; and all of them without exception loosen the soil. A culmiferous crop, however, is generally the more profitable: but few soils can long bear the burden of such crops, unless relieved by interjected leguminous crops. These, on the other hand, without a mixture of culmiferous crops, would soon render the soil too loose.

These preliminaries will carry the farmer some length in directing a proper rotation of crops. Where dung, lime, or other manure, can be procured in plenty to recruit the soil after severe cropping, no rotation is more proper or profitable in a strong soil, than wheat, pease or beans, barley, oats, fallow. The whole farm may be brought under this rotation, except so far as hay is wanted: But as such command of manure is rare, it is of more importance to determine what should be the rotation, when no manure can be procured but the dung collected in the farm. Considering that culmiferous crops are the more profitable in rich land, it would be proper to make them more frequent than the other kind: But as there are few soils that will admit such frequent culmiferous crops without suffering, it may be laid down as a general rule, that alternate crops, culmiferous and leguminous, ought to form the rotation. Nor are there many soils that will stand good, even with this favourable rotation, unless relieved from time to time by pasturing a few years. If such extended rotation be artfully carried on, crops without end may be obtained in a tolerable good soil, without any manure but what is produced in the farm.

It is scarce necessary to be mentioned, being known to every farmer, that clay answers best for wheat,

moist clay for beans, loam for barley and pease, light soil for turnip, sandy soil for rye and buck-wheat; and that oats thrive better in coarse soil than any other grain. Now, in directing a rotation, it is not sufficient that a culmiferous crop be always succeeded by a leguminous: attention must also be given, that no crop be introduced that is unfit for the soil. Wheat, being a great binder, requires more than any other crop a leguminous crop to follow. But every such crop is not proper: potatoes are the greatest openers of soil; but they are improper in a wheat soil. Neither will turnip answer, because it requires a light soil. A very loose soil, after a crop of rye, requires rye-grass to bind it, or the treading of cattle in pasturing: but to bind the soil, wheat must not be ventured; for it succeeds ill in loose soil.

Another consideration of moment in directing the rotation, is to avoid crops that encourage weeds. Pease is the fittest of all crops for succeeding to wheat, because it renders the ground loose and mellow, and the same soil agrees with both. But beware of pease, unless the soil be left by the wheat perfectly free of weeds; because pease, if not an extraordinary crop, fosters weeds. Barley may be ventured after wheat, if the farmer be unwilling to lose a crop. It is indeed a robber; better, however, any crop, than run the hazard of poisoning the soil with weeds. But to prevent the necessity of barley after wheat, the land ought to be fallowed before the wheat: it cleans the ground thoroughly, and makes pease a secure crop after wheat. And after a good crop of pease, barley never fails. A horse-hoed crop of turnip is equal to a fallow for rooting out weeds; but turnip does not suit land that is proper for wheat. Cabbage does well in wheat soil: and a horse-hoed crop of cabbage, which eradicates weeds, is a good preparation for wheat to be succeeded by pease; and a crop of beans diligently hand-hoed, is in that view little inferior. As red clover requires the ground to be perfectly clean, a good crop of it ensures wheat, and next pease. In loam, a drilled crop of turnip or potatoes prepares the ground, equal to a fallow, for the same succession.

Another rule is, to avoid a frequent repetition of the same species; for to produce good crops, change of species is no less necessary than change of seed. The same species returning every second or third year, will infallibly degenerate, and be a scanty crop. This is remarkably the case of red clover. Nor will our fields bear pleasantly perpetual crops of wheat after fallow, which is the practice of some English farmers.

Hitherto of rotation in the same field. We add one rule concerning rotation in different fields; which is, to avoid crowding crops one after another in point of time; but to choose such as admit intervals sufficient for leisurely dressing, which gives opportunity to manage all with the same hands, and with the same cattle; for example, beans in January or February, pease and oats in March, barley and potatoes in April, turnips in June or July, wheat and rye in October.

For illustrating the foregoing rules, a few instances of exceptionable rotations will not be thought amiss. The following is an usual rotation in Norfolk. First, wheat after red clover. Secondly, barley. Third, turnip. Fourth, barley with red clover. Fifth, clover cut for hay. Sixth, a second year's crop of clover commonly

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In the parishes of Tranent, Aberlady, Dirleton, North-Berwick, and Athelstonefoord, the following rotations were formerly universal, and to this day are much more frequent than any other mode.

1. After fallow with dung, wheat, barley, oats, pease and beans, barley, oats, wheat.
2. After fallow and dung, barley, oats, pease and beans, wheat, barley, oats, pease, wheat.
3. After fallow and dung, wheat, oats, pease, barley, oats, wheat.
4. After fallow and dung, barley, oats, beans, wheat, pease, barley, oats.

In the several Tours of Young, the itinerant farmer, are found, in the best counties of England, examples without end, of rotations no less exceptionable than many of those mentioned.

Where a field is laid down for pasture in order to be recruited, it is commonly left in that state many years; for it is the universal opinion, that the longer it lies, the richer it becomes for bearing corn. This may be true; but in order to determine the mode of cropping, the important point is, what upon the whole is the most profitable rotation; not what may produce luxuriant crops at a distant period. Upon that point, it may be affirmed, that the farmer who keeps a field in pasture beyond a certain time, loses every year considerably; and that a few luxuriant crops of corn, after 20 years of pasture, and still more after 30, will not make up the loss.

Pasture-grass, while young, maintains many animals, and the field is greatly recruited by what they drop; it is even recruited by hay crops, provided the grass be cut before feeding. But as old grass yields little profit, the field ought to be taken up for corn when the pasture begins to fail; and after a few crops, it ought to be laid down again with grass-seeds. Seduced by a chimerical notion, that a field, by frequent corn-crops, is fatigued, and requires rest like a labouring man or animal, careful farmers give long rest to their fields by pasture, never adverting that it affords little profit. It

ought to be their study, to improve their soil, by making it free, and also retentive of moisture. If they accomplish these ends, they need not be afraid of exhausting the soil by cropping.

Where a farmer has access to no manure but what is his own production, the case under consideration, there are various rotations of crops, all of them good, though perhaps not equally so. We shall begin with two examples, one in clay, and one in free soil, each of the farms 90 acres. Six acres are to be inclosed for a kitchen-garden in which there must be annually a crop of red clover, for summer-food to the working cattle. As there are annually 12 acres in hay, and 12 in pasture, a single plough with good cattle will be sufficient to command the remaining 60 acres.

*Rotation in a clay soil.*

Inclor.	1775.	1776.	1777.	1778.	1779.	1780.
1.	Fallow.	Wheat.	Pease.	Barley.	Hay.	Oats.
2.	Wheat.	Pease.	Barley.	Hay.	Oats.	Fallow.
3.	Pease.	Barley.	Hay.	Oats.	Fallow.	Wheat.
4.	Barley.	Hay.	Oats.	Fallow.	Wheat.	Pease.
5.	Hay.	Oats.	Fallow.	Wheat.	Pease.	Barley.
6.	Oats.	Fallow.	Wheat.	Pease.	Barley.	Hay.
7.	Pasture.	Pasture.	Pasture.	Pasture.	Pasture.	Pasture.

When the rotation is completed, the seventh inclosure having been six years in pasture, is ready to be taken up for a rotation of crops which begins with oats in the year 1781, and proceeds as in the sixth inclosure. In the same year 1781, the fifth inclosure is made pasture, for which it is prepared by sowing pasture grass feeds with the barley of the year 1780. And in this manner may the rotation be carried on without end. Here the labour is equally distributed; and there is no hurry nor confusion. But the chief property of this rotation is, that two culmiferous or white-corn crops are never found together; by a due mixture of crops, the soil is preserved in good heart without any adventitious manure. At the same time, the land is always producing plentiful crops; neither hay nor pasture get time to degenerate. The whole dung is laid upon the fallow.

Every farm that takes a grass-crop into the rotation must be inclosed, which is peculiarly necessary in a clay soil, as nothing is more hurtful to clay than poaching.

*Rotation in a free soil.*

Inclor.	1775.	1776.	1777.	1778.	1779.	1780.
1.	Turnip.	Barley.	Hay.	Oats.	Fallow.	Wheat.
2.	Barley.	Hay.	Oats.	Fallow.	Wheat.	Turnip.
3.	Hay.	Oats.	Fallow.	Wheat.	Turnip.	Barley.
4.	Oats.	Fallow.	Wheat.	Turnip.	Barley.	Hay.
5.	Fallow.	Wheat.	Turnip.	Barley.	Hay.	Oats.
6.	Wheat.	Turnip.	Barley.	Hay.	Oats.	Fallow.
7.	Pasture.	Pasture.	Pasture.	Pasture.	Pasture.	Pasture.

For the next rotation, the seventh inclosure is taken up for corn, beginning with an oat-crop, and proceeding in the order of the fourth inclosure; in place of which, the third inclosure is laid down for pasture by sowing pasture-grasses with the last crop in that inclosure, being barley. This rotation has all the advantages

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We proceed to consider what rotation is proper for carse clay. The farm we propose consists of 73 acres. Nine are to be inclosed for a kitchen garden, affording plenty of red clover to be cut green for the farm-cattle, The remaining 64 acres are divided into four inclosures, 16 acres each, to be cropped as in the following table.

Incl <sup>os</sup> .	1775.	1776.	1777.	1778.
1.	Beans.	Barley.	Hay.	Oats.
2.	Barley.	Hay.	Oats.	Beans.
3.	Hay.	Oats.	Beans.	Barley.
4.	Oats.	Beans.	Barley.	Hay.

Here the dung ought to be applied to the barley.

Many other rotations may be contrived, keeping to the rules above laid down. Fallow, for example, wheat, pease and beans, barley, cabbage, oats, for clay. Here dung must be given both to the wheat and cabbage. For free soil, drilled turnip, barley, red clover, wheat upon a single furrow, drilled potatoes, oats. Both the turnip and potatoes must have dung. Another for free soil: turnip drilled and dunged, red clover, wheat, on a single furrow with dung, pease, barley, potatoes, oats. The following rotation has proved successful in a soil proper for wheat. 1. Oats with red clover, after fallow, without dung. 2. Hay. The clover-stubble dunged, and wheat sown the end of October with a single furrow. 3. Wheat. 4. Pease. 5. Barley. Fallow again. Oats are taken the first crop, to save the dung for the wheat. Oats always thrive on a fallow, though without dung, which is not the case of barley: But barley seldom fails after pease. In strong clay soil, the following rotation answers. 1. Wheat after fallow and dung. 2. Beans sown under fallow as early as possible. Above the beans, sow pease end of March, half a boll per acre, and harrow them in. The two grains will ripen at the same time. 3. Oats or barley on a winter furrow with grass-seeds. 4. Hay for one year or two; the second growth pastured. Lay what dung can be spared on the hay stubble, and sow wheat with a single furrow. 5. Wheat. 6. Beans or pease. 7. Oats. Fallow again.

SECT. VI. *Of Reaping Corn and Hay Crops, and Storing them up for use.*

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**Stripeness.** CULMIFEROUS plants are ripe when the stem is totally white: they are not fully ripe if any green streaks remain. Some farmers are of opinion, that wheat ought to be cut before it is fully ripe. Their reasons are, first, that ripe wheat is apt to shake; and next, that the flour is not so good. With respect to the last, it is contrary to nature, that any seed can be better in an unripe state than when brought to perfection: nor will it be found so upon trial. With respect to the first, wheat, at the point of perfection, is not more apt to shake than ~~for~~ some days before; the husk begins not to open till after the seed is fully ripe; and then the suffering the crop to stand becomes ticklish: after the minute of ripening, it should be cut down in an instant, if possible.

This leads to the hands that are commonly engaged to cut down corn. In Scotland, the universal practice was, to provide a number of hands, in proportion to the extent of the crop, without regard to the time of reaping. By this method, the reapers were often idle for want of work; and what is much worse, they had often more work than they could overtake, and ripe fields were laid open to shaking winds. The Lothians have long enjoyed weekly markets for reapers, where a farmer can provide himself with the number he wants; and this practice is creeping into neighbouring shires. Where there is no opportunity of such markets, neighbouring farmers ought to agree in borrowing and lending their reapers.

One should imagine, that a caution against cutting corn when wet is unnecessary; yet from the impatience of farmers to prevent shaking, no caveat is more so. Why do they not consider, that corn standing dries in half a day; when, in a close sheaf, the weather must be favourable if it dry in a month: in moist weather it will never dry.

With respect to the manner of cutting, we must premise, that barley is of all the most difficult grain to be dried for keeping. Having no husk, rain has easy access; and it has a tendency to malten when wet. Where the ground is properly smoothed by rolling, it seems best to cut it down with the scythe. This manner being more expeditious than the sickle, removes it sooner from danger of wind; and gives a third more straw, which is a capital article for dung, where a farm is at a distance from other manure. We except only corn that has lodged; for there the sickle is more convenient than the scythe. As it ought to be dry when cut, bind it up directly: if allowed to lie any time in the swath, it is apt to be discoloured.—Barley sown with grass-seeds, red clover especially, requires a different management. Where the grass is cut along with it, the difficulty is great of getting it so dry as to be ventured in a stack. The best way is, to cut the barley with a sickle above the clover, so as that nothing but clean barley is bound up. Cut with a scythe the stubble and grass: they make excellent winter food. The same method is applicable to oats; with this only difference, that when the field is exposed to the south-west wind, it is less necessary to bind immediately after mowing. As wheat commonly grows higher than any other grain, it is difficult to manage it with the scythe; for which reason the sickle is preferred in England. Pease and beans grow so irregularly, as to make the sickle necessary.

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The best way for drying pease, is to keep separate the handfuls that are cut: though in this way they wet easily, they dry as soon. In the common way of heaping pease together for composing a sheaf, they wet as easily, and dry not near so soon. With respect to beans, the top of the handful last cut, ought to be laid on the bottom of the former; which gives ready access to the wind. By this method pease and beans are ready for the stack in half the ordinary time.

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A sheaf commonly is made as large as can be contained in two lengths of the corn made into a rope. To save frequent tying, the binder presses it down with his knee, and binds it so hard as totally to exclude the air: If there be any moisture in the crop, which seldom fails, a process of fermentation and putrefaction commences

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in the sheaf; which is perfected in the stack, to the destruction both of corn and straw. How stupid is it, to make the size of a sheaf depend on the height of the plants! By that rule, a wheat-sheaf is commonly so weighty, as to be unmanageable by ordinary arms: it requires an effort to move it, that frequently bursts the knot, and occasions loss of grain, besides the trouble of a second tying. Sheaves ought never to be larger than can be contained in one length of the plant, cut close to the ground; without admitting any exception, if the plants be above eighteen inches high. The binder's arms can then compress the sheaf sufficiently, without need of his knee. The additional hands that this way of binding may require, are not to be regarded, compared with the advantage of drying soon. Corn thus managed may be ready for the stack in a week; it seldom in the ordinary way requires less than a fortnight, and frequently longer. Of a small sheaf compressed by the arm only, the air pervades every part; nor is it so apt to be unloosed as a large sheaf, however firmly bound. We omit the gathering of sheaves into shocks, because the common method is good, which is to place the shocks directed to the south-west, in order to resist the force of the wind. Five sheaves on each side make a sufficient stay; and a greater number cannot be covered with two head-sheaves.

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Every article is of importance that hastens the operation in a country subjected to unequal harvest-weather; for which reason, the most expeditious method should be chosen for carrying the corn from the field to the stack-yard. Our carriages are generally too small or too large. A sledge is a very awkward machine: many hands are required, and little progress made. Waggon and large carts are little less dilatory, as they must stand in the yard till unloaded sheaf by sheaf. The best way is, to use long carts moveable upon the axle, so as at once to throw the whole load on the ground; which is forked up to the stack by a hand appointed for that purpose. By this method, two carts will do the work of four or five.

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Of stacking

Building round stacks in the yard is undoubtedly preferable to housing corn. There it is shut up from the air; and it must be exceedingly dry, if it contract not a mustiness, which is the first step to putrefaction. Add to this, that in the yard, a stack is preserved from rats and mice by being set on a pedestal; whereas no method has hitherto been invented for preserving corn in a house from such destructive vermin. The proper manner of building, is to make every sheaf incline downward from its top to its bottom. Where the sheaves are laid horizontally, the stack will take in rain both above and below. The best form of a stack is that of a cone placed on a cylinder; and the top of the cone should be formed with three sheaves drawn to a point. If the upper part of the cylinder be a little wider than the under, so much the better.

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Covering  
the stacks.

The delaying to cover a stack for two or three weeks, though common, is, however, exceedingly absurd; for if much rain fall in the interim, it is beyond the power of wind to dry the stack. Vegetation begun in the external parts, shuts out the air from the internal; and to prevent a total putrefaction, the stack must be thrown down, and exposed to the air, every sheaf. In order to have a stack covered the moment it is finished, straw and ropes ought to be ready; and

the covering ought to be so thick as to be proof against rain. Practice.

Scotland is subject not only to floods of rain, but to high winds. Good covering guards against the former, and ropes artfully applied guards against the latter. The following is a good mode. Take a hay-rope well twisted, and surround the stack with it, two feet or so below the top. Surround the stack with another such rope immediately below the easing. Connect these two with ropes in an up-and-down position, distant from each other at the easing about five or six feet. Then surround the stack with other circular ropes parallel to the two first mentioned, giving them a twist round every one of these that lie up and down, by which the whole will be connected together in a sort of net-work. What remains is, to finish the two feet at the top of the stack. Let it be covered with bunches of straw laid regularly up and down; the under part to be put under the circular rope first mentioned, which will keep it fast, and the upper part be bound by a small rope artfully twisted, commonly called *the crown of the stack*. This method is preferable to the common way of laying long ropes over the top of the stack, and tying them to the belting-rope; which flattens the top, and makes it take in rain. A stack covered in the way here described, will stand two years secured both against wind and rain; a notable advantage in a variable climate.

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Hay-making.

The great aim in making hay is, to preserve as much of the sap as possible. All agree in this; and yet differ widely in the means of making that aim effectual. To describe all the different means would be equally tedious and unprofitable. We shall confine ourselves to two, which appear preferable to all others. A crop of rye-grass and yellow clover ought to be spread as cut. A day or two after, when the dew is evaporated, rake it into a number of parallel rows along the field, termed *wind-rows*, for the convenience of putting it up into small cocks. After turning the rows once and again, make small cocks weighing a stone or two. At the distance of two days or so, put two cocks into one, observing always to mix the tops and bottoms together, and to take a new place for each cock, that the least damage possible may be done to the grass. Proceed in putting two cocks into one, till sufficiently dry for tramp-ricks of 100 stone each. The easiest way of erecting tramp-ricks, is to found a rick in the middle of the row of cocks that are to compose it. The cocks may be carried to the rick by two persons joining arms together. When all the cocks are thus carried to the rick within the distance of 40 yards or so, the rest of the cocks will be more expeditiously carried to the rick, by a rope wound about them and dragged by a horse. Two ropes are sufficient to secure the ricks from wind the short time they are to stand in the field. In the year 1775, 10,000 stone were put into tramp-ricks the fourth year after cutting. In a country so wet as many parts of Scotland are, expedition is of mighty consequence in the drying both of hay and corn. With respect to hay intended for horned cattle, it is by the generality held an improvement, that it be heated a little in the stack. But we violently suspect this doctrine to have been invented for excusing indolent management. An ox, it is true, will eat such hay; but it will always be found that he prefers sweet hay; and  
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*Practice.* it cannot well be doubted, but that such hay is the most salutary and the most nourishing.

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Hay of red clover. The making hay consisting chiefly of red clover, requires more care. The season of cutting is the last week of June, when it is in full bloom; earlier it may be cut, but never later. To cut it later would indeed produce a weightier crop; but a late first cutting makes the second also late, perhaps too late for drying. At the same time, the want of weight in an early first cutting, is amply compensated by the weight of the second.

When the season is too variable for making hay of the second growth, mix straw with that growth, which will be a substantial food for cattle during winter. This is commonly done by laying strata of the straw and clover alternately in the stack. But by this method, the strata of clover, if they do not heat, turn mouldy at least, and unpalatable. The better way is, to mix them carefully with the hand before they be put into the stack. The dry straw imbibes moisture from the clover and prevents heating.

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Other method. But the best method of hay-making seems to be that recommended by Mr Anderson.\* "Instead," says he, "of allowing the hay to lie, as usual in most places, for some days in the swathe after it is cut, and afterwards alternately putting it up into cocks and spreading it out, and tedding it in the sun, which tends greatly to bleach the hay, exhales its natural juices, and subjects it very much to the danger of getting rain, and thus runs a great risk of being good for little, I make it a general rule, if possible, never to cut hay but when the grass is quite dry; and then make the gatherers follow close upon the cutters,—putting it up immediately into small cocks about three feet high each when new put up, and of as small a diameter as they can be made to stand with; always giving each of them a slight kind of thatching, by drawing a few handfuls of the hay from the bottom of the cock all around, and laying it lightly upon the top with one of the ends hanging downwards. This is done with the utmost ease and expedition; and when it is once in that state, I consider my hay as in a great measure out of danger: for unless a violent wind should arise immediately after the cocks are put up, so as to overturn them, nothing else can hurt the hay; as I have often experienced, that no rain, however violent, ever penetrates into these cocks but for a very little way. And, if they are dry put up, they never sit together so closely as to heat; although they acquire, in a day or two, such a degree of firmness, as to be in no danger of being overturned by wind after that time, unless it blows a hurricane.

"In these cocks I allow the hay to remain, until, upon inspection, I judge that it will keep in pretty large tramp-cocks (which is usually in one or two weeks, according as the weather is more or less favourable), when two men, each with a long pronged pitch-

*Practice.* fork, lift up one of these small cocks between them with the greatest ease, and carry them one after another to the place where the tramp-cock is to be built (A): and in this manner they proceed over the field till the whole is finished.

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Advantages of this method. "The advantages that attend this method of making hay, are, That it greatly abridges the labour; as it does not require above the one-half of the work that is necessary in the old method of turning and tedding it: That it allows the hay to continue almost as green as when it is cut, and preserves its natural juices in the greatest perfection; for, unless it be the little that is exposed to the sun and air upon the surface of the cocks, which is no more bleached than every straw of hay saved in the ordinary way, the whole is dried in the most slow and equal manner that could be desired: and, lastly, That it is thus in a great measure secured from almost the possibility of being damaged by rain. This last circumstance deserves to be much more attended to by the farmer than it usually is at present; as I have seen few who are sufficiently aware of the loss that the quality of their hay sustains by receiving a slight shower after it is cut, and before it is gathered; the generality of farmers seeming to be very well satisfied if they get in their hay without being absolutely rotted; never paying the least attention to its having been several times wetted while the hay was making. But, if these gentlemen will take the trouble at any time to compare any parcel of hay that has been made perfectly dry, with another parcel from the same field that has received a shower while in the swathe, or even a copious dew, they will soon be sensible of a very manifest difference between them; nor will their horses or cattle ever commit a mistake in choosing between the two.

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Particular caution requisite in this method. "Let it be particularly remarked, that in this manner of making hay, great care must be taken that it be dry when first put into the cocks; for, if it is in the least degree wet at that time, it will turn instantly mouldy, and sit together so as to become totally impervious to the air, and will never afterwards become dry till it is spread out to the sun. For this reason, if at any time during a course of good settled weather you should begin to cut in the morning before the dew is off the grass, keep back the gatherers till the dew is evaporated; allowing that which was first cut to lie till it is dry before it is cocked. In this case, you will almost always find that the uncut grass will dry sooner than that which has been cut when wet; and, therefore, the gatherers may always begin to put up that which is fresh cut before the other; which will usually require two or three hours to dry after the new-cut hay may be cocked. And if, at any time, in case of necessity, you should be obliged to cut your hay before it is dry, the same rule must be observed, always to allow it to remain in the swathe till it is quite dry: but, as there is always a great risk of being long in getting it

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(A) If the hay is to be carried to any considerable distance, this part of the labour may be greatly abridged, by causing the carriers take two long sticks of a sufficient strength, and having laid them down by the small cocks parallel to one another, at the distance of one and a half, or two feet asunder, let them lift three or four cocks, one after another, and place them carefully above the sticks, and then carry them altogether, as if upon a hand-barrow, to the place where the large rick is to be built.

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up, and as it never in this case *wins* (A) so kindly as if it had been dry cut, the farmer ought to endeavour, if possible, in all cases, to cut his hay only when dry; even if it should cost him some additional expence to the cutters, by keeping them employed at any other work, or even allowing them to remain idle, if the weather should be variable or rainy.

“ But if there is a great proportion of clover, and the weather should chance to be close and calm at the time, it may, on some occasions, be necessary to open up these cocks a little, to admit some fresh air into them; in which case, after they have stood a day or two, it may be of great use to turn these cocks and open them up a little, which ought to be done in the driest time of the day; the operator taking that part of each cock which was the top, and with it forming the base of a new one; so that the part which was most exposed to the air becomes excluded from it, and that which was undermost comes to be placed upon the top, so as to make it all dry as equally as possible.

“ If the hay has not been damp when it was first put up, the cock may be immediately finished out at once; but if it is at all wet, it will be of great use to turn over only a little of the top of the cock at first, and leaving it in that state to dry a little, proceed to another, and a third, and fourth, &c. treating each in the same way; going on in that manner till you find that the inside of the first opened cock is sufficiently dried, when it will be proper to return to it, turning over a little more of it till you come to what is still damp, when you leave it and proceed to another, and so on round the whole; always returning afresh till the cocks are entirely finished. This is the best way of saving your hay, if you have been under the necessity of cutting it while damp; but it is always best to guard against this inconvenience, if possible.”

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Hay-stacks.

In the yard, a stack of hay ought to be an oblong square, if the quantity be greater than to be easily stowed in a round stack; because a smaller surface is exposed to the air, than in a number of round stacks. For the same reason, a stack of pease ought to have the same form, the straw being more valuable than that of oats, wheat, or barley. The moment a stack is finished, it ought to be covered; because the surface-hay is much damaged by withering in dry weather, and moistening in wet weather. Let it have a pavilion-roof; for more of it can be covered with straw in that shape, than when built perpendicular at the ends. Let it be roped as directed above for corn-stacks; with this difference only, that in an oblong square the ropes must be thrown over the top, and tied to the belt-rope below. This belt-rope ought to be fixed with pins to the stack: the reason is, that the ropes thrown over the stack will bag by the sinking of the stack, and may be drawn tight by lowering the belt-rope, and fixing it in its new position with the same pins.

The stems of hops, being long and tough, make excellent ropes; and it will be a saving article, to propagate a few plants of that kind for that very end.

A stack of rye-grass hay, a year old, and of a moderate size, will weigh, each cubic yard, 11 Dutch stone.

A stack of clover-hay in the same circumstances weighs somewhat less. Practice.

## SECT. VII. Manures.

The manures commonly used are dung, lime, shell-marle, clay-marle, and stone-marle. Many other substances are used; shavings of horn, for example, refuse of malt, and even old rags: but as the quantity that can be procured is inconsiderable, and as their application is simple, we shall consume no time upon them.

Dung is the chief of all manures; because a quantity of it may be collected in every farm, and because it makes the quickest return. A field sufficiently dunged will produce good crops four or five years.

Dung of animals that chew the cud, being more thoroughly putrefied than that of others, is fit to be mixed with the soil without needing to be collected into a dunghill. A horse does not chew the cud; and in horse-dung may be perceived straw or rye-grass broken into small parts, but not dissolved: it is proper therefore that the putrefaction be completed in a dunghill. It ought to be mixed there with cool materials: so hot it is, that, in a dunghill by itself, it singes and burns instead of putrefying. The difference between the dung of a horse and of a horned animal, is visible in a pasture-field: the grass round the former is withered; round the latter, it is ranker and more verdant than in the rest of the field. A mixture of dry and moist stuff ought to be studied: the former attracting moisture from the latter, they become equally moist.

To prevent sap from running out of a dunghill, its situation should be a little below the surface; and to prevent rain from running into it, it should be surrounded with a ring of sod. If the soil on which the dunghill stands be porous, let it be paved, to prevent the sap from sinking into the ground. If moisture happen to superabound, it may be led off by a small gutter to impregnate a quantity of rich mould laid down to receive it, which will make it equal to good dung. 206 Of a dung hill.

Straw should be prepared for the dunghill, by being laid under cattle, and sufficiently moistened. When laid dry into a dunghill, it keeps it open, admits too much air, and prevents putrefaction.

Dung from the stable ought to be carefully spread on the dunghill, and mixed with the former dung. When left in heaps upon the dunghill, fermentation and putrefaction go on unequally.

Complete putrefaction is of importance with regard to the seed of weeds that are in the dunghill: if they remain sound, they are carried out with the dung, and infest the ground. Complete putrefaction is of still greater importance by pulverizing the dung; in which condition it mixes intimately with the soil, and operates the most powerfully. In land intended for barley, undigested dung has a very bad effect: it keeps the ground open, admits drought, and prevents the seed from springing. On the other hand, when thoroughly rotted, it mixes with the soil, and enables it to retain moisture. It follows, that the properest time for dunging a field, is,

(A) By *winning* hay, is meant the operation by which it is brought from the succulent state of grass to that of a dry fodder.

<sup>Practice.</sup> is, in its highest pulverization ; at which time the earth mixes intimately with the dung. Immediately before setting cabbage, sowing turnip, or wheat, is a good time. <sup>207</sup> Dung divides and spreads the most accurately when moist. Its intimate mixture with the soil is of such importance, that hands should be employed to divide and spread any lumps that may be in it.

<sup>208</sup> Manner of dunging. Dung should be spread, and ploughed into the ground without delay. When a heap lies two or three weeks, some of the moisture is imbibed into the ground, which will produce tufts of corn more vigorous than in the rest of the field. There cannot be a worse practice than to lead out dung before winter, leaving it exposed to frost and snow. The whole spirit of the dung is extracted by rain, and carried off with it. The dung divested of its sap becomes dry in spring, and incapable of being mixed with the mould. It is turned over whole by the plough, and buried in the furrow.

<sup>209</sup> Of collecting dung. As dung is an article of the utmost importance in husbandry, one should imagine, that the collecting it would be a capital article with an industrious farmer. Yet an ingenious writer, observing that the Jamaicans are in this particular much more industrious than the British, ascribes the difference to the difficulty of procuring dung in Jamaica. " In England, where the long winter enables a farmer to raise what quantity he pleases, it is not collected with any degree of industry. But in Jamaica, where there is no winter, and where the heat of the sun is a great obstruction, the farmer must be indefatigable, or he will never raise any dung." Cool interest is not alone a sufficient motive with the indolent, to be active. As dung is of great importance in husbandry, a farmer cannot be too assiduous in collecting animal and vegetable substances that will rot. One article of that kind there is, to collect which there is a double motive, and yet is neglected almost every where. A farm full of weeds is a nuisance to the neighbourhood : it poisons the fields around ; and the possessor ought to be disgraced as a pest to society. Now, the cutting down every weed before the seed is formed, answers two excellent purposes. First, it encourages good crops, by keeping the ground clean. Next, these weeds, mixed with other materials in a dunghill, may add considerably to the quantity of dung.

<sup>210</sup> Of lime. Next of lime, which is a profitable manure, and greatly so when it can be got in plenty within a moderate distance. The benefit of lime is so visible, that the use of it has become general, where the price and carriage are in any degree moderate.

<sup>211</sup> Its operation. However people may differ in other particulars, all agree, that the operation of lime depends on its intimate mixture with the soil : and therefore that the proper time of applying it, is when it is perfectly powdered and the soil at the same time in the highest degree of pulverization. Lime of itself is absolutely barren ; and yet it enriches a barren soil. Neither of the two produces any good effect without the other : and consequently, the more intimately they are mixed, the effect must be the greater.

Hence it follows, that lime ought always to be slaked with a proper quantity of water, because by that means it is reduced the most effectually into powder. Lime left to be slaked by a moist air, or accidental rain, is seldom or never thoroughly reduced into powder ;

and therefore can never be intimately mixed with the soil. Sometimes an opportunity offers to bring home shell-lime before the ground is ready for it ; and it is commonly thrown into a heap without cover, trusting to rain for slaking. The proper way is, to lay the shell-lime in different heaps on the ground where it is to be spread, to reduce these heaps into powder by slaking it with water, and to cover the slaked lime with sod so as to defend it from rain. One however should avoid as much as possible the bringing home lime before the ground be ready for it. Where allowed to lie long in a heap, there are two bad consequences : first, lime attracts moisture, even though well covered, and runs into clots, which prevents an intimate mixture ; and, next, we know, that burnt limestone, whether in shells or in powder, returns gradually into its original state of limestone ; and upon that account also, is less capable of being mixed with the soil. And this is verified by a fact, that, after lying long, it is so hard bound together as to require a pick to separate the parts.

For the same reason, it is a bad practice, though common, to let spread lime lie on the surface all winter. The bad effects above-mentioned take place here in part ; and there is another ; that rain washes the lime down to the furrows, and in a hanging field carries the whole away.

As the particles of powdered lime are both small and heavy, they quickly sink to the bottom of the furrow, if care be not taken to prevent it. In that view, it is a rule, that lime be spread, and mixed with the soil, immediately before sowing, or along with the seed. In this manner of application, there being no occasion to move it till the ground be stirred for a new crop, it has time to incorporate with the soil, and does not readily separate from it. Thus, if turnip-feed is to be sown broad-cast, the lime ought to be laid on immediately before sowing, and harrowed in with the seed. If a crop of drilled turnip or cabbage be intended, the lime ought to be spread immediately before forming in drills. With respect to wheat, the lime ought to be spread immediately before seed-furrowing. If spread more early, before the ground be sufficiently broken, it sinks to the bottom. If a light soil be prepared for barley, the lime ought to be spread after seed-furrowing, and harrowed in with the seed. In a strong soil, it sinks not so readily to the bottom ; and therefore, before sowing the barley, the lime ought to be mixed with the soil by a brake. Where moor is summer-fallowed for a crop of oats next year, the lime ought to be laid on immediately before the last ploughing, and braked in as before. It has sufficient time to incorporate with the soil before the land be stirred again.

The quantity to be laid on depends on the nature of the soil. Upon a strong soil, 70 or 80 bolls of shells are not more than sufficient, reckoning four small firlots to the boll, termed *wheat-measure* ; nor will it be an overdose to lay on 100 bolls. Between 50 and 60 may suffice upon medium soils : and upon the thin or gravelly, between 30 and 40. It is not safe to lay a much greater quantity on such soils.

It is common to lime in pasture-field immediately before ploughing. This is an unsafe practice ; it is thrown to the bottom of the furrow, from which it is never fully gathered up. The proper time for liming

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<sup>212</sup> Time of liming.<sup>213</sup> Quantity.<sup>214</sup> Liming pasture fields.

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a pasture field, intended to be taken up for corn, is a year at least, or two, before ploughing. It is washed in by rain among the roots of plants, and has time to incorporate with the soil.

Summer is the proper season for marling; because in that season the marle, being dry, is not only lighter, but is easily reduced to powder. Frost however is not improper for marling, especially as in frost there is little opportunity for any other work.

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215 Beat lime-stone.

Limestone beat small makes an excellent manure: and supplies the want of powdered lime where there is no fuel to burn the limestone. Limestone beat small has not hitherto been much used as a manure; and the proportion between it and powdered lime has not been ascertained. What follows may give some light. Three pounds of raw lime is by burning reduced to two pounds of shell-lime. Yet nothing is expelled by the fire but the air that was in the limestone: the calcareous earth remains entire. Ergo, two pounds of shell-lime contain as much calcareous earth as three pounds of raw limestone. Shell-lime of the best quality, when slaked with water, will measure out to thrice the quantity. But as limestone loses none of its bulk by being burnt into shells, it follows, that three bushels of raw limestone contain as much calcareous earth as six bushels of powdered lime; and, consequently, if powdered lime possess not some virtue above raw limestone, three bushels of the latter beat small should equal as a manure six bushels of the former.

Marle is a heavy body, and sinks to the bottom of the furrow, if indiscreetly ploughed. Therefore the first crop should always have an ebb furrow. During the growing of that crop, the marle has time to incorporate with the soil, and to become a part of it; after which it does not readily separate.

SECT. VIII. Principles and Operations of the New or horse-hoeing Husbandry.

THE general properties attributed to the new husbandry may be reduced to two, viz. the promoting the growth of plants by hoeing, and the saving of seed; both of which are equally profitable to the farmer.

The advantages of tillage before sowing have already been pointed out. In this place we must confine ourselves to the utility of tillage after sowing. This kind of tillage is most generally known by the name of horse-hoeing.

218 Advantages ascribed to horse-hoeing.

216 Of shell-marle.

Shell-marle, as a manure, is managed in every respect like powdered lime; with this only difference, that a fifth or a fourth part more in measure ought to be given. The reason is, that shell-marle is less weighty than lime; and that a ball of it contains less calcareous earth, which is the fructifying part of both.

Land sowed with wheat, however well it may be cultivated in autumn, sinks in the winter; the particles get nearer together, and the weeds rise; so that in spring, the land is nearly in the same situation as if it never had been ploughed. This, however, is the season when it should branch and grow with most vigour; and consequently stands most in need of ploughing or hoeing, to destroy the weeds, to supply the roots with fresh earth, and, by dividing anew the particles of the soil, to allow the roots to extend and collect nourishment.

217 Of clay and stone-marles.

Clay and stone marles, with respect to husbandry, are the same, though in appearance different.

The goodness of marle depends on the quantity of calcareous earth in it: which has been known to amount to a half or more. It is too expensive if the quantity be less than a third or a fourth part. Good marle is the most substantial of all manures; because it improves the weakest ground to equal the best borough-acres. The low part of Berwickshire termed the *Merse*, abounds every where with this marle; and is the only county in Scotland where it is plenty.

It is well known, that, in gardens, plants grow with double vigour after being hoed or transplanted. If plants growing in arable land could be managed with ease and safety in this manner, it is natural to expect, that their growth would be promoted accordingly. Experience shows, that this is not only practicable, but attended with many advantages.

In the operation of hoeing wheat, though some of the roots be moved or broken, the plants receive no injury; for this very circumstance makes them send forth a greater number of roots than formerly, which enlarge their pasture, and consequently augment their growth.

Sickly wheat has often recovered its vigour after a good hoeing, especially when performed in weather not very hot or dry.

Wheat, and such grain as is sown before winter, requires hoeing more than oats, barley, or other grain sown in the spring; for, if the land has been well ploughed before the sowing of spring-corn, it neither has time to harden, nor to produce many weeds, not having been exposed to the winter's snow and rain.

Of Sowing.

As, in the practice of the New Husbandry, plants grow with greater vigour than by the old method, the land should be sowed thinner. It is this principle of the new husbandry that has been chiefly objected to; for, upon observing the land occupied by a small number of plants, people are apt to look upon all the vacant

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**Practice.** cant space as lost. But this prejudice will soon be removed, when it is considered, that, in the best land cultivated in the common method, and sown very thick, each seed produces but one or two ears; that, in the same land sown thinner, every seed produces two or three ears; and that a single seed sometimes produces 18 or 21 ears.

In the common method, as there are many more plants than can find sufficient nourishment, and as it is impossible to assist them by hoeing, numbers die before they attain maturity, the greatest part remain sickly and drooping; and thus part of the seed is lost. On the contrary, in the new method, all the plants have as much food as they require; and as they are, from time to time, assisted by hoeing, they become so vigorous as to equal in their production the numerous but sickly plants cultivated in the common method.

#### Of HOEING.

THE new husbandry is absolutely impracticable in lands that are not easily ploughed. Attempting to cultivate land according to this husbandry, without attending to this circumstance, that it is practicable in no lands excepting such as have already been brought into good tilth by the old method, has gone far to make it contemptible in many places.

When a field is in good tilth, it should be sown so thin as to leave sufficient room for the plants to extend their roots. After being well ploughed and harrowed, it must be divided into rows, at the distance of thirty inches from one another. On the sides of each of these rows, two rows of wheat must be sowed six inches distant from each other. By this means there will be an interval of two feet wide betwixt the rows, and every plant will have room enough to extend its roots, and to supply it with food. The intervals will likewise be sufficient for allowing the earth to be hoed or tilled without injuring the plants in the rows.

The first hoeing, which should be given before the winter, is intended to drain away the wet, and to dispose the earth to be mellowed by the frosts. These two ends will be answered by drawing two small furrows at a little distance from the rows, and throwing the earth taken from the furrows into the middle of the intervals. This first hoeing should be given when the wheat is in leaf.

The second hoeing, which is intended to make the plants branch, should be given after the hard frosts are over. To do this with advantage, after stirring the earth a little near the rows, the earth which was thrown in the middle of the intervals should be turned back into the furrows. This earth, having been mellowed by the winter, supplies the plants with excellent food, and makes the roots extend.

The third hoeing, which is intended to invigorate the stalk, should be given when the ears of the corn begin to show themselves. This hoeing may, however, be very slight.

But the last hoeing is of the greatest importance, as it enlarges the grain, and makes the ears fill at their extremities. This hoeing should be given when the wheat is in bloom; a furrow must be drawn in the middle of the interval, and the earth thrown to the right and left on the root of the plants. This supports the plants, prevents them from being laid, and pre-

pare the ground for the next sowing, as the seed is then to be put in the middle of the ground that formed the intervals.

The best season for hoeing is two or three days after rain, or so soon after rain as the soil will quit the instrument in hoeing. Light dry soils may be hoed almost any time, but this is far from being the case with strong clay soils; the season for hoeing such is frequently short and precarious; every opportunity therefore should be carefully watched, and eagerly embraced. The two extremes of wet and dry, are great enemies to vegetation in strong clay soils. There is a period between the time of clay soils running together, so as to puddle by superfluous wet, and the time of their caking by drought, that they are as tractable as need be. This is the juncture for hoeing; and so much land as shall be thus seasonably hoed, will not cake or crust upon the surface, as it otherwise would have done, till it has been soaked or drenched again with rain; in which case the hoeing is to be repeated as soon as the soil will quit the instrument, and as often as necessary; by which time the growing crop will begin to cover the ground, so as to act as a screen to the surface of the land against the intense heat of the sun, and thereby prevent, in great measure, the bad effects of the soil's caking in dry weather.

By this successive tillage, or hoeing, good crops will be obtained, provided the weather is not very unfavourable.

But as strong, vigorous plants are longer before they arrive at maturity, corn raised in the new way is later in ripening than any other, and must therefore be sown earlier.

In order to prepare the intervals for sowing again, some well-rotted dung may be laid in the deep furrows made in the middle of the intervals; and this dung must be covered with the earth that was before thrown towards the rows of wheat. But, if the land does not require mending, the deep furrow is filled without any dung. This operation should be performed immediately after harvest, that there may be time to give the land a slight stirring before the rows are sowed; which should occupy the middle of the space which formed the intervals during the last crop. The intervals of the second year take up the space occupied by the stubble of the first.

Supposing dung to be necessary, which is denied by many, a very small quantity is sufficient; a single layer, put in the bottom of each furrow, will be enough.

#### DESCRIPTION of the INSTRUMENTS commonly used in the NEW HUSBANDRY.

Fig. 1. is a marking plough. The principal use of this plough is to straight and regulate the ridges. The first line is traced by the eye, by means of three poles, placed in a straight line. The plough draws the first furrow in the direction of this line; and, at the same time, with the tooth A, fixed in the block of wood near the end of the cross-pole or slider B B, marks the breadth of the ridge at the distance intended. The ploughman next traces the second line or rutt made by the tooth, and draws a small furrow along it; and continues in this manner till the whole field is laid out in straight and equidistant ridges.

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Fig. 2. is a plough for breaking up lea, or turning up the bottom of land when greatly exhausted. By its construction, the width and depth of the furrows can be regulated to a greater certainty than by any other hitherto known in this country. Its appearance is heavy; but two horses are sufficient to plough with it in ordinary free land; and only four are necessary in the stiffest clay-foils. This plough is likewise easily held and tempered. A, is the sword fixed in the sizers B, which runs thro' a mortise E, at the end of the beam C, and regulates the depth of the furrow by raising or depressing the beam; it is fixed by putting the pin D thro' the beam and sword, and is moveable at E.

Plate VIII.

Fig. 3, is a jointed brake-harrow with 24 teeth, shaped like coulter, and standing at about an angle of 80 degrees. By this instrument the land is finely pulverized, and prepared for receiving the seed from the drill. It requires four horses in stiff, and two in open, land. This harrow is likewise used for levelling the ridges; which is done by pressing it down by the handles where the ridge is high, and raising it up when low.

Fig. 4. is an angular weeding harrow, which may follow the brake when necessary. The seven hindmost teeth should stand at a more acute angle than the rest, in order to collect the weeds, which the holder can drop at pleasure, by raising the hinder part, which is fixed to the body of the harrow by two joints.

Fig. 5. is a pair of harrows with shafts. This harrow is used for covering the seed in the drills, the horses going in the furrow.

Fig. 6. is a drill-plough, constructed in such a manner as to sow at once two rows of beans, pease, or wheat. This machine is easily wrought by two horses. A, is the happer for containing the seed; B, circular boxes for receiving the seed from the happer; CC, two square boxes which receive the seed from small holes in the circular boxes, as they turn round; and last of all, the seed is dropped into the drills through holes in the square boxes, behind the coulters D. The cylinder E follows, which, together with the wheel F, regulates the depth of the coulters, and covers the seed; the harrow G comes behind all, and covers the seed more completely. HH, two sliders, which, when drawn out, prevent the seed from falling into the boxes; and, I, is a catch which holds the rungs, and prevents the boxes from turning, and losing seed at the ends of the ridges.

Fig. 7. is a single hoe-plough of a very simple construction, by which the earth in the intervals is stirred and laid up on both sides to the roots of the plants, and at the same time the weeds are destroyed. A A, the mould-boards, which may be raised or depressed at pleasure, according as the farmer wants to throw the earth higher or lower upon the roots.

Plate VII.

Fig. 2. is a drill-rake for pease. This instrument, which is chiefly calculated for small inclosures of light grounds, is a sort of strong plough rake, with four large teeth, at *a, a, b, b*, a little incurvated. The distance from *a* to *a*, and from *b* to *b*, is nine inches. The interval between the two inner teeth, *a* and *b*, is three feet six inches, which allows sufficient room for the hole-plough to move in. To the piece of timber *cc*, forming the head of the rake, are fixed the handles *d*, and the beam *e*, to which the horse is fastened. When this instrument is drawn over a piece of land made thoroughly fine,

and the man who holds it bears upon the handles, four furrows, *f, g, h, i*, will be formed, at the distances determined by the construction of the instrument. These distances may be accurately preserved, provided that the teeth *aa* return when the ploughman comes back, after having ploughed one turn, in two of the channels formed before, marked *bb*: thus all the furrows in the field will be traced with the same regularity. When the ground is thus formed into drills, the pease may be scattered by a single motion of the hand at a certain distance from one another into the channels, and then covered with the flat part of a hand-rake, and pressed down gently. This instrument is so simple, that any workman may easily make or repair it.

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On Plate IX. is delineated a patent drill machine, lately invented by the Reverend James Cooke of Heaton-Norris near Manchester. A, the upper part of the seed-box. B, the lower part of the same box. C, a moveable partition, with a lever, by which the grain or seed is let fall at pleasure from the upper to the lower part of the seed-box, from whence it is taken up by cups or ladles applied to the cylinder D, and dropped into the funnel E, and conveyed thereby into the furrow or drill made in the land by the coulter F, and covered by the rake or harrow G. H, a lever, by which the wheel I is lifted out of generation with the wheel K, to prevent the grain or seed being scattered upon the ground, while the machine is turning round at the end of the land, by which the harrow G is also lifted from the ground at the same time, and by the same motion, by means of the crank, and the horizontal lever *h h*. L, a sliding lever, with a weight upon it, by means of which, the depth of the furrows or drills, and consequently the depth that the grain or seed will be deposited in the land, may be easily ascertained. M, a screw in the coulter beam, by turning of which, the seed-box B is elevated or depressed, in order to prevent the grain or seed being crushed or bruised by the revolution of the cups or ladles. Fig. 13. a rake with iron teeth, to be applied to the under side of the rails of the machine, with staples and screw nuts at *n n*, by which many useful purposes are answered, viz. in accumulating cutch or hay into rows, and as a scarificator for young crops of wheat in the spring, or to be used upon a fallow; in which case, the seed-box, the ladle cylinder, the coulters, the funnels, and harrows, are all taken away.

This side view of the machine is represented, for the sake of perspicuity, with one seed-box only, one coulter, one funnel, one harrow, &c. whereas a complete machine is furnished with five coulters, five harrows, seven funnels, a seed-box in eight partitions, &c. with ladles of different sizes, for different sorts of grain and seeds.

These machines, (with five coulters sixteen guineas, with four coulters fifteen guineas) equally excel in setting or planting all sorts of grain and seeds, even carrot seed, to exactness, after the rate of from eight to ten chain acres per day, with one man, a boy, and two horses. They deposit the grain or seed in any given quantity from one peck to three bushels per acre, regularly and uniformly, and that without grinding or bruising the seed, and at any given depth, from half an inch to half a dozen inches, in rows at the distance of twelve,

**Practice.** twelve, sixteen, and twenty-four inches, or any other distance. They are equally useful on all lands, are durable, easy to manage, and by no means subject to be put out of repair.

The ladle cylinder D is furnished with cups or ladles of four different sizes for different sorts of grain or seeds, which may be distinguished by the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4.—N<sup>o</sup> 1. (the smallest size) is calculated for turnip-feed, clover-feed, cole-feed, rape, &c. and will sow something more than one pound per statute acre. N<sup>o</sup> 2. for wheat, rye, hemp, flax, &c. and will sow something more than one bushel per acre. N<sup>o</sup> 3. for barley; and will sow one bushel and a half per acre. N<sup>o</sup> 4. for beans, oats, pease, vetches, &c. and will sow two bushels per acre.

Notwithstanding the above specified quantities of grain or seeds, a greater or less quantity of each may be sown at pleasure, by stopping up with a little clay, or by adding a few ladles to each respective box. The grain or seeds intended to be sown, must be put in those boxes, to which the cups or ladles as above described respectively belong, an equal quantity into each box, and all the other boxes empty. The ladle cylinder may be reversed, or turned end for end at pleasure, for different sorts of grain, &c.

For sowing beans, oats, pease, &c. with a five-coulter machine, four large ladles must occasionally be applied at equal distances round those parts of the cylinder which subtend the two end boxes. And for sowing barley, eight large ones must be applied as above; or four ladles, N<sup>o</sup> 2. to each of the wheat boxes. These additional ladles are fixed on the cylinder with nails, or taken off in a few minutes; but for sowing with a four-coulter machine, the above alterations are not necessary.

The funnels are applied to their respective places by corresponding numbers. Care should be taken, that the points of the funnel stand directly behind the backs of the coulters, which is done by wedges being applied to one side or other of the coulters, at the time they are fixed in their respective places.

The machine being thus put together, which is readily and expeditiously done, as no separate part will coincide with any other but that to which it respectively belongs, and an equal quantity of grain or seed in each of the respective boxes, the land also being previously ploughed and harrowed once or so in a place to level the surface; but if the land be very rough, a roller will best answer that purpose, whenever the land is dry enough to admit of it; and upon strong clays, a spiked roller is sometimes necessary to reduce the size of large dry clods; which being done, the driver should walk down the furrow or edge of the land, and having hold of the last horse's head with his hand, he will readily keep him in such a direction, as will bring the outside coulter of the machine within three or four inches of the edges of the land or ridge, at which uniform extent, he should keep his arm till he comes to the end of the land; where having turned round, he must come to the other side of his horses, and walking upon the last outside drill, having hold of the horse's head with his hand as before, he will readily keep the machine in such a direction, as will strike the succeeding drill at such a distance from the last outside one, or that he walks upon, as the coulters are distant from each other.

**Practice.** The person who attends the machine should put down the lever H soon enough at the end of the land, that the cups or ladles may have time to fill, before he begins to sow; and at the end of the land, he must apply his right hand to the middle of the rail between the handles, by which he will keep the coulters in the ground, while he is lifting up the lever H with his left hand, to prevent the grain being scattered upon the headland, while the machine is turning round; this he will do with great ease, by continuing his right hand upon the rail between the handles, and applying his left arm under the left handle, in order to lift the coulters out of the ground while the machine is turning round.

If there be any difficulty in using the machine, it consists in driving it straight. As to the person who attends the machine, he cannot possibly commit any errors, except such as are wilful, particularly as he sees at one view the whole process of the business, viz. that the coulters make the drills of a proper depth; that the funnels continue open to convey the grain or seed into the drills; that the rakes or harrows cover the grain sufficiently; and when seed is wanting in the lower boxes B, which he cannot avoid seeing, he readily supplies them from the upper boxes A, by applying his hand, as the machine goes along, to the lever C. The lower boxes B, should not be suffered to become empty before they are supplied with seed, but should be kept nearly full, or within an inch or so of the edge of the box.

If chalk lines are made across the backs of the coulters, at such a distance from the ends as the seed should be deposited in the ground (viz. about two inches for wheat, and from two to three for spring corn), the person that attends the machine will be better able to ascertain the depth the seed should be deposited in the drills, by observing, as the machine goes along, whether the chalk lines are above or below the surface of the land; if above, a proper weight must be applied to the lever L, which will force the coulters into the ground; if below, the lever L and weight must be reversed, which will prevent their sinking too deep.

In different parts of the kingdom, lands or ridges are of different sizes; where the machine is too wide for the land, one or more funnels may occasionally be stopped with a little loose paper, and the seed received into such funnel returned at the end of the land, or sooner if required, into the upper seed-box. But for regularity and expedition, lands consisting of so many feet wide from outside to outside, as the machine contains coulters, when fixed at twelve inches distance, or twice or three times the number, &c. are best calculated for the machine. In wet soils or strong clays, lands or ridges of the width of the machine, and in dry soils, of twice the width, are recommended. For sowing of narrow high-ridged lands, the outside coulters should be let down, and the middle ones raised, so that the points of the coulters may form the same curve that the land or ridge forms. And the loose soil harrowed down into the furrows should be returned to the edges of the lands or ridges from whence it came, by a double mould-board or other plough, whether the land be wet or dry.

Clover or other hays, intended to be sown by the machine,

**Practice.** machine, should be ploughed a deep strong furrow and well harrowed, in order to level the surface, and get as much loose soil as possible for the coulter to work in; and when sown, if any of the seed appears in the drills uncovered by reason of the stiff texture of the soil, or toughness of the roots, a light harrow may be taken over the land, once in a place, which will effectually cover the seed, without displacing it at all in the drills. For sowing leas, a considerable weight must be applied to the lever L, to force the coulters into the ground; and a set of wrought-iron coulters, well-steel-ed, and made sharp at the front edge and bottom, are recommended; they will pervade the soil more readily, consequently require less draught, and expedite business more than adequate to the additional expence.

For every half acre of land intended to be sown by the machine with the seed of that very valuable root, (carrot) one bushel of saw-dust, and one pound of carrot seed, should be provided; the saw-dust should be made dry, and sifted to take out all the lumps and chips, and divided into eight equal parts or heaps; the carrot seed should likewise be dried, and well rubbed between the hands, to take off the beards, so that it will separate readily, and being divided into eight equal parts or heaps, one part of the carrot seed must be well mixed with one part of the saw-dust, and so on, till all the parts of the carrot seed and saw-dust are well mixed and incorporated together; in which state it may be sown very regularly in drills at twelve inches distance, by the cups or ladles N<sup>o</sup> 2. Carrot seed resembling saw-dust very much in its size, roughness, weight, adhesion, &c. will remain mixed as above during the sowing; a ladle-full of saw-dust will, upon an average, contain three or four carrot seeds, by which means the carrot seed cannot be otherwise than regular in the drills. In attempting to deposit small seeds near the surface, it may so happen that some of the seeds may not be covered with soil; in which case, a light roller may be drawn over the land after the seed is sown, which will not only cover the seeds, but will also, by levelling the surface, prepare the land for an earlier hoeing than could otherwise have taken place.

It has always been found troublesome, sometimes impracticable, to sow any kind of grain or seeds (even broad-cast) in a high wind. This inconvenience is entirely obviated, by placing a screen of any kind of cloth, or a sack, supported by two uprights nailed to the sides of the machine, behind the funnels, which will prevent the grain or seed being blown out of its direction in falling from the ladles into the funnels. Small pipes of tin may also be put on the ends of the funnels, to convey the grain or seed so near the surface of the land, that the highest wind shall not be able to interrupt its descent into the drills.

Respecting the use of the machine, it is frequently remarked by some people not conversant with the properties of matter and motion, that the soil will close after the coulters before the seed is admitted into the drills. Whereas the very contrary is the case; for the velocity of the coulters in passing through the soil, is so much greater than the velocity with which the soil closes up the drills by its own spontaneous gravity, that the incisions or drills will be constantly open for three or four inches behind the coulters; by which means, it is morally impossible (if the points of the funnels

N<sup>o</sup> 8.

stand directly behind the coulters) that the seed with the velocity it acquires in falling through the funnels, shall not be admitted into the drills. **Practice.**

Fig. 12. is a new constructed simple hand-hoe, by which one man will effectually hoe two chain acres per day, earthing up the soil at the same time to the rows of corn or pulse, so as to cause roots to issue from the first joint of the stem, above the surface of the land, which otherwise would never have existed. **Plate IX.**

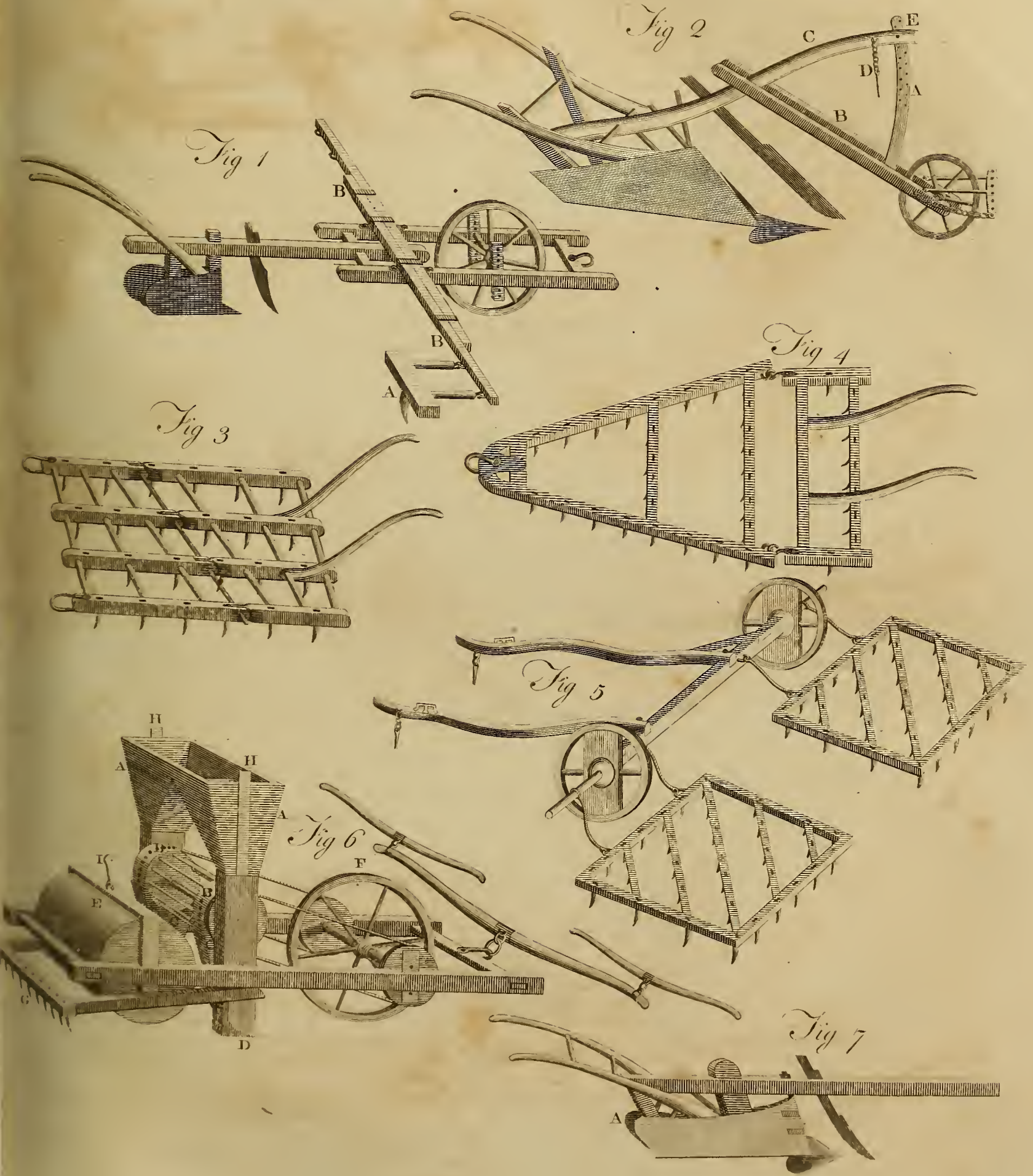
This hoe is worked much in the same manner as a common Dutch hoe, or scuffle, is worked in gardens. The handle is elevated or depressed, to suit the size of the person that works it, by means of an iron wedge being respectively applied to the upper or under side of the handle that goes into the socket of the hoe.

The wings or moulding plates of the hoe, which are calculated to earth up the soil to the rows of corn, so as to cause roots to issue from the first joint of the stem above the surface, which otherwise would not have existed, should never be used for the first hoeing, but should always be used for the last hoeing, and used or not used, at the option of the farmer, when any intermediate hoeing is performed.

#### SUMMARY of the OPERATIONS necessary in executing the NEW HUSBANDRY with the PLOUGH.

1. It is indispensibly necessary that the farmer be provided with a drill and hoe-plough. 222  
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of the operations.
2. The new husbandry may be begun either with the winter or spring corn.
3. The land must be prepared by four good ploughings, given at different times, from the beginning of April to the middle of September.
4. These ploughings must be done in dry weather, to prevent the earth from kneading.
5. The land must be harrowed in the same manner as if it were sowed in the common way.
6. The rows of wheat should be sowed very straight.
7. When the field is not very large, a line must be strained across it, by which a rill may be traced with a hoe for the horse that draws the drill to go in; and when the rows are sown, 50 inches must be left betwixt each rill. But when the field is large, stakes at five feet distance from each other must be placed at the two ends. The workmen must then trace a small furrow with a plough that has no mould-board, for the horse to go in that draws the drill, directing himself with his eye by the stakes.
8. The sowing should be finished at the end of September, or beginning of October.
9. The furrows must be traced the long way of the land, that as little ground as possible may be lost in headlands.
10. The rows, if it can be done, should run down the slope of the land, that the water may get the easier off.
11. The seed-wheat must be plunged into a tub of lime-water, and stirred, that the light corn may come to the surface and be skimmed off.
12. The seed must be next spread on a floor, and frequently stirred, till it is dry enough to run through the valves of the happer of the drill.
13. To prevent smut, the seed may be put into a ley of ashes and lime.
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The Water-wheel, & its various parts.



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*The Universal Sowing Machine*  
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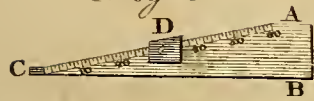


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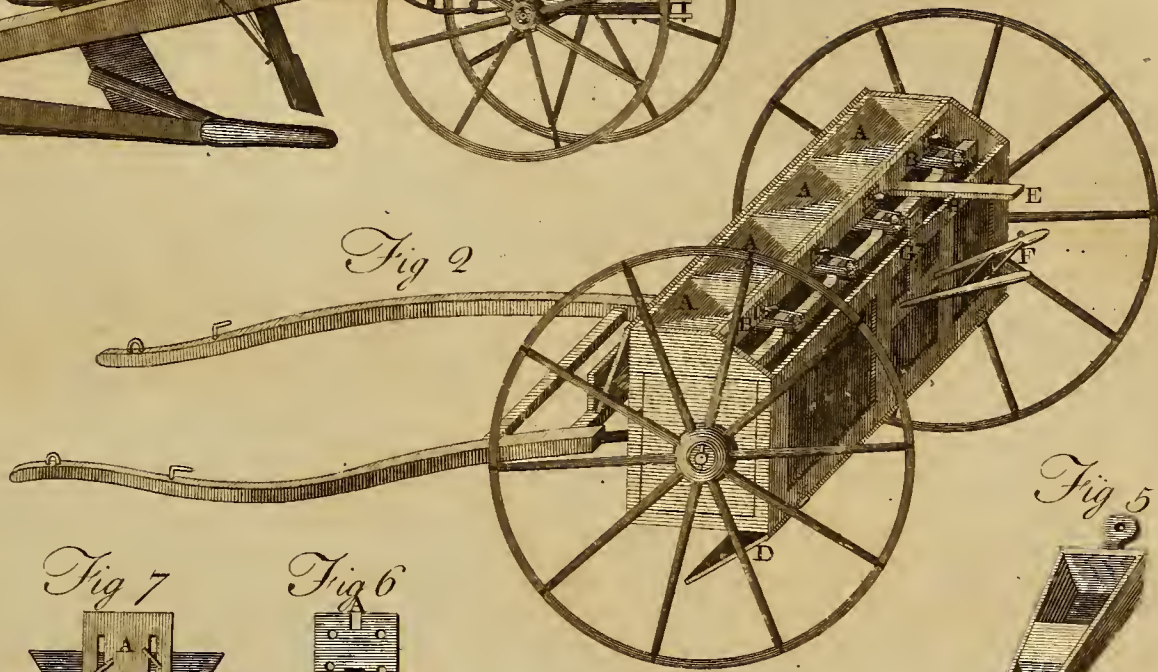


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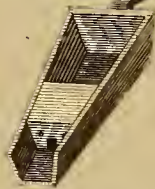


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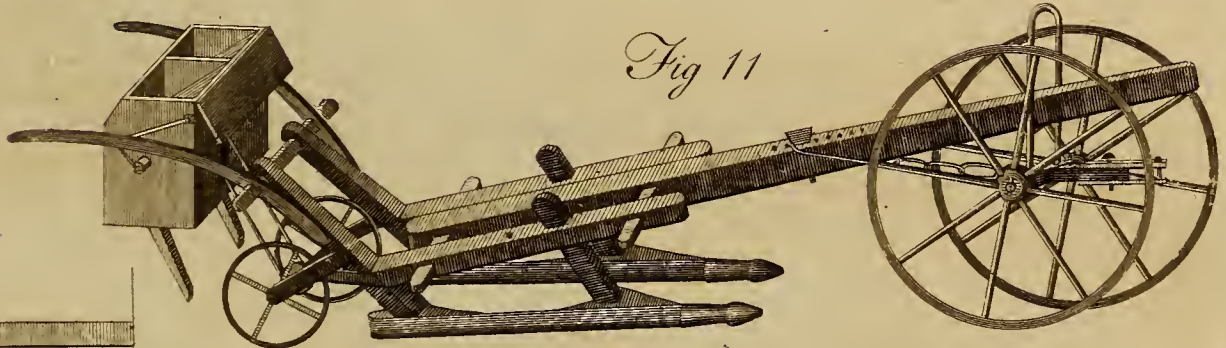
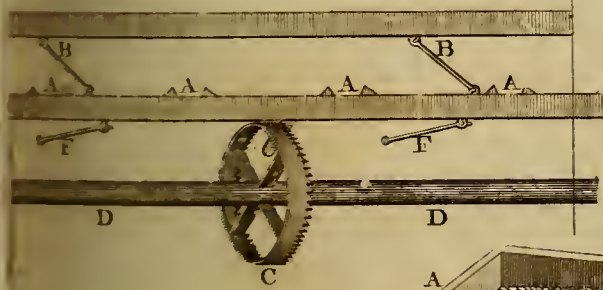


Fig 9



*Cook's Drill Machine*

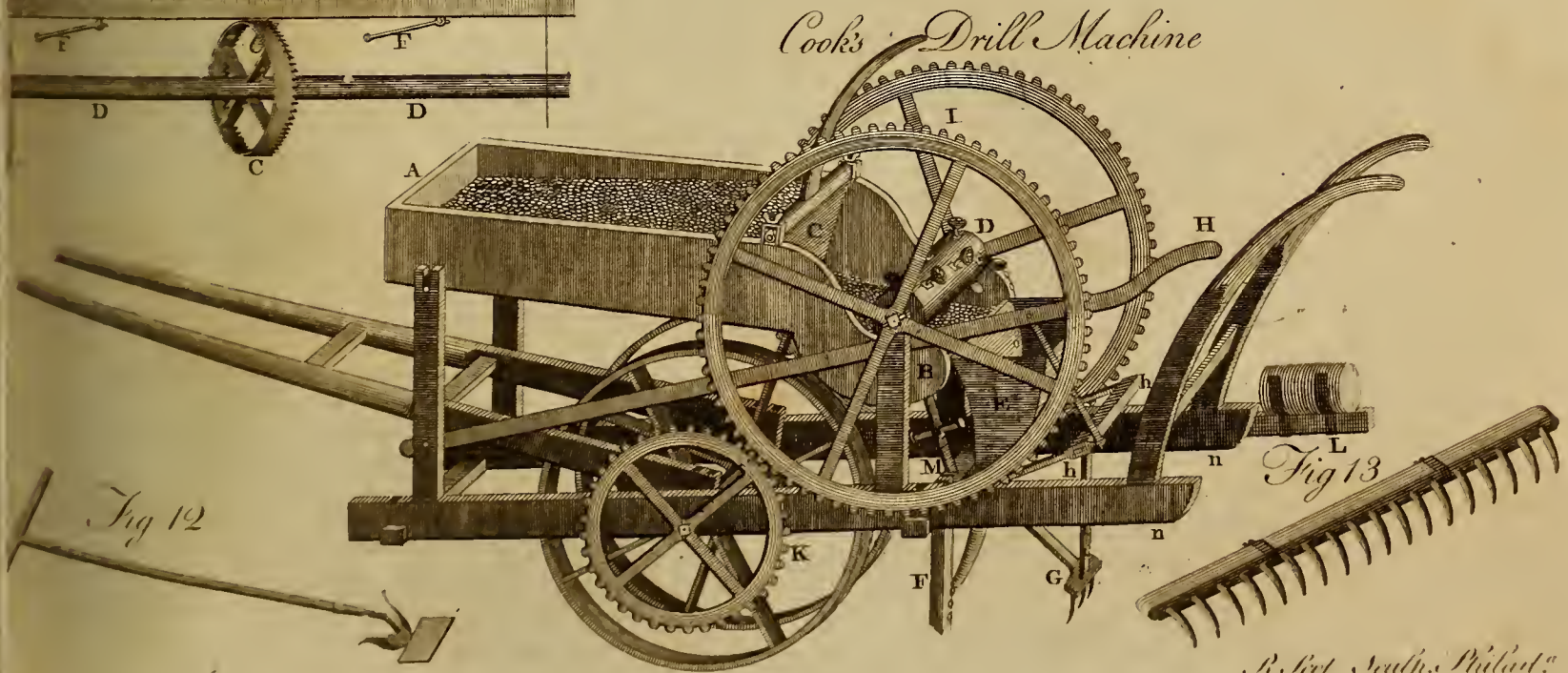


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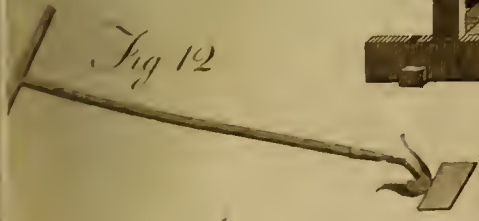


Fig 13



*R. Scot. Sculp. Philad.*



**Practice.** 14. Good old seed-wheat should be chosen in preference to new, as it is found by experience not to be so subject to smut.

15. After the hoppers of the drill are filled, the horse must go slowly along the furrow that was traced. That a proper quantity of seed may be sown, the aperture of the happer must be suited to the size of the grain.

16. As the drill is seldom well managed at first, the field should be examined after the corn has come up, and the deficiencies supplied.

17. Upon wet soils or strong clays, wheat should not be deposited more than two inches deep, on any account whatever; nor less than two inches deep on dry soils. From two or three inches is a medium depth for all spring corn. But the exact depth at which grain should be deposited in different soils, from the lightest sand to the strongest clay, is readily ascertained only by observing at what distance under the surface of the land, the secondary or coronal roots are formed in the spring.

18. Stiff lands, that retain the wet, must be stirred or hoed in October. This should be done by opening a furrow in the middle of the intervals, and afterwards filling it up by a furrow drawn on each side, which will raise the earth in the middle of the intervals, and leave two small furrows next the rows, for draining off the water, which is very hurtful to wheat in winter.

19. The next stirring must be given about the end of March, with a light plough. In this stirring the furrows made to drain the rows must be filled up by earth from the middle of the intervals.

20. Some time in May, the rows must be evened; which, though troublesome at first, soon becomes easy, as the weeds are soon kept under by tillage.

21. In June, just before the wheat is in bloom, another stirring must be given with the plough. A deep furrow must be made in the middle of the intervals, and the earth thrown upon the sides of the rows.

22. When the wheat is ripe, particular care must be taken, in reaping it, to trample as little as possible on the ploughed land.

23. Soon after the wheat is carried off the field, the intervals must be turned up with the plough, to prepare them for the seed. The great furrow in the middle must not only be filled, but the earth raised as much as possible in the middle of the intervals.

24. In September, the land must be again sowed with a drill as above directed.

25. In October, the stubble must be turned in for forming the new intervals; and the same management must be observed as directed in the first year.

WE pretend not to determine whether the old or new husbandry be preferable in every country. With regard to this point, the climate, the situation of particular land, skill and dexterity in managing the machinery; the comparative expence in raising crops, and many other circumstances, must be accurately attended to before a determination can be given.

The following comparative view of the old and new methods of culture, was furnished for the editors of Mr Tull's Horse-hoeing Husbandry, by a gentleman who for some years practised both in a country where the soil was light and chalky, like that from which he drew his ob-

servations. It is necessary to remark, that in the new husbandry every article is stated at its full value, and the crop of each year is four bushels short of the other; though, in several years experience, it has equalled and generally exceeded those of the neighbourhood in the old way.

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“ An estimate of the expence and profit of 10 acres of land in 20 years.

I. In the old way.

		£. s. d.			£. s. d.		
First year, for wheat, costs	33l.	5s.					
viz.							
First ploughing, at 6s. per acre	3	0	0				
Second and third ditto, at 8s. per acre		4	0				
Manure, 30s. per acre	15	0	0				
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Two harrowings, and sowing, at 2s. 6d. per acre		1	5	0			
Seed, three bushels per acre, at 4s. per bushel		6	0	0			
Weeding, at 2s. per acre		1	0	0			
Reaping, binding, and carrying, at 6s. per acre		3	0	0			
		<hr/>			11	5	0
Second year, for barley, costs	11l.	6s.	8d.				
viz.							
Once ploughing, at 6s. per acre		3	0	0			
Harrowing and sowing, at 1s. 6d. per acre		0	15	0			
Weeding, at 1s. per acre		0	10	0			
Seed, four bushels per acre, at 2s per bushel		4	0	0			
Cutting, raking, and carrying, at 3s. 2d. per acre		1	11	8			
Grass-seeds, at 3s. per acre		1	10	0			
		<hr/>			11	6	8
		<hr/>			44	11	8
Third and fourth years, lying in grass, cost nothing: so that the expence of ten acres in four years comes to	44l.						
11s. 8d. and in twenty years to				222	18	4	
First year's produce is half a load of wheat per acre, at 7l. 3s.	35	0	0				
Second year's produce is two quarters of barley per acre, at 1l.	20	0	0				
Third and fourth year's grass is valued at 1l. 10s. per acre	15	0	0				
So that the produce of ten acres in four years is	70	0	0				
And in twenty years it will be				350	0	0	
Deduct the expence, and there remains clear profit on ten acres in twenty years by the old way				127	1	8	

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II. In the new way.

First year's extraordinary expence is, for ploughing and manuring the land, the same as in the old way L.22 0 0  
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	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Ploughing once more, at 4s. per acre	2	0	0			
Seed, nine gallons per acre, at 4s. per bushel	2	5	0			
Drilling, at 7d. per acre	0	5	10			
Hand-hoeing, and weeding, at 2s. 6d. per acre	1	5	0			
Horse-hoeing six times, at 10s. per acre	5	0	0			
Reaping, binding, and carrying, at 6s. per acre	3	0	0			
The standing annual charge on ten acres is	13	15	10			
Therefore the expence on ten acres in twenty years is						
				275	16	8
Add the extraordinaries of the first year, and the sum is				297	16	8
The yearly produce is at least two quarters of wheat per acre, at 1l. 8s. per quarter; which, on ten acres in twenty years, amounts to						
				560	0	0
Therefore, all things paid there remains clear profit on ten acres in twenty years by the new way						
				262	3	4

accidents attending wheat crops, are owing to their being late sown, which is necessary to the farmer in the old way; but in the horse-hoeing method the farmer may plough two furrows whereon the next crop is to stand immediately after the first crop is off. In this manner of husbandry, the land may be ploughed dry and drilled wet, without any inconvenience; and the seed is never planted under the furrow, but placed just at the depth which is most proper, that is, at about two inches; in which case it is easy to preserve it, and there is no danger of burying it. Thus the seed has all the advantage of early sowing, and none of the disadvantages that may attend it in the other way, and the crop is much more certain than by any other means that can be used.

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The condition in which the land is left after the crop, is no less in favour of the horse-hoeing husbandry than all the other articles. The number of plants is the great principle of the exhausting of land. In the common husbandry, the number is vastly greater than in the drilling way, and three plants in four often come to nothing, after having exhausted the ground as much as profitable plants; and the weeds which live to the time of harvest in the common way, exhaust the land no less than so many plants of corn, often much more. The horse-hoeing method destroys all the weeds in the far greater part of the land, and leaves that part unexhausted and perfectly fresh for another crop. The wheat plants being also but a third part of the number at the utmost of those in the sowing way, the land is so much the less exhausted by them; and it is very evident from the whole, that it must be, as experience proves that it is, left in a much better condition after this than after the common husbandry.

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“ So that the profit on ten acres of land in twenty years, in the new way, exceeds that in the old by L.135 : 1 : 8, and consequently is considerably more than double thereof; an ample encouragement to practise a scheme, whereby so great advantage will arise from so small a quantity of land, in the compass of a twenty-one years lease; one year being allowed, both in the old and new way, for preparing the ground.

“ It ought withal to be observed, that Mr Tull’s husbandry requires no manure all, though we have here, to prevent objections, allowed the charge thereof for the first year; and moreover, that though the crop of wheat from the drill-plough is here put only at two quarters on an acre, yet Mr Tull himself, by actual experiment and measure, found the produce of his drilled wheat-crop amounted to almost four quarters on an acre.”

It appears also from a comparative calculation of expence and profit between the drill and common husbandry, taken from Mr Baker’s report to the Dublin Society of his experiments in agriculture for the year 1765, that there is a clear profit arising upon an Irish acre of land in 15 years in the drill husbandry of L.52 : 3 : 11, and in the common husbandry of L.27 : 19 : 2; and therefore a greater profit in the drilled acre in this time of L.24 : 4 : 9, which amounts to L.1 : 12 : 3¾ per annum. From hence he infers, that in every 15 years the fee-simple of all the tillage-lands of the kingdom is lost to the community by the common course of tillage. In stating the accounts, from which their result is obtained, no notice is taken of fences, water-cutting the land, weeding and reaping, because these articles depend on a variety of circumstances, and will, in general, exceed in the common husbandry those incurred by the other.

Besides, the certainty of a crop is greater in this new way than in the old way of sowing; for most of the

The farmers who are against this method object, that it makes the plants too strong, and that they are more liable to the blacks or blights of insects for that reason; but as this allows that the hoeing can, without the use of dung, give too much nourishment, it is very plain that it can give enough; and it is the farmer’s fault if he do not proportion his pains so as to have the advantage of the nourishment without the disadvantages. It is also objected, that as hoeing can make poor land rich enough to bear good crops of wheat, it may make good land too rich for it. But if this should happen, the sowing of wheat on it may be let alone a while, and in the place of it the farmer may have a crop of turnips, carrots, cabbages, and the like, which are excellent food for cattle, and cannot be over-nourished: or, if this is not chosen, the land, when thus made too rich, may soon be sufficiently impoverished by sowing corn upon it in the common old way.

225 Objections and answers.

The method of horse-hoeing husbandry, so strongly recommended by Mr Tull, is objected to by many on account of the largeness of the intervals which are to be left behind the rows of corn. These are required to be about five feet wide; and it is thought that such wide spaces are so much lost earth, and that the crop is to be so much the less for it. But it is to be observed, that the rows of corn separated by these intervals need not be single; they may be double, triple, or quadruple, at the pleasure of the farmer; and four rows thus standing as one, will have the five foot interval but one-fourth of its bigness as to the whole quantity, and it will be but as fifteen inch intervals to plants

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The intervals are not lost ground, as is usually supposed, but when well horse-hoed they are all employed in the nourishment of the crop; the roots of the plants in the adjoining rows spreading themselves thro' the whole interval, and drawing such nourishment from it, that they increase accordingly. When the plants stand in the scattered way, as in common sowing, they are too close to one another; each robs its neighbours of part of their nourishment, and consequently the earth is soon exhausted, and all the plants half starved. The close standing of them also prevents the benefit of after-tilling, as the hoe cannot be brought in, nor the ground by any means stirred between them to give it a new breaking, and consequently afford them new food.

Experiments have abundantly proved, that in large grounds of wheat where the different methods have been tried, those parts where the intervals were largest have produced the greatest crops, and those where hoeing was used without dung have been much richer than those where dung was used without hoeing. If it were possible that plants could stand as thick, and thrive as well over the whole surface of the ground, as they do in the rows separated by these large intervals, the crops of corn so produced would be vastly greater than any that have been heard of; but the truth is, that plants receive their growth not according to the ground they stand on, but to the ground they can extend their roots into; and therefore a single row may contain more plants than a large interval can nourish, and therefore the same number that stand in that row, and no more than these, could be nourished, if scattered over the whole interval; and they would be much worse nourished in that way; because while the interval is void, the earth may be stirred about them, and new roots will be formed in great numbers from every one broken by the instruments, and new nourishment laid before these roots by the breaking the particles of earth, by which the plants will have supplies that they cannot have when scattered over the whole surface, because the ground is then all occupied, and cannot be moved between the plants.

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All soils and all situations are not equally proper for this method of planting in rows, with large intervals and hoeing between. The lightest soils seem to be best for it, and the tough and wet clays the worst. Such grounds as lie on the sides of hills are also less proper than others for this work.

This method is not so proper in common fields, but

that not in respect of the soil, but of the husbandry of the owners, who are usually in the old way, and change the species of corn, and make it necessary to fallow every second, third or fourth year. Nevertheless it has been found by late experiments, that the intervals betwixt the rows of plants, as recommended by Mr Tull, were too great, perhaps double of what they should be in the most profitable method of culture; by which means much less crops are obtained than might be produced at nearly the same expence. This has rendered the profits of the drill method much less than they would have been in a more judicious practice, and, consequently, has proved a great disadvantage to it in comparison with the broad-cast. Mr Tull was led into this, partly from the want of more perfect instruments for hoeing, and of ploughs proper for drilling.

To the preceding statements, [the following observations by Sir John Anstruther, published among the Select Papers of the Bath Society, may not be improperly subjoined.

The slow progress which the drill-husbandry has made in many parts of Great Britain since Mr. Tull's time, he observes, has been principally owing to the want of proper drill-ploughs. Before drilling can become general, these ploughs must be simple, such as a common ploughman accustomed to use strong instruments can use without breaking, and such also as common workmen can easily make or repair. Mathematical accuracy he considers as not required for delivering the seed; for it matters very little whether there be a quarter of a peck more or less sown, if it be delivered with tolerable regularity. He therefore had a plough made, according to his own directions, by a common plough-wright, of sufficient strength for any land made fit for turnips or wheat. It was tried on very rough ground unfit for sowing, in order to ascertain its strength; and it had been used for eight years without its needing any repair. It is a double drill-plough, which sows two ridges at a time, the horse going in the furrow between them, and of course does not tread upon the ground intended to be sown; which with a single drill must be the case, and does much harm by the horses feet sinking and making holes in the fine ground, which retain the water, and hurt the wheat when young.

He proceeds to observe, "That having read Mr Forbes upon the extensive practice of the new husbandry, and some other authors, who gave a more clear and distinct account of the different operations in drilling than had heretofore been given, I wished to try them, and to adapt my plough to sow the quantities therein directed. It was, however, adjusted to sow a smaller quantity, and the seed was not steeped.

"Not having ground so proper as I wished, it was drilled on the side of a field, the soil of which was light and sandy, and in such bad order, that the preceding crop was a very indifferent one. It was therefore manured with a compost dung-hill.

"After cross-ploughing and manuring, it was laid into four and a half feet ridges, then harrowed and drilled with one peck and a half of wheat on an acre and a quarter, which is nearly one peck and a fifth per English acre. It was drilled the 27th of October, and rolled after drilling. The crop was late in its appearance, and very backward in the spring.

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“ March 31st, it was horse-hoed one furrow *from* the rows.

“ April 8th, it was hand-hoed and weeded in the rows.

“ 25th, horse-hoed again, laying a furrow back *to* the rows.

“ May 15th, hand-hoed the second time.

“ June 2d, horse-hoed *from* the rows.

“ June 12th, hand-hoed the third time.

“ July 14th, horse-hoed *to* the rows.

“ At this last hoeing, as many of the ears were beaten down into the intervals by wind and rain, a man went before the horse-hoe, and turned the ears back into their proper place.

“ The crop, when reaped and threshed, yielded me 36 bushels on one acre and a quarter, which is 28 bushels and three pecks per acre; and the produce from one peck and an half 96 for one.

“ As the produce appeared so great, from land in such bad order, it was carefully measured again, and found to be right. But this increase, though great, was not so large as Mr Crake of Glasgow had without dung.

“ Mr Randal says, ‘ It is an experimented fact, that on a fine loam exquisitely prepared, 144 bushels have been produced from one acre. And I believe, it is not known what the increase may be brought to in rich lands by high cultivation.’

“ Some years since, I had beans dropt alternately with potatoes, at two feet distance in the rows, which were three feet apart, and ploughed in the intervals. The land adjoining was sown with beans and pease, which were a good crop; but those sown among the potatoes a better one. I pulled one stem of the beans planted with the potatoes, which had three branches rising from the bottom, and it produced 225 beans. In all the trials of drilled beans, most of the stems had two branches, with many pods upon each.—From these and other instances, I believe it is not yet known to what increase grain may be brought by drilling, good cultivation, and manure.

“ Horse-hoeing is certainly preferable to close drilling or hand-hoeing; but the latter is superior to broad-cast.

“ Horse-hoeing the full depth increases the crop, by making it tiller and branch more than it otherwise would do; and the advantage is distinctly observable every hoeing, by the colour of the grain. It prepares the ground for the next crop, at the same time that it increases the crop growing, which hand-hoeing does not, although it may destroy the weeds. Thus drilled ground is kept in a loose open state to receive the benefit of the influence of the air and weather, which broad-cast has not; and it is evident from certain experience, that crops may be drilled many years to good advantage without manure.

“ Suppose the crops only 20 bushels per acre, what course of broad-cast crops will give 5l. an acre for the course? But suppose they are dunged the same as any ground in the most approved course, there is the greatest reason to expect as much as in the above experiment, which is 28 and three-quarters, and at 5s. per bushel amounts to 7l. 3s. 9d.

“ Calculations may be of service to those who wish to try drilling, and have few books to direct them.

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“ One acre is ten chains long, of 660 feet, or 220 yards long, and one yard broad, containing 4840 square yards. Then if the ridge is four feet six inches, this makes 14 ridges, and three feet to spare. This length of 220 yards, multiplied by 14 (the number of ridges) gives a length of yards 3080, to which add 146 for the spare three feet, and it will be 3226 yards. And as two rows are drilled on a ridge, the number of rows will be in length 6452 yards; but as a deduction of 172 yards must be made for the head ridges, suppose three yards each, &c. the whole length to be sown will be 6280 yards clear. Now a gallon (Winchester) holds about 80,000 grains. The quantity recommended by be drilled by Mr Forbes and others, being six gallons, or two-thirds of a bushel per acre, is nearly 78 grains to a yard, or 26 to a foot. But in my experiment, by this calculation, it was only about 11 grains to a foot; which is quite sufficient, if the seed be good, and it be not destroyed by vermin.

“ Now with regard to the quantity of land this drill-plough may sow; if a horse walks at the rate of two miles per hour, he goes 16 miles in eight hours, or 28,460 yards. As he sows two ridges at once, this is seven lengths and two-thirds per acre, or 1686 yards to sow an acre, being nearly 17 acres in a day.

“ Four horse-hoeings are calculated equal to two ploughings. In plain ploughing they suppose the ridge is ploughed with four furrows, or eight for twice ploughing. The four horse hoeings are eight furrows, equal to two ploughings.

“ Mr Tull directs four hoeings, and Mr Forbes five. First, In November, when the plant has four blades. 2dly, In March, deep, and nearer the rows than the former; both these hoeings should be *from* the rows. 3dly, Hand-hoed when it begins to spindle, if the earth be crumbly, *to* the rows. 4thly, When it begins to blossom, *from* the rows, but as near to them as in the second hoeing. 5thly, When done blossoming, to ripen and fill the grain, *to* the rows.

“ The last hoeing Mr Tull does not direct, but Mr Forbes advises it, as being of essential service in filling the grain, and saving trouble in making the next seed-furrows. They advise the patent or sowing-plough for horse-hoeing; and the expence is calculated by Mr Crake at one guinea per acre, reaping included.

“ But let us suppose the following, which are the prices in the county I live in (Fife).

	£.	s.	d.
Ploughing to form the ridges,	-	0	4 0
Harrowing,	-	0	0 4
Four hoeings, equal to two ploughings,	-	0	8 0
Sowing,	-	0	0 4
Hand-hoeing twice,	-	0	8 0
Seed, one peck and a half, at 5s. a bushel,	0	1	10

Whole expence per acre, - £. 1 2 6”

Drill-husbandry is, as a good writer has justly defined it, “ *the practice of a garden brought into the field.*” Every man of the least reflection must be sensible, that the practice of the garden is much *better* than that of the field, only a little more expensive; but if (as is the case) this extra expence be generally much more than repaid by the superior goodness and value of drilled crops, it ought to have no weight in comparing the two modes of husbandry.



**Practice.** In the broad-cast method the land is often sown in bad tilth, and always scattered at random, sometimes by very unskilful hands. In drilling, the land must be in fine order; the seed is set in trenches drawn regularly, all of nearly an equal depth, and that depth suited to the nature of each kind of seed. These seeds are also distributed at proper distances, and by being equally and speedily covered, are protected from vermin and other injuries; so that the practice of the garden is here exactly introduced into the field.

In the broad-cast method the seed falls in some places too thick, in others too thin; and being imperfectly covered, a part of it is devoured by vermin which follow the sower; another part is left exposed to rain or frost, or to heats, which greatly injure it. When harrowed, a great part of it (small seeds especially) is buried so deep, that if the soil be wet, it perishes before it can vegetate.

Again: When thus sown, there is no meddling with the crop afterwards, because its growth is irregular. The soil cannot be broken to give it more nourishment, nor can even the weeds be destroyed without much inconvenience and injury.

But in the drill-husbandry the intervals between the rows, whether double or single, may be horse-hoed; and thereby nourishment may repeatedly be given to the plants, and the weeds almost totally destroyed.

The very same effects which digging has upon young shrubs and trees in a garden, will result from horse-hoeing in a field, whether the crop be corn or pulse: For the reason of the thing is the same in both cases, and being founded in nature and fact, cannot ever fail. In drilling, no more plants are raised on the soil than it can well support; and by dividing and breaking the ground they have the full advantage of all its fertility.

The plough prepares the land for a crop, but goes no further; for in the broad-cast husbandry it cannot be used: but the crop receives greater benefit from the tillage of the land by the horse-hoe, while it is growing, than it could in the preparation. No care in tilling the land previous to sowing can prevent weeds rising with the crop; and if these weeds be not destroyed while the crop is growing, they will greatly injure it. In the broad-cast husbandry this cannot be done; but in drilling, the horse-hoe will effect it easily.

And what adds to the farmer's misfortune is, that the most pernicious weeds have seeds winged with down which are carried by the wind to great distances; such as thistles, fow-thistles, colts-foot, and some others.

If the expence of horse-hoeing be objected, there are two answers which may very properly be made: The first is, that this expence is much less than that of hand-hoeing were it practicable, or of hand-weeding. The second is, that it is more than repaid by the quantity of seed saved by drilling; to say nothing of the extra quantity and goodness of the crops, which are generally self-evident.

Upon the whole: If the particular modes of cultivating land by the new husbandry should, after all, be considered as perhaps too limited to be universally adopted; yet it has been of great use in raising suspicions concerning the old method, and in turning the views of philosophers and farmers towards improving in general. Many real improvements in agriculture have been the consequences of these suspicions; and as this spirit of inquiry remains in full vigour, a solid foundation is laid for expecting still further improvements in this useful art.

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**AGRIFOLIUM**, or **AQUIFOLIUM**. See **ILEX**.  
**AGRIGENTUM**, (anc. geog.), a city of Sicily, part of the site of which is now occupied by a town called *Girgenti* from the old name. See **GIRGENTI**.

According to ancient authors, Dedalus, the most famous mechanician of fabulous antiquity, fled to this spot for protection against Minos, and built many wonderful edifices for Cocalus king of the island. Long after his flight, the people of Gela sent a colony hither 600 years before the birth of Christ; and from the name of a neighbouring stream called the new city *Acragas*, whence the Romans formed their word *Agri-gentum*. These Greeks converted the ancient abode of the Siculi into a citadel to guard the magnificent city, which they erected on the hillocks below.

An advantageous situation; a free government with all its happy effects, and an active commercial spirit, exalted their commonwealth to a degree of riches and power unknown to the other Greek settlements, Syracuse alone excepted. But the prosperity of Agrigentum appears to have been but of a short duration, and tyranny soon destroyed its liberty.

Phalaris was the first that reduced it to slavery. His name is familiar to most readers on account of his cruelty, and the brazen bull in which he tortured his enemies: (See **PHALARIS**.)—Phalaris met with the

common fate of tyrants, and after his death the **Agri-** **gentum.** Agrigentines enjoyed their liberty for 150 years; at the expiration of which term Thero usurped the sovereign authority. The moderation, justice, and valour of this prince preserved him from opposition while living, and have rescued his memory from the obloquy of posterity. He joined his son-in-law Gelo, king of Syracuse, in a war against the Carthaginians; in the course of which victory attended all his steps, and Sicily saw herself for a time delivered from her African oppressions. Soon after his decease, his son Thrasyldeus was despoiled of the diadem, and Agrigentum restored to her old democratical government. Ducetius next disturbed the general tranquillity. He was a chief of the mountaineers, descendants of the Siculi; and was an overmatch for the Agrigentines while they were unsupported by alliances, but sank under the weight of their union with the Syracusans. Some trifling alterations dissolved this union, and produced a war, in which the Agrigentines were worsted, and compelled to submit to humiliating terms of peace. Resentment led them to embrace with joy the proposals of the Athenians, then meditating an attack upon Syracuse. Their new friends soon made them feel that the sacrifice of liberty and fortune would be the price of their protection; and this consideration brought them speedily

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speedily back to their old connections. But as if it had been decreed that all friendship should be fatal to their repose, the reconciliation and its effects drew upon them the anger of the Carthaginians. By this enemy their armies were routed, their city taken, their race almost extirpated, and scarce a vestige of magnificence was left. Agrigentum lay 50 years buried under its own ruins; when Timoleon, after triumphing over the Carthaginians, and restoring liberty to Sicily, collected the descendants of the Agrigentines, and sent them to re-establish the dwellings of their forefathers. Their exertions were rewarded with astonishing success; for Agrigentum rose from its ashes with such a renewal of vigour, that in a very short time we find it engaged in the bold scheme of seizing a lucky moment, when Agathocles and Carthage had reduced Syracuse to the lowest ebb, and arrogating to itself supremacy over all the Sicilian republics. Xenodocus was appointed the leader of this arduous enterprise; and had his latter operations been as fortunate as his first campaign, Agrigentum would have acquired such a preponderance of reputation and power, that the rival states would not even have dared to attack it. But a few brilliant exploits were succeeded by a severe overthrow; the Agrigentines lost courage, disagreed in council, and humbly sued for peace to Agathocles. This commonwealth afterwards took a strong part with Pyrrhus; and when he left Sicily to the mercy of her enemies, threw itself into the arms of Carthage. During the first Punic war, Agrigentum was the head-quarters of the Carthaginians, and was besieged by the Roman consuls, who after eight months blockade took it by storm. It nevertheless changed masters several times during the contest between those rival states, and in every instance suffered most cruel outrages. After this period very little mention of it occurs in history, nor do we know the precise time of the destruction of the old city and the building of the new one. See GIRGENTI.

The principal part of the ancient city lay in the vale; the present town, called Girgenti, occupies the mountain on which the citadel of Cocalus stood.

It was difficult to be more judicious and fortunate in the choice of situation for a large city. The inhabitants were here provided with every requisite for defence, pleasure, and comfort of life; a natural wall, formed by abrupt rocks, presented a strong barrier against assailants; pleasant hills sheltered them on three sides without impeding the circulation of air; before them a broad plain watered by the Acragas, gave admittance to the sea-breeze, and to a noble prospect of that awful element; the port or emporium lay in view at the mouth of the river, and probably the road across the flat was lined with gay and populous suburbs.

The hospitality and parade for which the Agrigentines are celebrated in history were supported by an extensive commerce; by means of which, the commonwealth was able to resist many shocks of adversity, and always to rise again with fresh splendour. It was, however, crushed by the general fall of Grecian liberty; the feeble remnants of its population, which had survived so many calamities, were at length driven out of its walls by the Saracens, and obliged to lock them-

selves up for safety among the bleak and inaccessible rocks of the present city.

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At the north-east angle of the ancient limits, upon some foundations of large regular stones, a church has been erected; a road appears hewn in the solid rock for the convenience of the votaries that visited this temple in ancient days. It was then dedicated to Ceres and her daughter Proserpine, the peculiar patronesses of Sicily. Bishop Blaise has succeeded to their honours.

At the south-east corner, where the ground, rising gradually, ends in a bold eminence, which is crowned with majestic columns, are the ruins of a temple said to have been consecrated to Juno. To the west of this, stands the building commonly called the *Temple of Concord*; the stone of which, and the other buildings, is the same as that of the neighbouring mountains and cliffs, a conglutination of sea-sand and shells, full of perforations, of a hard and durable texture, and a deep reddish brown colour. This Doric temple has all its columns, entablature, pediments, and wall entire; only part of the roof is wanting. It owes its preservation to the piety of some Christians, who have covered half the nave, and converted it into a church consecrated under the invocation of St Gregory, bishop of Girgenti.

Proceeding in the same direction, you walk between rows of sepulchres cut in the rock wherever it admitted of being excavated by the hand of man, or was so already by that of nature. Some masses of it are hewn into the shape of coffins; others drilled full of small square holes employed in a different mode of interment, and serving as receptacles of urns. One ponderous piece of the rock lies in an extraordinary position; by the failure of its foundation, or the shock of an earthquake, it has been loosened from the general quarry, and rolled down the declivity, where it now remains supine with the cavities turned upwards. Only a single column marks the confused heap of moss-grown ruins belonging to the temple of Hercules. It stood on a projecting rock above a chasm in the ridge, which was cut through for a passage to the emporium.

In the same tract, over some hills, is situated the building usually called the tomb of Thero. It is surrounded by aged olive-trees, which cast a wild irregular shade over the ruin. The edifice inclines to the pyramidal shape, and consists at present of a triple plinth, and a base supporting a square pedestal; upon this plain solid foundation is raised a second order, having a window in each front, and at each angle two Ionic pilasters crowned with an entablature of the Doric order. Its inside is divided into a vault, a ground room, and one in the Ionic story, communicating with each other by means of a small internal staircase.

In the plain are seen the fragments of the temple of Esculapius; part of two columns and two pilasters, with an intermediate wall, support the end of a farmhouse, and were probably the front of the cella. Pursuing the track of the walls towards the west, you arrive at a spot which is covered with the gigantic remains of the temple of Jupiter the Olympian, minutely described by Diodorus Siculus. It may literally be said that it has not one stone left upon another; and it is barely possible, with the help of much conjecture, to discover the traces of its plan and dimensions. Di-

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Agrimonia odor calls it the largest temple in the whole island: but adds, that the calamities of war caused the work to be abandoned before the roof could be put on; and that the Agrigentines were ever after reduced to such a state of poverty and dependence, that they never had it in their power to finish this superb monument of the taste and opulence of their ancestors. The length of this temple was 370 Greek feet, its breadth 60, and its height 220, exclusive of the foundations or basement story; the extent and solidity of its vaults and underworks were wonderful; its spacious porticos and exquisite sculpture were suited to the grandeur of the whole. It was not built in the usual style of Sicilian temples with a cella of massive walls and a perystyle, but was designed in a mixt taste with half columns let into the walls on the outside, the inside exhibiting a plain surface.

The next ruin belongs to the temple of Castor and Pollux; vegetation has covered the lower parts of the building, and only a few fragments of columns appear between the vines. This was the point of the hill where the wall stooped on the brink of a large fish-pond spoken of by Diodorus; it was cut in the solid rock 30 feet deep, and water was conveyed to it from the hills. In it was bred a great quantity of fish for the use of public entertainments; swans and various other kinds of wild fowl swam along its surface, for the amusement of the citizens, and the great depth of water prevented an enemy from surprising the town on that side. It is now dry and used as a garden. On the opposite bank are two tapering columns without their capitals, most happily placed in a tuft of carob trees. Monte Toro, where Hanno encamped with the Carthaginian army, before the Roman consuls drew him into an engagement that ruined his defensive plan, is a noble back-ground to this picturesque group of objects.—The whole space comprehended within the walls of the ancient city abounds with traces of antiquity, foundations, brick-arches, and little channels for the conveyance of water; but in no part are any ruins that can be presumed to have belonged to places of public entertainment. This is the more extraordinary, as the Agrigentines were a sensual people, fond of shows and dramatic performances, and the Romans never dwelt in any place long without introducing their savage games. Theatres and amphitheatres seem better calculated than most buildings to resist the outrages of time; and it is surprising that not even the vestiges of their form should remain on the ground.

**AGRIMONIA, AGRIMONY:** A genus of the digynia order, belonging to the dodecandria class of plants; and in the natural method ranking under the 35th order, *Senticosæ*. The characters are these: The *calyx* is a monophyllous perianthium, divided into five acute segments, persistent, and fenced with another calyx: The *corolla* consists of five petals, flat, and crenated at the ends: The *stamina* have ten capillary filaments, shorter than the corolla, and inserted into the calyx; the antheræ are small, didymous, and compressed: The *pistillum* has a germen beneath; the styli are two, simple, and the length of the *stamina*: There is no *pericarpium*; the calyx is contracted in the neck, and indurated: The seeds are two, and roundish. Of this genus there are five species enumerated by botani-

cal writers; but none of them have any remarkable properties except the two following.

*Species and properties.* 1. The eupatoria, or common agrimony, grows naturally in several parts of Britain by the sides of hedges and of woods. It is eat by sheep and goats, but refused by horses and swine. The Canadians are said to use an infusion of the root in burning fevers with great success. An infusion of six ounces of the crown of the root in a quart of boiling water, sweetened with honey, and half a pint of it drank three times a-day, is an effectual cure for the jaundice, according to Dr Hill. He advises to begin with a vomit, afterwards to keep the belly soluble, and to continue the medicine as long as any symptoms of the disease remain. It is said to be an aperient, detergent, and strengthener of the viscera. Hence it is recommended in scorbutic disorders, in debility and laxity of the intestines, &c. Digested in whey, it affords an useful diet-drink for the spring-season, not ungrateful to the palate or stomach. Doctor Alston says, that the best mode of administering this herb is in powder, when the intention is to corroborate; and that if thus taken in a large quantity, we may expect many of the effects of the bark from it in agues.

2. The odorata, or sweet-scented agrimony. This grows near four feet high; the leaves have more pinæ than the former; the serratures of the leaves are also sharper, and, when handled, they emit an agreeable odour. The leaves of this species make an agreeable cooling tea, which is sometimes prescribed by physicians as a drink for people in fevers.

*Culture.* Both these species may be propagated either by seed, or by parting the roots in autumn when the leaves begin to decay. The seeds ought also to be sown in this season; for if kept out of the ground till spring, they seldom come up that year.—Agrimony is a hardy perennial plant, and will thrive in almost any soil or situation; but the plants should not be placed nearer one another than two feet, that the roots may have room to spread.

*Hemp AGRIMONY.* See EUPATORIUM.

*Water Hemp-AGRIMONY.* See BIDENS.

**AGRIONIA,** in Grecian antiquity, festivals annually celebrated, by the Bœotians, in honour of Bacchus. At these festivals, the women pretended to search after Bacchus as a fugitive; and, after some time, gave over their enquiry, saying, that he was fled to the Muses, and was concealed among them.

**AGRIOPHAGI,** in antiquity, a name given to those who fed on wild beasts. The word is Greek, compounded of *αγριος*, "wild," "savage," and *φαγω*, "I eat." The name is given, by ancient writers, to certain people, real or fabulous, said to have fed altogether on lions and panthers. Pliny and Solinus speak of *Agriophagi* in Ethiopia, and Ptolemy of others in India on this side the Ganges.

**AGRIPPA,** in midwifery, a term applied to children, brought forth with their feet foremost.

**AGRIPPA** (Herod), the son of Aristobulus and Mariamne, and grandson to Herod the Great, was born in the year of the world 3997, three years before the birth of our Saviour, and seven years before the vulgar æra. After the death of Aristobu-

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Agrippa.

Agrippa. lus his father, Josephus informs us, that Herod his grandfather took care of his education, and sent him to Rome to make his court to Tiberius. The emperor conceived a great affection for Agrippa, and placed him near his son Drusus. Agrippa very soon won the graces of Drusus, and of the empress Antonia. But Drusus dying suddenly, all those who had been much about him were commanded by Tiberius to withdraw from Rome, lest the sight and presence of them should renew his affliction. Agrippa, who had indulged his inclination to liberality, was obliged to leave Rome overwhelmed with debts, and in a very poor condition. He did not think it fit to go to Jerusalem, because he was not able to make a figure there suitable to his birth. He retired therefore to the castle of Massada, where he lived rather like a private person than a prince. Herod the Tetrarch, his uncle, who had married Herodias his sister, assisted him for some time with great generosity. He made him principal magistrate of Tiberias, and presented him with a large sum of money; but all this was not sufficient to answer the excessive expences and profusion of Agrippa; so that Herod growing weary of assisting him, and reproaching him with his bad œconomy, Agrippa took a resolution to quit Judea and return to Rome. Upon his arrival, he was received into the good graces of Tiberius, and commanded to attend Tiberius Nero the son of Drusus. Agrippa, however, having more inclination for Caius the son of Germanicus, and grandson of Antonia, chose rather to attach himself to him; as if he had some prophetic views of the future elevation of Caius, who at that time was beloved by all the world. The great assiduity and agreeable behaviour of Agrippa so far engaged this prince, that he kept him continually about him.

Agrippa being one day overheard by Eutyches, a slave whom he had made free, to express his wishes for Tiberius's death and the advancement of Caius, the slave betrayed him to the Emperor; whereupon Agrippa was loaded with fetters, and committed to the custody of an officer. Tiberius soon after dying, and Caius Caligula succeeding him, the new Emperor heaped many favours and much wealth upon Agrippa; changed his iron fetters into a chain of gold; set a royal diadem upon his head; and gave him the tetrarchy which Philip, the son of Herod the Great, had been possessed of, that is, Batanæa and Trachontis. To this he added that of Lyfania; and Agrippa returned very soon into Judea to take possession of his new kingdom.

Caius being soon after killed, Agrippa, who was then at Rome, contributed much by his advice to maintain Claudius in possession of the imperial dignity, to which he had been advanced by the army. But in this affair Agrippa acted a part wherein he showed more cunning and address than sincerity and honesty; for while he made a show of being in the interest of the senate, he secretly advised Claudius to be resolute, and not to abandon his good fortune. The Emperor, as an acknowledgment for his kind offices, gave him all Judea and the kingdom of Chalcis, which had been possessed by Herod his brother. Thus Agrippa became of a sudden one of the greatest princes of the East; and was possessed of as much, if not more, territories than had been held by Herod the Great his

grandfather. He returned to Judea, and governed it to the great satisfaction of the Jews. But the desire of pleasing them, and a mistaken zeal for their religion, induced him to commit an unjust action, the memory of which is preserved in Scripture, Acts xii. 1, 2, &c. for about the feast of the passover, in the year of Jesus Christ 44, St James major, the son of Zebedee and brother to St John the Evangelist, was seized by his order and put to death. He proceeded also to lay hands on St. Peter, and imprisoned him, waiting till the festival was over, that he might then have him executed. But God having miraculously delivered St Peter from the place of his confinement, the designs of Agrippa were frustrated. After the passover, this prince went from Jerusalem to Cæsarea, and there had games performed in honour of Claudius. Here the inhabitants of Tyre and Sidon waited on him to sue for peace. Agrippa being come early in the morning to the theatre, with a design to give them audience, seated himself on his throne, dressed in a robe of silver-tissue, worked in the most admirable manner. The rising sun darted on it with its rays, and gave it such a lustre as the eyes of the spectators could not endure. When therefore the king spoke to the Tyrians and Sidonians, the parasites around him began to say, that it was the voice of a god, and not that of a man. Instead of rejecting these impious flatteries, Agrippa received them with an air of complacency; but at the same time observed an owl above him on a cord. He had seen the same bird before when he was in bonds by order of Tiberius; and it was then told him, that he should be soon set at liberty: but that whenever he saw the same thing a second time, he should not live above five days afterwards. He was therefore extremely terrified; and he died at the end of five days, racked with tormenting pains in his bowels, and devoured with worms. Such was the death of Herod Agrippa, after a reign of seven years, in the year of Christ 44.

AGRIPPA II. son of the preceding Herod, was made king of Chalcide; but three or four years after, he was deprived of that kingdom by Claudius, who gave him in the place of it other provinces. In the war Vespasian carried on against the Jews, Herod sent him a succour of 2000 men; by which it appears, that, tho' a Jew by religion, he was yet entirely devoted to the Romans, whose assistance indeed he wanted, to secure the peace of his own kingdom. He lived to the third year of Trajan, and died at Rome A. C. 100. He was the seventh and last king of the family of Herod the Great. It was before him and Berenice his sister, that St Paul pleaded his cause at Cæsarea.

AGRIPPA (Marcus Vespasianus), son-in-law to Augustus, of mean birth, but one of the most considerable generals among the Romans. Augustus's victory over Pompey and Mark Anthony was owing to his counsel: he adorned the city with the pantheon, baths, aqueducts, &c.

AGRIPPA (Cornelius), born at Cologne in 1486, a man of considerable learning, and by common report a great magician; for the monks at that time suspected every thing of heresy or foreery which they did not understand. He composed his *Treatise of the Excellence of Women*, to insinuate himself into the favour of Margaret of Austria, governess of the Low-Countries. He accepted of the charge of historiographer to the emperor,

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ror, which that princeess gave him. The treatise of the *Vanity of the Sciences*, which he published in 1530, enraged his enemies extremely; as did that of *Occult Philosophy*, which he printed soon after at Antwerp. He was imprisoned in France for something he had written against Francis I.'s mother, but was enlarged, and went to Grenoble, where he died in 1534. His works are printed in two volumes octavo.

AGRIPPINA, daughter of Germanicus, sister of Caligula, and mother of Nero; a woman of wit, but excessively lewd. She was thrice married, the last time to Claudius her own uncle, whom she poisoned to make way for Nero her son. Nero afterward caused her to be murdered in her chamber, when she bid the executioner stab her first in the belly that had brought forth such a monster.

AGRIPPINA COLONIA UBIORUM (anc. geog.), now *Cologne*: so called from Agrippina, the daughter of Germanicus, and mother of Nero, who had a colony sent thither at her request by the emperor Claudius, to honour the place of her birth. See COLOGNE.

AGRIPPINIANS, in church-history, the followers of Agrippinus bishop of Carthage, in the third century, who first introduced and defended the practice of re-baptization.

AGROM, a disease frequent in Bengal and other parts of the Indies, wherein the tongue chaps and cleaves in several places, being extremely rough withal, and sometimes covered with white spots. The Indians are very fearful of this disease, which they attribute to extreme heat of the stomach. Their remedy is, to drink some chalybeate liquor, or the juice of mint.

AGROSTEMA, WILD LYCHNIS, or CAMPION; A genus of the pentagynia order, belonging to the decandria class of plants; and in the natural method ranking under the 22d order, *Garyophyllei*. The characters are: The *calyx* is a single-leaved perianthium; leathery, tubular, quinque-dentated, and persistent: The *corolla* consists of five unguled petals: The *stamina* have ten subulated filaments; the antheræ are simple: The *pistillum* has an egg-shaped germen; the styli are five, filiform, erect, and the length of the stamina; the stigmata are simple: The *pericarpium* is an oblong covered capsule, having two cells and five valves: The *seeds* are numerous and kidney-shaped; the receptacula are as many as the seeds, the interior ones gradually longer.

*Species.* The most remarkable are, 1. The githago, hairy wild lychnis, or common campion, which grows naturally in corn-fields in most parts of Britain. The flowers appear in June, are generally purple, sometimes white, and by cultivation yellow.

2. The coronaria, or single-rose campion. Of this species there are four varieties; one with deep red, another with flesh-coloured, a third with white flowers; and a sort with double flowers, which has turned most of the others out of the gardens.

3. The flosjovis, or umbelliferous mountain-campion, grows naturally upon the Helvetian mountains. It is a low plant with woolly leaves: the flower-stem rises near a foot high; the flowers grow in umbels on the top of the stalk, and are of a bright red colour. They appear in July, and the seeds ripen in September.

*Culture.* The first and third species are annual plants, so must be propagated by seeds; but as the

first is found naturally in corn fields, it is very seldom cultivated in gardens; the third sort should have a shady situation, and thrives best in a strong soil. The second species is perennial, but only those varieties which have single flowers produce any seeds; the double kind, therefore, as it produces no seeds, must be propagated by parting the roots in autumn, after the flowers are past. In doing this, every head which can be slipped off with roots should be parted: these should be planted in a border of fresh undunged earth, at the distance of six inches one from the other, observing to water them gently until they have taken root; after which they will require no more; for much wet is very injurious to them, as is also dung. In this border they may remain till spring, when they should be planted in the borders of the flower-garden, where they will be very ornamental during the time of their flowering, which is in July and August.—This plant is eat by horses, goats, and sheep.

AGROSTIS, BENT-GRASS, in botany: A genus of the triandria order, belonging to the digynia class of plants; and, in the natural method, ranking under the 4th order, *Gramina*. The characters are; The *calyx* is a one-flowered, two-valved, pointed gluma, rather less than the corolla. The *corolla* is two-valved and pointed. The *stamina* have three capillary filaments, which are larger than the corolla. The *antheræ* are forked. The *pistillum* has a roundish germen; the styli are two, reflected, and villous; the stigmata hisped longitudinally. The *pericarpium* is the corolla growing to the seed, not gaping. The *seed* is one, globular, and pointed at both ends. There are 15 species; eight of them natives of Britain.

AGROSTOGRAPHIA, signifies the history or description of grasses. See GRASS.

AGROUND, the situation of a ship whose bottom, or any part of it, hangs, or rests upon the ground, so as to render her immoveable, till a greater quantity of water floats her off, or till she is drawn out into the stream by the application of mechanical powers.

AGRYPNIA, among physicians, implies an inaptitude to sleep; a troublesome symptom of feverish and other disorders.

AGRYPNIA, in the Greek church, implies the vigil of any of the greater festivals.

AGUE, a general name for all periodical fevers, which, according to the different times of the returns of the feverish paroxysm, are denominated tertian, quartan, and quotidian. See MEDICINE (*Index*).

*AGUE-Gake*, the popular name for a hard tumour on the left side of the belly, lower than the false ribs, said to be the effect of intermitting fevers.

*AGUE-Tree*, a name given to the saffrafras, on account of its febrifuge qualities.

AGUEPERSE, a town of France, situated on the Lyonnais, about 15 miles north of Clermont.

AGUILLANEUF, or AUGILLANEUF, a form of rejoicing used among the ancient Franks on the first day of the year. The word is compounded of the French *A* "to," *gui* "mistleto," and *l'an neuf* "the new year." Its origin is traced from a druid-ceremony: the priests used to go yearly in December, which with them was reputed a sacred month, to gather mistletoe of the oak in great solemnity. The prophets marched in the front, singing hymns in honour of their deities;

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after them came a herald with a caduceus in his hand; these were followed by three druids a-breast, bearing the things necessary for sacrifice; last of all came the chief or arch druid, accompanied with the train of people. The chief druid climbing the oak, cut off the mistletoe with a golden sickle, and the other druids received it in a white cloth; on the first day of the year it was distributed among the people, after having blessed and consecrated it by crying *Agui l'an neuf*, to proclaim the new year. This cry is still continued in Picardy, with the addition of *Plantez, Plantez*, to wish a plentiful year. In Burgundy and some other parts, the children use the same word to beg a new-year's gift. Of later times the name *Aguillaneuf* was also given to a sort of begging, practised in some dioceses, for church-tapers, on new-year's day, by a troop of young people of both sexes, having a chief, &c. It was attended with various ridiculous ceremonies, as dancing in the church, &c. which occasioned the synods to suppress it.

AGUILLAR, a town of Spain in the province of Navarre, about 24 miles west of Estella.

AGUILLAR *del Campo*, a town of Old Castile, with the title of marquisate, about 15 leagues north of the city of Burgos.

AGUILLONIUS (Francis), a Jesuit born at Brussels: he was rector of the Jesuits college at Antwerp, and eminent for his skill in mathematics. He was the first who introduced that science among the Jesuits in the low countries: he wrote a book of Optics, and was employed in finishing his Catoptrics and Dioptrics, when death prevented him in 1617.

AGUIRRA (Joseph Sænz de), a Benedictine, and one of the most learned men in the 17th century, was born March 24, 1630. He was censor and secretary of the supreme council of the inquisition in Spain, and interpreter of the scriptures in the university of Salamanca. He printed three volumes in folio upon Philosophy, a commentary upon Aristotle's ten books of Ethics, and other pieces. He died at Rome August 19, 1699.

AGUL, in botany, a synonyme of the *hedysarum*. See HEDYSARUM.

AGUR. The xxxth chapter of the Proverbs begins with this title: "The words of Agur, the son of Jakeh;" which, according to the signification of the original terms, may be translated, as the Vulgate has it, *Verba congregantis, filii vbermentis*; which translation Le Clerc condemns, supposing these to be proper names, which ought not to be translated. These words are rendered by Lewis de Dieu: "The words of him who has recollected himself, the son of obedience." The generality of the fathers and commentators will have it, that Solomon describes himself under the name of Agur the son of Jakeh; others conjecture that Agur, as well as Lemuel (in chap. xxxi. 1.) were wise men who lived in the time of Solomon, and were his interlocutors in the book of Proverbs; an opinion which F. Calmet thinks is without the least shew of probability, this book being nothing like a dialogue. This last expositor thinks it probable, that Agur was an inspired author different from Solomon, whose sentences it was thought fit to join with those of this prince, because of the conformity of their matter.

AGURAH, in Jewish antiquity, the name of a silver coin, otherwise called *gerah* and *keshita*.

AGURIUM, or AGYRIUM (anc. geog.), a town of Sicily in the Val di Demona, near the river Sementus. The people were called *Populus Agyrinensis* by Cicero; *Agyrinus* by Pliny. It was the birth-place of Diodorus Siculus, as he himself testifies; but he calls it *Argyrium*, as it is now called *S. Philippo d'Argirone*, which modern name seems to confirm that *Argyrium* is the true reading.

AGUSADURA, in ancient customs, a fee due from vassals to their lord for the sharpening their ploughing tackle. Anciently the tenants in some manors were not allowed to have their rural implements sharpened by any but whom the lord appointed; for which an acknowledgement was to be paid, called *Agusadura*, in some places *Agusage*: which some take to be the same with what was otherwise called *Reillage*, from the ancient French *reille*, a ploughshare.

AGUTI, in zoology, the trivial name of a species of the mouse, belonging to the mammalia gires of Linnaeus. See MUS.

AGYEI, in antiquity, a kind of obelisks, sacred to Apollo, erected in the vestibles of houses, by way of security.

AGYNIANI, in church-history, a sect who condemned all use of flesh, and marriage, as not instituted by God, but introduced at the instigation of the devil. The word is compounded of the privative *a* and *γυν* woman. They are sometimes also called *Agynenses*, and *Agynii*; and are said to have appeared about the year 694. It was no wonder they were of no long continuance. Their tenets coincide in great measure with those of the Abelians, Gnostics, Cerdonians, and other preachers of chastity and abstinence.

AGYRTÆ, in antiquity, a kind of strolling impostors running about the country, to pick up money by telling fortunes at rich men's doors, pretending to cure diseases by charms, sacrifices and other religious mysteries; also to expiate the crimes of their deceased ancestors, by virtue of certain odours and fumigations; to torment their enemies, by the use of magical verses and the like. The word is Greek *Αγυρται*, formed of the verb *αγυρω*, *I congregate*; alluding to the practice of Charlatans, who gather a crowd about them.

*Agyrtæ*, among the Greeks, amount to the same with *Æruscatores* among the Latins, and differ not much from Gypsies in Britain.

AHAB, son of Omri king of Israel, succeeded his father A. M. 3086, and surpassed all his predecessors in impiety and wickedness. He married Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, who introduced the idols of Baal and Astarte among the Israelites, and engaged Ahab in the worship of these false deities. God, being provoked by the sins of Ahab, sent the prophet Elijah to him (1 Kings xvii. 1, seq.) who declared to him that there would be a famine of three years continuance. The dearth having lasted three years the prophet desired Ahab to gather all the people to mount Carmel, and with them the prophets of Baal: when they were thus assembled, Elijah caused fire to descend from heaven upon his sacrifice, after which he obtained of God that it should rain; and then the earth recovered its former fertility. Six years after this, Ben-hadad king of Syria (chap.

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xx.) laid siege to Jerusalem. But God, provoked at this proud Syrian, sent a prophet to Ahab, not only to assure him of victory, but to instruct him likewise in what manner he was to obtain it. Ahab was ordered to review the princes of the provinces, which he found to be a choice company consisting of 232 young men, who were to command the people in Samaria, amounting to about 7000 men: with this small army Ahab was directed to fall upon the great host of the Syrians, and that at noon-day, while Ben-hadad and the 32 kings that accompanied him were drinking and making merry. Ben-hadad having notice that they were marching out of the city, ordered them to be brought before him alive, whatever their designs were: but the young men, followed by this small army, advanced, and killing all that opposed them, such a panic seized the Syrian troops, that they began to fly; and even Ben-hadad himself mounted his horse and fled with his cavalry; which Ahab perceiving, pursued them, killed great numbers of them, and took a considerable booty. After this the prophet came to Ahab, to animate him with fresh courage, and to caution him to keep upon his guard; assuring him, that Ben-hadad would return against him the year following. According to this prediction, at the end of the year he returned and encamped at Aphek, with a resolution to give the Israelites battle. Both armies being ranged in order of battle for seven days successively, at length, upon the seventh day, a battle ensued, wherein the Israelites killed 100,000 of the Syrians, and the rest fled to Aphek; but as they were pressing to get into the city, the walls of Aphek fell upon them and killed 27,000 more. Ben-hadad throwing himself upon the mercy of Ahab, this prince received him into his own chariot, and made an alliance with him. The year following, Ahab desiring to make a kitchen-garden near his palace (chap. xxi.), requested of one Naboth, a citizen of Jezreel, that he would sell him his vineyard, because it lay convenient for him. But being refused, he returned in great discontentment to his house, threw himself upon the bed, turned towards the wall, and would eat nothing. Jezebel his wife coming in, asked the reason of his great concern; of which being informed, she procured the death of Naboth, and Ahab took possession of his vineyard. As he returned from Jezreel to Samaria, the prophet Elijah, met him, and said, "Hast thou killed and also taken possession? Now, saith the Lord, In the place where dogs licked up the blood of Naboth, shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine. As for Jezebel, of her the Lord spake, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel." Ahab, hearing these and other denunciations, rent his clothes, put sackcloth upon his flesh, and gave other indications of his sorrow and repentance. But his repentance was neither sincere nor persevering. Two years after these things, Jehoshaphat king of Judah came to Samaria to visit Ahab (chap. xxii.) at a time when he was preparing to attack Ramoth-gilead, which Ben-hadad king of Syria unjustly withheld from him. The king of Israel invited Jehoshaphat to accompany him in his expedition; which that prince agreed to do, but desired that some prophet might first be consulted. Ahab therefore assembled the prophets of Baal, in number about 400; who all concurred in exhorting the king to march resolutely against Ramoth-gilead. But Micaiah

being also consulted, at Jehoshaphat's suggestion, prophesied the ruin of Ahab. Upon this, Ahab gave orders to his people to seize Micaiah, and to carry him to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son; telling them in his name, "Put this fellow in prison, and feed him with the bread of affliction, and with the water of affliction, until I come in peace." But Micaiah said, "If thou return at all in peace, the Lord hath not spoken by me." Ahab therefore and Jehoshaphat marched up to Ramoth-gilead; and the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, "I will disguise myself, and enter into the battle, but put thou on thy robes:" for he knew that the king of Syria had commanded two and thirty captains that had rule over his chariots, saying, "Fight neither with small nor with great, save only with the king of Israel." These officers therefore having observed that Jehoshaphat was dressed in royal robes, took him for the king of Israel, and fell upon him with great impetuosity: but this prince seeing himself pressed so closely, cried out; and the mistake being discovered, the captains of the king of Syria gave over pursuing him. But one of the Syrian army shot a random arrow, which pierced the heart of Ahab. The battle lasted the whole day, and Ahab continued in his chariot with his face turned towards the Syrians. In the mean time, his blood was still issuing from his wound, and falling in his chariot; and towards the evening he died: whereupon proclamation was made by sound of trumpet, that every man should return to his own city and country. The king of Israel being dead, was carried to Samaria and buried: but his chariot and the reins of his horses were washed in the fish-pool of Samaria, and the dogs licked his blood, according to the word of the prophet. Such being the end of Ahab; his son Ahaziah succeeded him, in the year of the world 3107.

AHÆTULA, the trivial name of a species of the coluber. See COLUBER.

AHASUERUS, or ARTAXERXES, the husband of Esther; and according to archbishop Usher and F. Calmet, the scripture name for Darius, the son of Hystaspes, king of Persia; though Scaliger will have Xerxes to be the husband of Esther, or the Ahafuerus of scripture; and Dr Prideaux believes him to be Artaxerxes Longimanus. See History of PERSIA.

AHAZ, king of Judah, the son of Jotham, remarkable for his vices and impieties. One of his sons he consecrated, by making him pass through and perish by the fire, in honour of the false god Moloch; and he offered sacrifices and incense upon the high places, upon hills, and in groves. Rezin king of Syria and Pekah king of Israel invaded Judah in the beginning of the reign of Ahaz; and having defeated his army and pillaged the country, they laid siege to Jerusalem. When they found that they could not make themselves masters of that city, they divided their army, plundered the country and made the inhabitants prisoners of war. Rezin and his part of the confederate army marched with all their spoil to Damascus; but Pekah with his division of the army having attacked Ahaz, killed 120,000 men of his army in one battle, and carried away men, women, and children, without distinction, to the number of 200,000. But as they were carrying those captives to Samaria, the prophet Oded, with the principal inhabitants of the

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city, came out to meet them; and by their remonstrances prevailed with them to set their prisoners at liberty. At the same time, the Philistines and Edomites invaded other parts of his land, killed multitudes of the people, and carried off much booty. In this distressed condition, Ahaz finding no other remedy for his affairs, sent ambassadors to Tiglath-pileser king of the Assyrians; and to engage him to his interest, he stripped the temple and city of all the gold which he could meet with, and sent it as a present. Accordingly Tiglath-pileser marched to the assistance of Ahaz, attacked Rezin and killed him, took his capital Damascus, destroyed it, and removed the inhabitants thereof to Cyrene.

The misfortunes of this prince had no influence to make him better: on the contrary, in the times of his greatest affliction, he sacrificed to the Syrian deities, whom he looked upon as the authors of his calamities, and endeavoured to render propitious to him, by honouring them in this manner. He broke in pieces the vessels of the house of God, shut up the gates of the temple, and erected altars in all parts of Jerusalem. He set up altars likewise in all the cities of Judah, with a design to offer incense on them. At length he died, and was buried in Jerusalem, but not in the sepulchres of the kings of Judah his predecessors; which honour he was deprived of, on account of his iniquitous course of life. Hezekiah his son succeeded him in the year of the world 3278, before Jesus Christ 726.

AHAZIAH, the son and successor of Ahab king of Israel, reigned two years, part alone, and part with his father Ahab, who ordained him his associate in the kingdom a year before his death. Ahaziah imitated his father's impieties (1 Kings xxii. 52, seq.), and paid his adoration to Baal and Astarte, the worship of whom had been introduced in Israel by Jezebel his mother. The Moabites, who had been always obedient to the kings of the ten tribes ever since their separation from the kingdom of Judah, revolted after the death of Ahab, and refused to pay the ordinary tribute. Ahaziah had not leisure or power to reduce them (2 Kings i. 1, 2, &c.): for about the same time, having fallen through a lattice from the top of his house, he hurt himself considerably, and sent messengers to Ekron, in order to consult Baalzebub, the god of that place, whether he should recover of the indisposition occasioned by this accident. But the prophet Elijah went to Ahaziah, and declared that he should not recover from his illness: and accordingly he died in the year of the world 3108, and Jehoram his brother succeeded to the crown.

AHAZIAH, king of Judah, the son of Jehoram and Athaliah, succeeded his father in the kingdom of Judah in the year of the world 3119. He walked in the ways of Ahab's house, to which he was allied, his mother being of that family. He reigned only one year, being slain by Jehu the son of Nimshi.

AHEAD, a sea-term, signifying further onward than the ship, or at any distance before her, lying immediately on that point of the compass to which her stem is directed. It is used in opposition to *astern*, which expresses the situation of any object behind the ship. See *ASTERN*.

AHICCYATLI, in zoology, the Indian name of a serpent resembling the rattle-snake, only it wants the rattles. It is as fatal in the effect of its poison as any known species of serpent.

AHIJAH, the prophet of Shilo. He is thought to be the person who spoke twice to Solomon from God, once while he was building the temple (1 Kings vi. 11.), at which time he promised him his protection; and at another time (*id.* xi. 6.) after his falling into all his irregularities, when God expressed his indignation with great threatenings and reproaches. Ahijah was one of those who wrote the annals or history of this prince (2 Chr. ix. 29.). The same prophet declared to Jeroboam that he would usurp the kingdom (1 Kings xi. 29, &c.), and that two heifers should alienate him from the Lord, meaning the golden calves erected by Jeroboam, one at Dan, the other at Bethel. About the end of Jeroboam's reign, towards the year of the world 3046, Abijah the son of that prince fell sick; upon which Jeroboam sent his wife to this prophet to inquire what would become of the child. The queen therefore went to Ahijah's house in Shilo, disguised: But the prophet, upon hearing the sound of her feet, said, "Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam, why feignest thou thyself to be another? for I am sent to thee with heavy tidings." Then he commanded her to go and tell Jeroboam all the evil that the Lord had declared he would bring upon his house for his impieties; that so soon as she would enter into the city her son Abijah should die, and should be the only one of Jeroboam's house that should come to the grave or receive the honours of a burial. Ahijah in all probability did not long survive the time of this last prophecy; but with the time and manner of his death we are not acquainted.

AHITOPHEL, a native of Gillo, was for some time the counsellor of king David, whom he at length deserted, by joining in the rebellion of Absalom. This prince, upon his being preferred to the crown by the greatest part of the Israelites, sent for Ahitophel from Gillo (2 Sam. xv. 12.) to assist him with his advice in the present state of his affairs: for at that time Ahitophel's counsels were received as the oracles of God himself (chap. xvi. *ult.*). Nothing gave David more uneasiness than this event; and when Hushai his friend came to wait on him and attend him in his flight, he intreated him to return rather to Jerusalem, make a show of offering his services to Absalom, and endeavour to frustrate the prudent measures which should be proposed by Ahitophel. When Absalom was come to Jerusalem, he desired Ahitophel to deliberate with his other counsellors upon the measures which were proper for him to take. Ahitophel advised him in the first place to abuse his father's concubines; so that when his party should understand that he had dishonoured his father in this manner, they might conclude that there were no hopes of a reconciliation, and therefore espouse his interest more resolutely. A tent, therefore, being prepared for this purpose upon the terraces of the king's palace, Absalom, in the sight of all Israel, lay with his father's concubines. The next thing Ahitophel proposed was in the terms following: "Let me now choose out 12,000 men, and I will arise and pursue after David this night, and I will come upon him while he is weary and weak-handed, and I will make him

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him afraid, and all the people that are with him shall flee, and I will smite the king only; and I will bring back all the people unto thee; the man whom thou seekest is as if all returned; so all the people shall be in peace." This advice was very agreeable to Absalom and all the elders of Israel. However, Absalom desired Hushai to be called to have his opinion. Hushai being come, and hearing what advice Ahitophel had given, said, The counsel which Ahitophel has given is not good at this time; what, for the present, in my opinion, may do better, is this: Let all Israel be gathered unto thee, from Dan even to Beersheba, as the sand that is by the sea for multitude, and put thyself in the midst of them, and wherever David is, we may fall upon him, and overwhelm him with our numbers, as the dew falleth upon the ground. This last advice being more agreeable to Absalom and all the elders of Israel, was preferred; upon which Ahitophel saddled his ass, went to his house at Gillo, hanged himself, and was buried in the sepulchre of his fathers. He foresaw, without doubt, all that would happen in consequence of Hushai's advice, and was determined to prevent the death which he had deserved, and which David would probably have inflicted on him, as soon as he should be resettled on his throne.

AHMELLA, in botany. See BIDENS.

AHOLIBAH and AHOLAH, are two feigned names made use of by Ezekiel (xxiii. 4.) to denote the two kingdoms of Judah and Samaria. Aholah and Aholibah are represented as two sisters of Egyptian extraction. Aholah stands for Samaria, and Aholibah for Jerusalem. The first signifies a *tent*; and the second, *my tent is in her*. They both prostituted themselves to the Egyptians and Assyrians, in imitating their abominations and idolatries: for which reason they were abandoned to those very people for whom they had shown so passionate and so impure an affection; they were carried into captivity, and reduced to the severest servitude.

AHOUI, in botany, a synonyme and also the trivial name of a species of CERBERA.

A-HULL, in the sea-language, the situation of a ship when all her sails are furled on account of the violence of the storm, and when having lashed her helm on the lee-side, she lies nearly with her side to the wind and sea, her head being somewhat inclined to the direction of the wind.

AHUN, a town in France, in the Upper Marche and generality of Moulins, and is a royal jurisdiction. It is seated on the river Creuse, near a Benedictine abbey of the same name, eight miles south-east of Gueret, 30 north-east of Lomages, and 55 south-east of Moulins. E. Long. 2. 8. N. Lat. 49. 5.

AHUYS, a town of Sweden. It is small, but very strong by its situation, and has a good port. It is in the principality of Gothland, in the territory of Blekinge, near the Baltic sea, about 18 miles from Christianstadt. E. Long. 14. 10. N. Lat. 56. 20.

AI, (anc. geog.) a town in Judea, to the north of Jericho, called *Aiva* by Josephus, and the inhabitants *Ainata*. Joshua having sent a detachment of 3000 men against Ai, God permitted them to be repulsed on account of Achan's sin, who had violated the anathema pronounced against the city of Jericho. But after the expiation of this offence, God commanded Joshua

(chap. viii.) to march with the whole army of the Israelites against Ai, and treat that city and the kingdom thereof as he had treated Jericho, with this difference, that he gave the plunder of the town to the people. Joshua sent by night 30,000 men to lie in ambush behind Ai; having first well instructed those who had the command of them in what they were to do; and the next day, early in the morning he marched against the city with the remainder of his army. The king of Ai perceiving them, sallied hastily out of the town with all his people, and fell upon the forces of the Israelites; who upon the first onset fled, as if they had been under some great terror.

As soon as Joshua saw the enemy all out of the gates, he raised his shield upon the top of a pike, which was the signal given to the ambuscade; whereupon they immediately entered the place, which they found without defence, and set fire to it. The people of Ai perceiving the smoke ascending, were willing to return, but discovered those who had set fire to the city in their rear, while Joshua and those who were with him turning about, fell upon them, and cut them in pieces. The king was taken alive, and afterwards put to death.

The chevalier Folard observes, that Joshua's enterprise on Ai, excepting in some particulars of military art, is very like that of Gibeah, which is scarce any thing more than a copy of it. It would appear, says that writer, by the scripture account, that Joshua was not the author of the stratagem made use of by him: for when God directs himself to Joshua, he says, 'Go up against Ai; lay an ambuscade behind the town; I have delivered the king and the people of it into thine hands:' yet notwithstanding this, God might leave the whole glory of the invention and execution of it to him, as to a great general. 'Joshua arose,' says the sacred author, 'and all the people of war, to go up against Ai (verse 3.); and Joshua chose out 30,000 mighty men of valour and sent them away by night.' Folard remarks, that there is a manifest contradiction between this verse and the 12th, wherein it is said, that Joshua chose out 500 men, whom he sent to lie in ambush, between Bethel and Ai. How is this to be reconciled? Calmet says, that Masius allows but 5000 men for the ambuscade, and 25,000 for the attack of the city, being persuaded that an army of 600,000 men could only create confusion on this occasion, without any necessity for, or advantage in, such numbers: but the generality of interpreters, continues Calmet, acknowledge two bodies to be placed in ambuscade; both between Bethel and Ai; one of 25,000, and the other of 5000 men.

With regard to the signal Joshua made to that part of his army which lay in ambuscade, the learned Folard embraces the opinion of the Rabbins, who believe what is called the shield to be too small to serve for a signal: hence they make it to be the staff of one of their colours: from this, our author concludes, that the whole colours were used on the occasion; for in the Asiatic style, which is very near the poetic, the part is oftentimes to be taken for the whole.

AJALON, (anc. geog.) a town of the tribe of Dan, one of the Levitical. Another in the tribe of Benjamin, in whose valley Joshua commanded the moon to stand still, being then in her decrease, and

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Ajan consequently to be seen at the same time with the sun.

Aichstat. AJAN, a coast and country of Africa, has the river Quilmanci on the south; the mountains from which that river springs, on the west; Abyssinia, or Ethiopia, and the straight of Babelmandel, on the north; and the eastern, or Indian ocean, on the east. The coast abounds with all necessaries of life, and has plenty of very good horses. The kings of Ajan are often at war with the emperor of the Abyssines; and all the prisoners they take they sell to the merchants of Cambaya, those of Aden, and other Arabs, who come to trade in their harbours, and give them in exchange, coloured cloths, glass-beads, raisins, and dates; for which they also take back, besides slaves, gold and ivory. The whole sea-coast, from Zanguebar to the straight of Babelmandel, is called the coast of Ajan; and a considerable part of it is styled the Desert-coast.

AJAX, the son of Oileus, was one of the principal generals that went to the siege of Troy: he ravished Cassandra the daughter of Priam, even in the temple of Minerva, where she thought to have taken sanctuary. It is said, he made a serpent of fifteen feet long so familiar with him, that it eat at his table, and followed him like a dog. The Locrians had a singular veneration for his memory.

AJAX, the son of Telamon, was, next to Achilles, the most valiant general among the Greeks at the siege of Troy: he commanded the troops of Salamis, and performed many great actions, of which we have an account in the Iliad, in *Dictys Cretensis*, and in the 23d book of Ovid's *Metamorphoses*. He was so enraged that the arms of Achilles were adjudged to Ulysses, that he immediately became mad. The Greeks paid great honours to him after his death, and erected a magnificent monument to his memory upon the promontory of Rhetium.

AJAX, in antiquity, a furious kind of dance, in use among the Grecians; intended to represent the madness of that hero after his defeat by Ulysses, to whom the Greeks had given the preference in his contest for Achilles's arms. Lucian, in his treatise of Dancing, speaks of dancing the *Ajax*.—There was also an annual feast called *Ajanitia*, *Αἰαντία*, consecrated to that prince and observed with great solemnity in the island of Salamis, as well as in Attica; where, in memory of the valour of Ajax, a bier was exposed, set out with a complete set of armour.

AJAZZO, a sea-port town of the island of Corsica, in the Mediterranean, with a bishop's see. Long. 26. 35. Lat. 41. 40.

AJAZZO, a sea-port of town of Natolia, in the province of Caramania, anciently Silesia, seated on the coast of the Mediterranean, 30 miles north of Antioch and 50 west of Aleppo, where the city of Issus anciently stood, and near which Alexander fought his second battle with Darius. Long. 33. 10. Lat. 37. 0.

AICHSTAT, a town of Germany, in Franconia, and capital of a bishoprick of the same name. It is remarkable for a curious piece of workmanship, called the sun of the Holy Sacrament, which is the church: it is of massy gold, of great weight, and is enriched with 350 diamonds, 1400 pearls, 250 rubies, and other precious stones. This place is moderately large, and seated in a valley on the river Altmul, 10 miles N.

of Newburgh, and 37 S. of Nuremberg. E. Lon. 11. 10. N. Lat. 49. 0. The bishopric is 45 miles in length and 17 in breadth; and the bishop is chancellor of the church of Mayence or Mentz.

AICUROUS, a species of parrot. See PSITTACUS.

AID, in a general sense, denotes any kind of assistance given by one person to another.

AID, in law, denotes a petition made in court to call in help from another person who has interest in land, or any other thing contested.

*Aid-de-camp*, in military affairs, an officer employed to receive and carry the orders of the general.

*Aid-Auxilium*, in ancient customs, a subsidy paid by vassals to their lords on certain occasions. Such were the aid of relief, paid upon the death of the Lord Mesne to his heir; the *aid-cheval*, or capital aid, due to the chief lord on several occasions, as, to make his eldest son a knight, to make up a portion for marrying his daughter, &c.

AIDS, in the French customs, certain duties paid on all goods exported or imported into that kingdom.

*Court of Aids*, in France, a sovereign court established in several cities, which has cognizance of all causes relating to the taxes, gabelles, and aids imposed on several sorts of commodities, especially wine.

AIDS, in the manege, are the same with what some writers call *cherishings*, and used to avoid the necessity of corrections.—The inner heel, inner leg, inner rein, &c. are called *inner aids*; as the outer heel, outer leg, outer rein, &c. are called *outer aids*.

AIDAN, a famous Scottish bishop of Lindisferne, or Holy Island, in the 7th century, was employed by Oswald king of Northumberland in the conversion of the English, in which he was very successful. He died in 651.

AIGHENDALE, the name of a liquid measure used in Lancashire, containing seven quarts.

AIGLE, a bailiwick in the territory of Romand in Swisserland, consists of mountains and vallies, the principal of which are the Aigle and Bex. Through these is the great road from Vallais into Italy. When you pass by Villeneuve, which is at the head of the lake of Geneva, you enter into a deep valley three miles wide, bordered on one side with the Alps of Swisserland, and on the other with those of Savoy, and crossed by the river Rhone. Six miles from thence you meet with Aigle, a large town, seated on a wide part of the valley, where there are vineyards, fields, and meadows. The governor's castle is on an eminence that overlooks the town, and has a lofty marble tower. This government has nine large parishes; and is divided into four parts, Aigle, Bex, Olon, and Ormont. This last is among the mountains, and joins to Rougemont. It is a double valley, abounding in pasture lands. Ivorna, in the district of Aigle, was in part buried by the fall of a mountain, occasioned by an earthquake in 1584.

AIGLE, a small town in France, in Upper Normandy, twenty-three miles from D'Evereux, and thirty-eight from Rouen. It is surrounded with walls and ditches, has six gates, three suburbs, and three parishes. It trades in corn, toys, and more particularly in needles and pins. E. Long. 1. 5. N. Lat. 48. 35.

AIGUILLON, a small town of France in the province of Guienne, situated at the conflux of the rivers Garonne and Lot.

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**AIGUISCE**, in heraldry, denotes a cross with its four ends sharpened, but so as to terminate in obtuse angles.—It differs from the cross fitchee, in as much as the latter tapers by degrees to a point, and the former only at the ends.

**AILANA**, **AILATH**, or **AHELOTH**, anciently a town of Arabia Petræa, situated near the Sinus Elnites of the Red Sea. It was also called *Elath*, and *Eloth*, (Stephanus, Strabo, Moses.) The same with *Elana*.

**AILE**, in law, a writ which lies where a person's grandfather, or great-grandfather, being seized of lands, &c. in fee-simple, the day that he died; and a stranger abates and enters the same day, and dispossesses the heir of his inheritance.

**AILESBUURY**, **AYLESBUURY** or **ALESBUURY**, a borough town in Buckinghamshire, consisting of about 400 houses. It consists of several streets, though the houses are not very contiguous: these lie round about the market-place, in the middle of which is a convenient hall, where the sessions are held, and sometimes the assizes for the county. It sends two members to Parliament; has a market on Saturdays; and three fairs for cattle, viz. on the Saturday before Palm-Sunday, June 14th, and September 25th. It is sixty miles south-east of Buckingham, and forty-four north-west of London. W. Long. o. 40. N. Lat. 51. 40.

**AILMER**, or **ÆTHELMARE**, Earl of Cornwall and Devonshire, in the reign of king Edgar. It is not known of what family he was. His authority and riches were great, and so also in appearance was his piety. He founded the abbey of Cerne, in Dorsetshire; and had so great a veneration for Eadwald, the brother of St Edmund the martyr, who had lived a hermit in that country, near the silver well, as they called it, that, with the assistance of Archbishop Durstan, he translated his relics to the old church of Cernel. In 1016, when Canute, the son of Suane, invaded England, and found himself stoutly opposed by that valiant Saxon prince Edmund Ironside, the son of Æthelred, this Earl Ailmer, with that arch traitor Eadric Streone, Earl of Mercia, and Earl Algar, joined the Dane against their natural prince, which was one great cause of the Saxon's ruin. He did not long survive this; and we find mentioned in history only one son of his, whose name was Æthelward, Earl of Cornwall, who followed his father's maxims, and was properly rewarded for it. For in 1018, Canute reaping the benefit of their treasons, and perceiving that the traitors were no longer useful, he caused the infamous Eadric Streone, and this Earl Æthelward, to be both put to death.

**AILRED**, or **EALRED**, abbot of Revesby in Lincolnshire, in the reigns of Stephen and Henry II. He was born in 1109, of a noble family, and educated in Scotland with Henry the son of king David. On his return to England, he became a monk of the Cistercian order, in the monastery of Revesby, of which he afterwards was made Abbot. He died on the 12th of January 1166, aged 57, and was buried in his monastery. "He was (says Leland) in great esteem during his life; celebrated for the miracles wrought after his death; and admitted into the catalogue of saints." He was author of several works; most of which were published by Gilbo the Jesuit at Douay, 1631; part

of them may be also found in the *Bibliotheca Cisterciensis*, and *Bibliotheca Patrum*. His principal work is the *Speculum charitatis*. Leland, Bale, and Pits, mention several manuscripts which never were published.

**AILSA**, an insulated rock on the western coast of Scotland, between the shores of Airshire and Cantire. It is two miles in circumference at the base, is accessible only in one place, and rises to a great height in a pyramidal form. A few goats and rabbits pick up a subsistence among the short grass and furze; but the importance of the rock consists in the great variety and boundless numbers of birds, by which it is frequented, particularly the gannets or solan-geese, whose young are used at the best tables, and bring a good price. Other birds are caught for their feathers. The rock is rented from the Earl of Caillis at L. 33 *per annum*. The depth of water around the base is from 7 to 48 fathoms. It is surrounded with excellent banks, well stocked with cod and other white fish.

**AINSWORTH** (Dr Henry), an eminent nonconformist divine, who, about the year 1590, distinguished himself among the Brownists; which drew upon him such troubles that he was obliged to retire to Holland, and became minister of a church at Amsterdam. His skill in the Hebrew language, and his excellent Annotations on the Holy Scriptures, which are still highly esteemed, gained him great reputation. He also wrote several pieces in defence of the Brownists, and several other works.

**AINSWORTH** (Robert), born at Woodyale in Lancashire in 1660, was master of a boarding-school at Bethnal-green, from whence he removed to Hackney, and to other places in the neighbourhood of London. After acquiring a moderate fortune, he retired, and lived privately till the time of his death, which happened in 1743. We are indebted to him for the best Latin and English Dictionary extant: he published it in quarto 1736; and in 1752, the fourth edition, under the care of Doctor Ward of Gresham College, and the Rev. William Younge, was enlarged to two vols. folio.

**AIR**, in natural philosophy, a thin, fluid, elastic, transparent, ponderous, compressible, and dilatable body, surrounding the terraqueous globe to a considerable height. See **AEROLOGY**, **ATMOSPHERE**, and **PNEUMATICS**.

*Impregnation of Water with Fixed AIR, and with Sulphureous AIR. See MINERAL Waters.*

**AIR**, in Medicine, &c. makes one of the six non-naturals.—From observations on bleeding in rheumatisms, and after taking cold, it is evident, the air can enter with all its qualities, and vitiate the whole texture of the blood, and other juices.—From the palsies, vertigoes, and other nervous affections caused by damps, mines, &c. it is evident, that air thus qualified can relax and obstruct the whole nervous system. And from the colics, fluxes, coughs, and consumptions produced by damp, moist, and nitrous air, it is evident it can corrupt and spoil the noble organs, &c.

*Circulation of AIR in Rooms.* To render the circulation of air sensible, let the air of a room be heated by a strong fire, while the air of a contiguous room is cold; then let the door between these two rooms be opened, in which case the hot air of one room being lighter, will pass through the upper part of the opening of the door into the cold room; and, on the contrary, the cold

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cold air of the other room being heavier, will pass into the former room through the lower part of the opening; accordingly, it will be found, that applying a lighted candle at the top, in the middle, and at the lower part of the opening between the two rooms, a strong current of air will appear to pass from the hot into the cold room near the top; a contrary current of air will appear to pass from the latter into the former room near the lower part of the said opening; whilst in the middle there is little or no motion at all, as may be clearly perceived by the direction of the flame of the candle.

It is for the same reason that when the fire is lighted in a chimney, a strong current of air is occasioned to enter the room, which may be felt by applying the hand near the key-hole, or other such small openings, if the doors and windows are shut; for the air over the fire being heated, becomes lighter, and ascends into the chimney, consequently other colder air must supply its place, which forces its way through all the small openings it can find. Were a room with a fire in it to be perfectly closed, excepting the chimney, the air in it would soon become unwholesome for respiration, and the fire would be soon extinguished, besides other inconveniences. Hence it appears, that those persons mistake who expect to keep the air of a room sweet and wholesome, especially for convalescents, by accurately stopping all the smallest openings that admit fresh air. When the current of air that enters into a room is on some side of it where it falls immediately upon the persons who sit in the room, then it may be offensive, especially to delicate constitutions. In that case, such opening should be closed: but at the same time another opening should be made for admitting fresh air, in another more convenient part; for a circulation of air, especially in rooms where a fire is kept, is not only salutary and useful, but is absolutely necessary.

In an ingenious publication, intitled, *A Practical Treatise on Chimneys*, there are the following remarks relating to the properest method of admitting air into a room, and of expelling the contaminated air. The author, directing to make a vent-hole near the top of the room, in order to expel the heated and contaminated air, "this," says he "might be done by means of a small tube opening into the room, either in or near the ceiling; which might either be carried to the top of the building, or be made to communicate with the external air by a small perforation through the wall at the roof of the room; by means of either of which, a proper circulation would be established, and the foul air be carried off.

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"For the fire would no sooner have warmed any particles of air within the room, than these would be greatly expanded, and rise immediately upwards, so as to fill the higher parts of the room with rarefied air; and as other particles would be successively heated and rarefied in their turn, by their expansive force they would press upon the sides of the apartment in every place, so as to force the lightest particles through the opening left for that purpose in the top of the room; by which means the foulest air would be gradually drawn off, without descending again into the lower regions to the annoyance of the company."

But in order to admit fresh air into the room, "Let," says he, "another opening be made in the ceiling of the room, having a communication with a small pipe that should lead from thence either to the outside of the wall, or to any other part of the building that might be judged more convenient, where it should be bent, and conducted downwards, till it reached the ground; where it should be left open, to communicate with the external air.—In this situation the cool external air would be forced in at the lower opening of the tube, and made to ascend into the apartment in proportion to the quantity that escaped towards the higher regions by means of the ventilator. And as that weighty air would no sooner enter the room, than it would tend towards the floor by its own natural gravity, it would gradually mix with the heated air in its descent—become, in some measure, warmed by that means, and equally dispersed through the room, so as slowly and imperceptibly to reach the candles and the company in the room, and supply them with a sufficient quantity of fresh and wholesome air, without the inconveniences to which the company are subjected by the usual way of admitting fresh air (A). For if it enters near the floor of the apartment, it is hurried along in a rapid undivided stream towards the fire-place, and striking upon the legs and inferior parts of the body, affects them with a strong sensation of cold. To overcome the effects of this, large fires must be kept; by which other parts of the body are warmed to an extraordinary degree, which is productive of most of those disorders that are pernicious to the young, and often prove fatal to the old, during the winter-season, in these cold regions.

"Thus might our apartments be kept constantly, and moderately, and equally warm, at a moderate expence, without endangering our health on the one hand, by respiring a confined, stagnant, and putrid air, or, on the other hand, by subjecting ourselves to such danger of catching colds, consumptions, and rheumatic complaints, by being exposed to such exceedingly unequal

(A) Such readers as have been little accustomed to speculations of this sort, will be at a loss to comprehend in what manner two holes, both of them in the roof of the room, and communicating with the air, without any valve, or other contrivance, for opening or closing of themselves, should yet answer the two very opposite purposes; one, of constantly bringing cool air into the room without emitting any warm air—and the other, of as constantly emitting warm and admitting no cool air. They will please to advert, that the one of these tubes communicates with the atmosphere at the bottom of the house, and the other towards the top: the opening of the one is beneath the level of the room, that of the other above it. Now, as the air is more dense at the surface of the ground than at any height above it, the warm rarefying air will naturally issue at that opening where it meets with least resistance, which must invariably be through that which opens to the external air at the greatest height; and as the cool air will naturally be pressed into the room by that opening where the air is most weighty, this must invariably be by that which is nearest the surface of the earth.

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**Air-Gun.** equal degrees of heat and cold, as are unavoidable where our apartments are so open as to admit a ready passage to the external air during the winter-season.

“The reader will easily perceive, that all that has been here said has a reference only to those apartments in cold climates, and rigorous weather, where fire to warm them becomes necessary. In warmer regions, or during the summer-season, there can be no objection to the wheel-ventilator in the window.—It is a simple contrivance, and a safe and effectual mean of preserving the air in our apartments sweet and wholesome at that season.”

It is a vulgar error among many people, to believe that fire purifies the contaminated air, by destroying the noxious particles mixed with it; and for this reason they think, that the fire kept in a room where the air is tainted, purifies the room, by rendering the air in it again fit for respiration. Indeed, a fire kept in a room or apartment, where the air is tainted, as is the case with hospitals, goals, and the like, does certainly purify the apartment, and the practice is very useful; but this effect is only because the fire promotes the circulation of the air, and dries the dampness of rooms, furniture, &c.; so that it is not the infected air that is purified, but is new, fresh, and wholesome air, that by the action of the fire has taken the place of the infected air; which infected air, being rarefied by the heat, has been expelled from the apartment. Fire and combustion in general is so far from purifying contaminated air, that it actually contaminates a prodigious quantity of it in a short time; so that not only a common fire, but even a lighted candle, when kept in a well-closed room, wherein the external air has not a free access, instead of purifying, renders the air of that room noxious.

*Instrument for ascertaining the Purity or Wholesomeness of respirable Air.* See EUDIOMETER.

**AIR BALLOONS**, a general name given to bags of any light substance filled with inflammable air, or other permanently elastic fluid, whose specific gravity is considerably less than that of common atmospheric air. The consequence of their being filled in this manner is, that if they are of any considerable magnitude, they ascend in the air to an amazing height; and will not only ascend in this manner by themselves, but carry up along with them great weights, and continue to rise till they attain an height in which the circumambient air is of the same specific gravity with themselves. In this situation they will either float or be driven in the direction of the wind or current of air in which they are exposed, remaining in these elevated regions till the fluid escapes by the bursting of the bags from the superior elasticity of the fluid, or by its gradual evaporation through the pores of the envelope. The history, principles, &c. of those machines are detailed under the article **AEROSTATION**.

*Air-Bladder*, in fishes. See **COMPARATIVE ANATOMY**, chap. iii. and **ICHTHYOLOGY**.

**Air-Gun**, a pneumatic machine for exploding bullets, &c. with great violence.

The common air-gun is made of brass, and has two barrels: the inside barrel *A*, fig. 8, which is of a small bore, from whence the bullets are exploded; and a large barrel *ECDR* on the outside of it. There is a syringe *SMNP* fixed in the stock of the gun, by which the

air is injected into the cavity between the two barrels through the valve *EP*. The ball *K* is put down into its place in the small barrel, with the rammer, as in any other gun. At *SL* is another valve, which, being opened by the trigger *O*, permits the air to come behind the bullet, so as to drive it out with great force. If this valve be opened and shut suddenly, one charge of condensed air may be sufficient for several discharges of bullets; but if the whole air be discharged on one single bullet, it will drive it out with a great force. This discharge is effected by means of a lock, fig. 9, placed here as usual in other guns; for the trigger being pulled, the cock will go down and drive the lever *O*, fig. 8, which will open the valve, and let in the air upon the bullet *K*.

Air-guns have of late years received very great improvements in their construction. Fig. 10. is a representation of one made by the late Mr B. Martin of London, and now by several of the mathematical instrument and gun makers of that metropolis. For simplicity and perfection it exceeds any other heretofore contrived. *A* is the gun-barrel, with the lock, stock, ram-rod, and of the size and weight of a common fowling-piece. Under the lock, at *b*, is a round steel tube, having a small moveable pin in the inside, which is pushed out when the trigger *a* is pulled, by the spring-work within the lock; to this tube *b*, a hollow copper ball *c* screws, perfectly air-tight. This copper ball is fully charged with condensed air by the syringe *B* (fig. 7.) previous to its being applied to the tube *b* of fig. 10. It is then evident, that if a bullet be rammed down in the barrel, the copper ball screwed fast at *b*, and the trigger *a* be pulled, that the pin in *b* will, by the action of the spring-work within the lock, forcibly strike out into the copper ball; and thereby pushing in suddenly a valve within the copper ball, let out a portion of the condensed air; which air will rush up thro' the aperture of the lock, and forcibly act against the bullet, driving it to the distance of 60 or 70 yards or further. If the air is strongly condensed at every discharge, only a portion of the air escapes from the ball; therefore, by re-cocking the piece, another discharge may be made; and this repeated to the amount of 15 or 16 times. An additional barrel is sometimes made, and applied for the discharge of shot, instead of the one above described.

The air in the copper ball is condensed by means of the syringe *B* (fig. 7.) in the following manner: The ball *c* is screwed quite close on the top of the syringe at *b*, at the end of the steel pointed rod: *a* is a stout ring through which passes the rod *k*: upon this rod the feet should be firmly set; then the hands are to be applied to the two handles *ii*, fixed on the side of the barrel of the syringe. Now, by moving the barrel *B* steadily up and down on the rod *a*, the ball *c* will become charged with condensed air; and it may be easily known when the ball is as full as possible, by the irresistible action that the air makes against the piston when you are working the syringe. At the end of the rod *k* is usually a four-square hole, which with the rod serves as a key to fasten the ball *c* fast on the screw *b* of the gun and syringe close to the orifice in the ball *c*. In the inside is fixed a valve and spring, which gives way for the admission of air; but upon its emission comes close up to the orifice, shutting up the internal

Air-Gun. air. The piston-rod works air-tight, by a collar of leather on it, in the barrel B; it is therefore plain, when the barrel is drawn up, the air will rush in at the hole *b*. When the barrel is pushed down, the air therein contained will have no other way to pass from the pressure of the piston but into the ball *c* at top. The barrel being drawn up, the operation is repeated, until the condensation is so strong, as to resist the action of the piston.

Sometimes the syringe is applied to the end of the barrel C (see fig. 11.); the lock and trigger shut up in a brass case *d*; and the trigger pulled, or discharge made, by pulling the chain *b*. In this contrivance there is a round chamber for the condensed air at the end of the syringe at *e*, and it has a valve acting in a similar manner to that of the copper ball. When this instrument is not in use, the brass case *d* is made to slide off, and the instrument then becomes a walking-stick: from which circumstance, and the barrel being made of cane, brass, &c. it has received the appellation of the *Air-cane*. The head of the cane unscrews and takes off at *a*, where the extremity of the piston-rod in the barrel is shown: an iron rod is placed in a ring at the end of this, and the air condensed in the barrel in a similar manner to that of the gun as above; but its force of action is not near so strong and permanent as that of the latter.

The *Magazine Air-Gun* was invented by that ingenious artist L. Colbe. By this contrivance ten bullets are so lodged in a cavity, near the place of discharge, that they may be drawn into the shooting-barrel, and successively discharged so fast, as to be nearly of the same use as so many different guns.

Fig. 12. represents the present form of this machine, where part of the stock is cut off, to the end of the injecting syringe. It has its valve opening into the cavity between the barrels, as before. KK is the small shooting-barrel, which receives the bullets from the magazine ED, which is of a serpentine form, and closed at the end D when the bullets are lodged in it. The circular part *abc*, is the key of a cock, having a cylindric hole through it, *ik*, which is equal to the bore of the same barrel, and makes a part of it in the present situation. When the lock is taken off, the several parts Q, R, T, W, &c. come into view, by which means the discharge is made by pushing up the pin Pp, which raises and opens a valve V, to let in the air against the bullet I, from the cavity FF: which valve is immediately shut down again by means of a long spring of brass NN. This valve V being a conical piece of brass, ground very true in the part which receives it, will of itself be sufficient to confine the air.

To make a discharge, you will pull the trigger ZZ, which throws up the sear *ya*, and disengages it from the notch *a*, upon which the strong spring WW moves the tumbler T, to which the cock is fixed. This, by its end *u*, bears down the end *v* of the tumbling lever R, which, by the other end *m*, raises at the same time the flat end of the horizontal lever Q; and by this means, of course, the pin Pp, which stands upon it, is pushed up, and thus opens the valve V, and discharges the bullet. This is all evident from a bare view of the figure.

To bring another bullet to succeed that marked I, instantaneously, turn the cylindric cavity of the key of

the cock, which before made part of the barrel KK, into the situation *ik*, so that the part *i* may be at K; and hold the gun upon your shoulder, with the barrel downwards and the magazine upwards, by which means that bullet next the cock will fall into it out of the magazine, but go no farther into this cylindric cavity than the two little springs *ss*, which detain it. The two circles represent the cock-barrel, wherein the key abovementioned turns upon an axis not represented here, but visible in fig. 13. This axis is a square piece of steel, on which comes the square hole of the hammer H, fig. 14.; by which the cylindric cavity mentioned is opened to the magazine. Then opening the hammer, as in that figure, the bullet is brought into its proper place near the discharge-valve, and the cylindric cavity of the key of the cock again makes part of the inward barrel KK.

It evidently appears how expeditious a method this is of charging and discharging a gun; and were the force of condensed air equal to that of gun-powder, such an air-gun would answer the end of several guns.

In the air-gun, and all other cases where the air is required to be condensed to a very great degree, it will be requisite to have the syringe of a small bore, viz. not exceeding half an inch in diameter; because the pressure against every square inch is about 15 pounds, and therefore against every circular inch about 12 pounds. If therefore the syringe be one inch in diameter, when one atmosphere is injected, there will be a resistance of 12 pounds against the piston; and when 10 are injected, there will be a force of 120 pounds to be overcome; whereas 10 atmospheres act against the circular half-inch piston (whose area is only one-fourth part so big) with only a force equal to 30 pounds; or 40 atmospheres may be injected with such a syringe, as well as 10 with the other. In short, the facility of working will be inversely as the squares of the diameter of the syringe.

*Air-Jacket*, a sort of jacket made of leather, in which are several bags, or bladders, composed of the same materials, communicating with each other. These are filled with air through a leather tube, having a brass stop-cock accurately ground at the extremity, by which means the air blown in through the tube is confined in the bladders. The jacket must be wet, before the air be blown into the bags, as otherwise it will immediately escape through the pores of the leather. By the help of these bladders, which are placed near the breast, the person is supported in the water, without making the efforts used in swimming.

*Air-Pipes*, an invention for drawing foul air out of ships, or any other close places, by means of fire. These pipes were first found out by one Mr Sutton, a brewer in London; and from him have got the name of *Sutton's Air-pipes*. The principle on which their operation depends is known to every body, being indeed no other than that air is necessary for the support of fire; and, if it has not access from the places most adjacent, will not fail to come from those that are more remote. Thus, in a common furnace, the air enters through the ash-hole; but if this is closed up, and a hole made in the side of the furnace, the air will rush in with great violence through that hole. If a tube of any length whatever is inserted in this hole, the air will rush through the tube into the fire, and of

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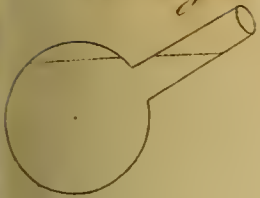


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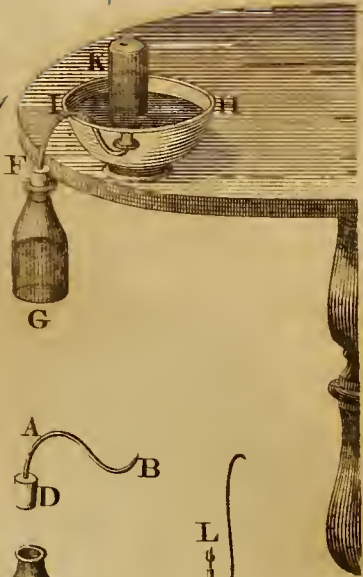


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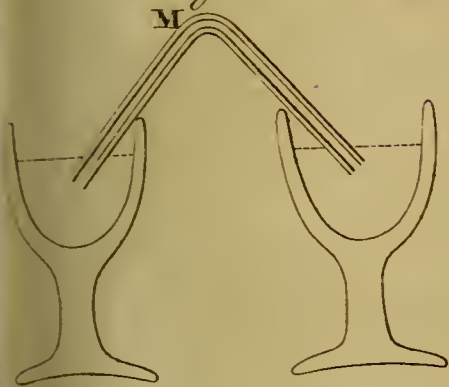


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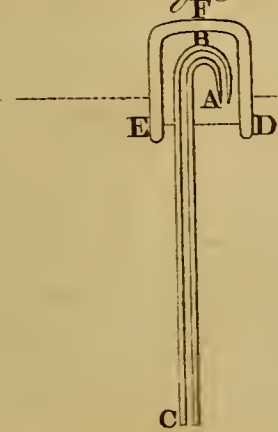


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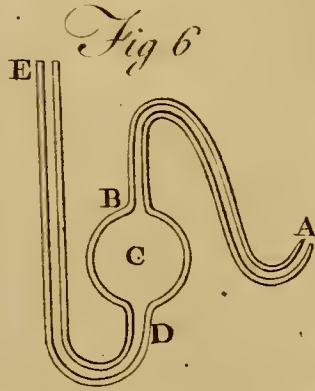


Fig 8 Air Gun

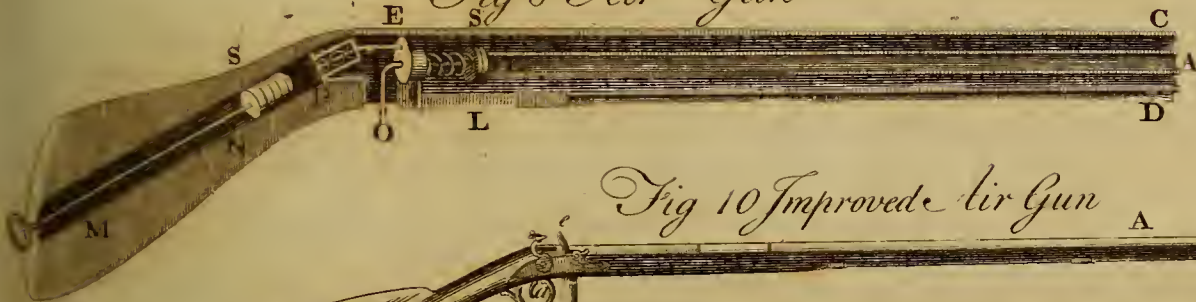


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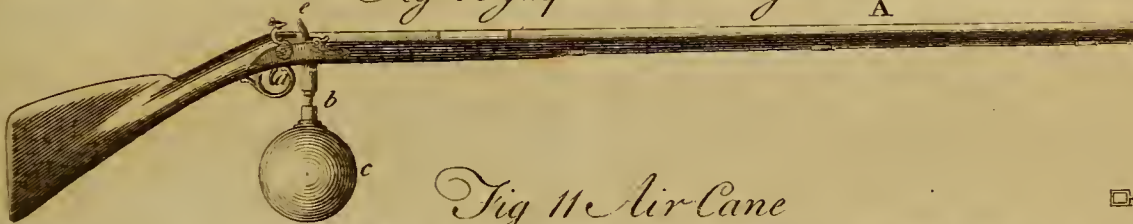


Fig 11 Air Cane



Fig 12 Magazine Air Gun

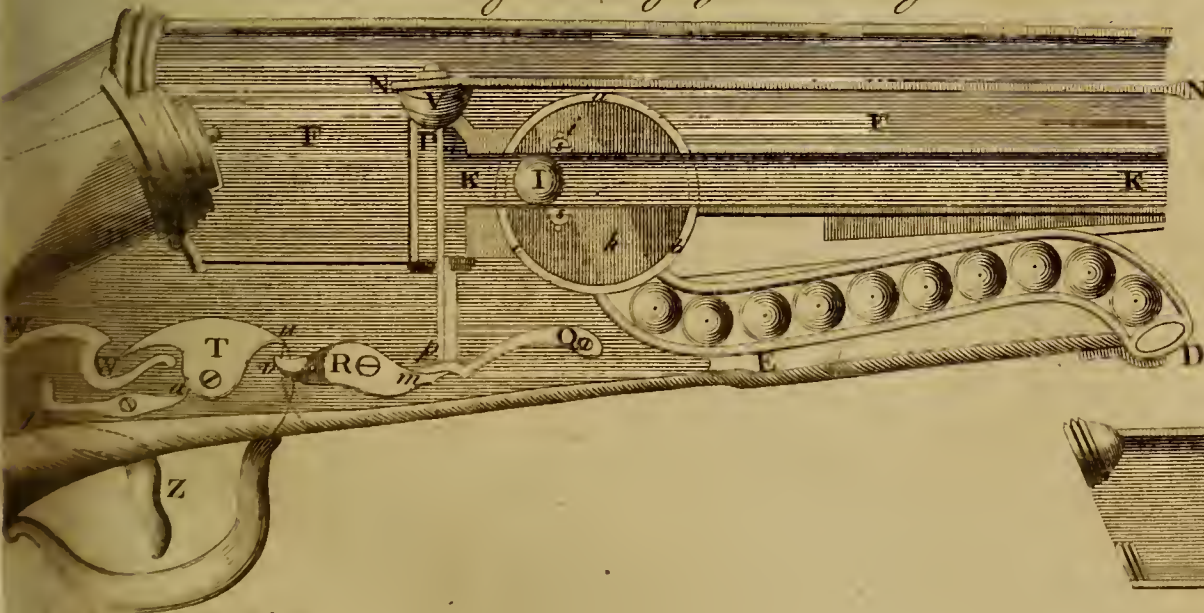
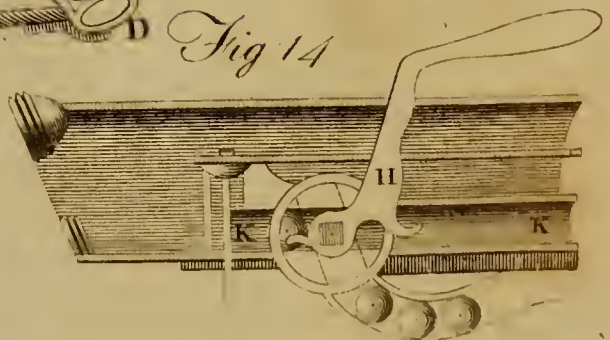


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Air-pipes. consequence there will be a continued circulation of air in that place where the extremity of the tube is laid. Mr Sutton's contrivance then, as communicated to the Royal Society by Doctor Mead, amounts to no more than this.—“As, in every ship of any bulk, there is already provided a copper or boiling-place proportionable to the size of the vessel; it is proposed to clear the bad air, by means of the fire already used under the said coppers or boiling-places for the necessary uses of the ship.

“It is well known, that, under every such copper or boiler, there are placed two holes, separated by a grate; the first of which is for the fire, and the other for the ashes falling from the same; and that there is also a flue from the fire-place upward, by which the smoke of the fire is discharged at some convenient place of the ship.

“It is also well known, that the fire once lighted in these fire-places, is only preserved by the constant draught of air through the aforementioned two holes and flue; and that if the said two holes are closely stopped up, the fire, though burning ever so briskly before, is immediately put out.

“But if, after shutting up the abovementioned holes, another hole be opened, communicating with any other room or airy place, and with the fire; it is clear, the said fire must again be raised and burn as before, there being a like draught of air through the same as there was before the stopping up of the first holes; this case differing only from the former in this, that the air feeding the fire will now be supplied from another place.

“It is therefore proposed, that, in order to clear the holds of ships of the bad air therein contained, the two holes abovementioned, the fire-place and ash-place, be both closed up with substantial and tight iron-doors; and that a copper or leaden pipe, of sufficient size, be laid from the hold into the ash-place, for the draught of air to come in that way to feed the fire. And thus it seems plain, from what has been already said, that there will be, from the hold, a constant discharge of the air therein contained; and consequently, that that air, so discharged, must be as constantly supplied by fresh air down the hatches or such other communications as are opened into the hold; whereby the same must be continually freshened, and its air rendered more wholesome and fit for respiration.

“And if into this principal pipe so laid into the hold, other pipes are let in, communicating respectively, either with the well or lower decks; it must follow, that part of the air, consumed in feeding the fire, must be respectively drawn out of all such places to which the communication shall be so made.”

This account is so plain, that no doubt can remain concerning the efficacy of the contrivance: it is evident, that, by means of pipes of this kind, a constant circulation of fresh air would be occasioned thro' those places where it would otherwise be most apt to stagnate and putrefy. Several other contrivances have been used for the same purpose; and Doctor Hales's ventilators, by some unaccountable prejudice, have been reckoned superior in efficacy and even simplicity to Mr Sutton's machine, which at its first invention met with great opposition\*, and even when introduced by Dr Mead,

who used all his interest for that purpose, was shamefully neglected. Air-pipes.

A machine capable of answering the same purpose was invented by Mr Defaguliers, which he called the *ship's lungs*. It consisted of a cylindrical box set up on its edge, and fixed to a wooden pedestal. From the upper edge of the box issued a square trunk open at the end, and communicating with the cavity of the box. Within this box was placed a cylindrical wheel turning on an axis. It was divided into 12 parts, by means of partitions placed like the radii of a circle. These partitions did not extend quite to the centre, but left an open space of about 18 inches diameter in the middle; towards the circumference, they extended as far as possible without interfering with the case, so that the wheel might always be allowed to turn freely.—Things, being thus circumstanced, it is plain, that if the wheel was turned towards that side of the box on which the trunk was, every division would push the air before it, and drive it out through the trunk, at the same time that fresh air would come in through the open space at the centre, to supply that which was thrown out thro' the trunk. By turning the wheel swiftly, a strong blast of air would be continually forced out thro' the square trunk, on the same principles on which a common fan-ner winnows corn. If the wheel is turned the opposite way, a draught of air may be produced from the trunk to the centre. If this machine, then, is placed in a room where a circulation of air is wanted, and the trunk made to pass through one of the walls; by turning the wheel swiftly round, the air will be forced with great velocity out of that room, at the same time that fresh air will enter through any chinks by which it can have access to supply that which has been forced out.

It is evident, that the circulation which is promoted by this machine, is entirely of the same kind with that produced by Mr Sutton's; the turning of the wheel in Mr Defaguliers' machine being equivalent to the rarefaction of the air by fire in Mr Sutton's: but that the latter is vastly superior, as acting of itself, and without intermission, requires no arguments to prove. Mr Sutton's machine has yet another conveniency, of which no other contrivance for the same purpose can boast; namely, that it not only draws out putrid air, but destroys it by causing it pass through fire; and experience has abundantly shown, that though putrid air is thrown into a great quantity of fresh air, it is so far from losing its pernicious properties, that it often produces noxious diseases. We do not say, indeed, that putrid air becomes salutary by this means; but it is undoubtedly rendered less noxious than before; tho' whether it is equally innocent with the smoke of a fire fed in the common way, we cannot pretend to determine.

Besides this machine by Mr Defaguliers, the ventilators of Dr Hales, already mentioned, and those called *wind-sails*, are likewise used for the same purpose. The former of which is an improvement of the Hessian-bellows\*: the other is a contrivance for throwing fresh air into those places where putrid air is apt to lodge; but this has the last-mentioned inconvenience in a much greater degree than any of the others, as the blast of fresh air throws out that which was rendered putrid by stagnation, in such a manner as to contaminate all around it. See *WIND-Sails*.

\* See *Ventilator*.

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Air-shafts.

*AIR-Trunk*, is also a contrivance by Doctor Hales to prevent the stagnation of putrid effluvia in jails, and other places where a great number of people are crowded together in a small space. It consists only of a long square trunk open at both ends; one of which is inserted into the ceiling of the room, the air of which is required to be kept pure; and the other extends a good way beyond the roof. Through this trunk a continued circulation is carried on: and the reason is, that the putrid effluvia which do so much mischief when collected, being much lighter than the pure atmosphere, arise to the top of the room; and, if they there find a vent, will continually go out through it. These effluvia arise in very considerable quantity, being calculated by the late Dr Keil at no less than 39 ounces from one man in 24 hours.

These trunks were first made trial of by Mr Yeoman, over the House of Commons, where they were nine inches wide within, and over the Court of King's-bench in Westminster-hall, where they were six inches wide. They are sometimes made wider, and sometimes narrower: but the wider they are the longer they ought to be, more effectually to promote the ascent of the vapour. The reason why vapours of this kind ascend more swiftly through a long trunk than a short one, is, that the pressure of fluids is always according to their different depth, without regard to the diameter of their basis, or of the vessel which contains them; and, upon this principle, a gallon of water may be made to split a strong cask. See *HYDROSTATICS*. When the column of putrid effluvia is long and narrow, the difference between the column of atmosphere pressing on the upper end of the trunk, and that which presses on the lower end, is much greater than if the column of putrid effluvia was short and wide; and consequently the ascent is much swifter.—One pan of a single pair of scales, which was two inches in diameter, being held within one of these trunks over the House of Commons, the force of the ascending air made it rise so as to require four grains to restore the equilibrium, and this when there was no person in the house; but when it was full, no less than 12 grains were requisite to restore the equilibrium; which clearly shows that these trunks must be of real and very great efficacy.

*AIR-Pump*, a machine by which the air contained in a proper vessel may be exhausted or drawn out. See the article *PNEUMATICS*.

*AIR-Sacs*, in birds. See *COMPARATIVE ANATOMY*, chap. ii.

*AIR-Shafts*, among miners, denote holes or shafts let down from the open air to meet the adits and furnish fresh air. The damp, want, and impurity of air which occur, when adits are wrought 30 or 40 fathoms long, make it necessary to let down air-shafts, in order to give the air liberty to play through the whole work, and thus discharge bad vapours, and furnish good air for respiration: the expence of which shafts, in regard to their vast depths, hardness of the rock, drawing of water, &c. sometimes equals, nay exceeds, the ordinary charge of the whole adit.

Sir Robert Murray describes a method, used in the coal-mines at Leige, of working mines without air-shafts.

When the miners at Mendip have sunk a groove, they will not be at the charge of an air-shaft till

they come at ore; and for the supply of air have boxes of elm exactly closed, of about six inches in the clear, by which they carry it down about twenty fathoms. They cut a trench at a little distance from the top of the groove, covering it with turf and rods disposed to receive the pipe, which they contrive to come in sideways to their groove, four feet from the top; which carries down the air to a great depth. When they come at ore, and need an air-shaft, they sink it four or five fathoms distant, according to the convenience of the breadth, and of the same fashion with the groove, to draw, as well ore as air.

*AIR-Threads*, in natural history, a name given to the long filaments, so frequently seen in autumn floating about in the air.

These threads are the work of spiders, especially of that species called the long-legged field-spider; which, having mounted to the summit of a bush or tree, darts from its tail several of these threads, till one is produced capable of supporting the creature in the air: on this it mounts in quest of prey, and frequently rises to a very considerable height. See *ARANEAE*.

*AIR-Vessels*, are spiral ducts in the leaves, &c. of plants, supposed to be analogous to the lungs of animals, in supplying the different parts of a plant with air. See the article *PLANTS*.

*AIR*, in mythology, was adored by the Heathens under the names of Jupiter and Juno; the former representing the superior and finer part of the atmosphere, and the latter the inferior and grosser part. The augurs also drew presages from the clouds, thunder, lightning, &c.

*AIR*, in painting, &c. denotes the manner and very life of action; or it is that which expresses the disposition of the agent.—It is sometimes also used in a synonymous sense with gesture or attitude.

*AIR*, in music, is taken in different senses. It is sometimes contrasted with harmony; and, in this sense, it is synonymous with melody in general.—Its proper meaning is, A tune, which is set to words, or to short pieces of poetry that are called *songs*.

In operas, we give the name of *air* to such pieces of music as are formed with measures and cadences, to distinguish it from the recitative; and, in general, every piece of music is called an *air*, which is formed for the voice, or even for instruments, and adapted to stanzas, whether it forms a whole in itself, or whether it can be detached from any whole of which it forms a part, and be executed alone.

If the subject admits of harmony, and is set in parts, the *air* is, according to their number, denominated a *duett*, a *trio*, a *quartetto*, &c. We need not follow Rousseau, and other philologists, in their endeavours to investigate the etymon of the word *air*. Its derivation, though found and ascertained, would contribute little to illustrate its meaning in that remote sense, to which, through a long continuance of time, and the various vicissitudes of language, it has now passed. The curious may consult the same article in the *Dictionnaire de Musique* by M. Rousseau.

In modern music, there are several different kinds of *airs*, each of which agrees to a certain kind of dancing, and from these dances the *airs* themselves take their specific names.

The *airs* of our operas, are, if we may be permitted the

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the expression, the canvass or substratum upon which are painted all the pictures of imitative music; melody is the design, and harmony the colouring; every picturesque object selected from the most beautiful parts of nature, every reflected sentiment of the human heart, are the models which the artist imitates: whatever gains attention, whatever interests the soul, whatever charms the ear, or causes emotion in the heart, these are the objects of his imitation. See IMITATION. An air which delights the ear, and discovers the learning of the composer; an air invented by genius, and composed with taste; is the noblest effort of music: it is this which explores the compass, and displays the delicacy, of a beautiful voice: it is in this where the charms of a well-conducted symphony shine; it is by this, that the passions, excited and inflamed by nice gradations, reach and agitate the soul through the avenues of external sense. After hearing a beautiful *air*, the mind is acquiescent and serene: the ear is satisfied, not disgusted: it remains impressed on the fancy, it becomes a part of our essence, we carry it with us, we are able to repeat it at pleasure: without the ability acquired by habit to breathe a single note of it, we execute it in our imagination in the same manner as we heard it upon the theatre: one sees the scene, the actor, the theatre; one hears the accompaniments and the applauses. The real enthusiast in music never forgets the beautiful airs which he has heard; when he chooses, he causes the opera to recommence.

The words to which *airs* are adapted, are not always rehearsed in regular succession, nor spoken in the same manner with those of the recitative; and though, for ordinary, they are very short, yet they are interrupted, repeated, transposed, at the pleasure of the artist. They do not constitute a narrative, which once told is over: they either delineate a picture, which it is necessary to contemplate in different points of view; or inspire a sentiment in which the heart acquiesces with pleasure, and from which it is neither able nor willing to be disengaged; and the different phrases of the *air*, are nothing else but different manners of beholding the same image. This is the reason why the subject of an *air* should be one. It is by these repetitions properly placed, it is by these redoubled efforts, that an impression, which at first was not able to move you, at length shakes your soul, agitates you, transports you out of yourself: and it is likewise upon the same principle, that the runnings, as they are called, or those long, mazy, and inarticulated inflections of the voice, which, in pathetic *airs*, frequently seem, though they are not always so, improperly placed; whilst the heart is affected with a sentiment exquisitely moving, it often expresses its emotions by inarticulate sounds, more strongly and sensibly than it could do by words themselves.

The form of *airs* is of two kinds. The small airs are often composed of two strains, which ought each of them to be sung twice; but the important airs in operas are frequently in the form of rondeaus.

AIR, or *Ayr*, in geography, a town of Scotland, capital of an extensive county of the same name. It stands on the river Air, and was formerly a place of good trade, and seat of fisheries; all of which have vanished, and the people now live by one another. Air appears, from the history and other documents, to have been a considerable place at the time of the Norman conquest. The vouchers

of its antiquity are corroborated by an elegant building, called the *Gross*, which hath escaped the destructive rage of the last and preceding century. The date on this fragment of antiquity is 1055, consequently it hath stood in its place above 735 years; and it is to be wished, that the majority of the inhabitants may unite in preserving it from being destroyed by persons who have expressed a strong desire to that purpose. In 1557, the tax levied upon Air was L. 236 Scots; upon Glasgow only L. 202. In 1771, Air was assessed at 15s. Sterl. and Glasgow at L. 18, 10s. In 1751, the pickled herrings exported from Air were 6624 barrels; since the year 1777, none. These revolutions appear the more extraordinary, when we consider the very advantageous situation of Air both by land and water; the fertility of the country; the riches of the sea; its contiguity to the western fisheries on one side, and to Glasgow on the other; the large returns for cattle, grain, and coal; the ample revenues of the town; and particularly the conveniency of its harbour for fishing-vessels of every construction.—About a mile north from the town there is a lazaret-house, commonly called *The King's Chapel*, which King Robert de Bruce set apart for the maintenance of lepers.

AIRA, in botany: A genus of the triandria digynia class; and in the natural method ranking under the 4th order, *Gramina*. The characters are: The *calyx* is a two-flowered double-valved glume: The *corolla* is two-valved, and no rudiment of a flower between the florets: The *stamina* consist of three capillary filaments the length of the flower; the antheræ are oblong, and forked at both ends: The *pistillum* is an egg-shaped germen; the styli are two, bristly, and expanding; the stigmata are pubescent: There is no *pericarpium*; the including corolla grows to the seed: The *seed* is egg-shaped and covered. There are 14 species of the *aira*; nine of which are natives of Britain. The English name is *Hair-grass*. See the general article GRASS.

AIRANI, in church-history, an obscure sect of Arians, in the fourth century, who denied the consubstantiality of the Holy Ghost with the Father and the Son. They are otherwise called *Airanistæ*; and are said to have taken their name from one *Airas*, who distinguished himself at the head of this party, in the reigns of Valentinian and Gratian.

AIRE, a town of France, in Proper Gascony, of which it is the capital, with a bishop's see. It is seated on the river Adour, on the declivity of a mountain. E. Long. 0. 3. N. Lat. 43. 47.

AIRE, a strong town in the Netherlands, in the county of Artois, with a castle. It was taken by the French in 1710, and was confirmed to them by the treaty of Utrecht. It is seated on the river Lis, 22 miles south of Dunkirk, and communicates with St. Omer's by a canal cut from the river Aa. E. Long. 2. 31. N. Lat. 50. 38.

AIRING, a term peculiarly used for the exercising horses in the open air. It purifies the blood; purges the body from gross humours; and, as the jockies express it, teaches the horse how to make his wind rake equally, and keep time with the other motions of his body. It also sharpens the stomach, and keeps the creature hungry: which is a thing of great consequence, as hunters and racers are very apt to have their stomach fall off, either from want of exercise, or from the too violent

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exercise which they are often exposed to. If the horse be over fat, it is best to air him before sun-rise and after sun-setting; and in general, it is allowed by all, that nothing is more beneficial to those creatures than early and late airings. Some of our modern managers, however, dispute this: they say, that the cold of these times is too great for the creature; and that if, in particular, he is subject to catarths, rheums, or the like complaints, the dews and cold fogs, in these early and late airings, will be apt to increase all those disorders. Nature, we see, also points out the sun-beams as of great use to these animals; those which are kept hardy and lie out all night, always running to those places where the sunshine comes, as soon as it appears in a morning. This should seem to recommend those airings that are to be made before sun-set, and a little time after sun-rise. As to the caution, so earnestly inculcated by Markham, of using these early and late airings for fat horses, it is found unnecessary by many: for they say, that the same effect may be produced by airings at warmer times, provided only that they are made longer; and that, in general, it is from long airings that we are to expect to bring a horse to a perfect wind and sound courage.

AIRS, in the manege, are the artificial motions of taught horses; as the demivolt, curvet, capriole, &c.

AIRY, or AERY, among sportsmen, a term expressing the nest of a hawk or eagle.

AIRY *Triplicity*, among astrologers, denotes the three signs, gemini, libra, and aquarius.

AISNE, a river of France, which rises in Champagne, and runs W. by Soissons in the isle of France, falling into the river Oise, a little above Campeigne.

AITOCZU, a considerable river of Lesser Asia, which, arising in the mountain Taurus, falls into the south part of the Euxine sea.

AJUGA, BUGLE: a genus of the gymnospermia order, belonging to the didynamia class of plants; and in the natural method ranking under the 42d order, *Asperifoliae*. The characters are: The *calyx* is a short perianthium, monophyllous and persistent: The *corolla* is monopetalous and grinning: The *stamina* consist of four erect subulated filaments; the antheræ are dimidiated: The *pistillum* has a four-cleft germen, a filiform stylus, and two slender stigmata. There is no *pericarpium*; the calyx converging, and containing the seeds in its bosom: The *seeds* are four, and oblong. The

*Species* enumerated by Linnæus are, 1. The orientalis, with inverted flowers, which is a native of the east. 2. The genevensis, with woolly leaves and hairy cups, is a native of Swisserland and of the southern parts of Europe. 3. The pyramidalis, or mountain-bugle, with a square pyramidal spike, and blue flowers, is a native of Sweden, Germany, Swisserland, and the hilly parts of Britain. Sheep and goats eat it; cows are not fond of it; horses and swine refuse it. 4. The reptans, common or pasture bugle, with creeping suckers, and blue, red, or white blossoms, in long leafy spikes, is a native of the southern parts of Europe, and is met with in woods and moist places in many parts of Britain. The roots are astringent, and strike a black colour with vitriol of iron.

*Culture*. The first species is propagated by sowing the seeds soon after they are ripe, in a pot filled with loamy earth, and placed in a shady situation till autumn;

when it must be removed under a frame, and protected from the frosts. In the spring, after the plants are come up, let them be translated each into a separate pot, and in summer placed under a shady situation. The other sorts are easily propagated by their side-shoots, and succeed best in a moist shady situation.

AIUS LOCUTIUS, the name of a deity to whom the Romans erected an altar.—The words are Latin, and signify “a speaking voice.”—The following accident gave occasion to the Romans erecting an altar to the Aius Locutius. One M. Seditius, a plebeian, acquainted the tribunes, that, in walking the streets by night, he had heard a voice over the temple of Vesta, giving the Romans notice that the Gauls were coming against them. This intimation was however neglected; but after the truth was confirmed by the event, Camillus acknowledged this voice to be a new deity, and erected an altar to it under the name of the *Aius Locutius*.

AJUTAGE, or ADJUTAGE, a kind of tube fitted to the mouth of the vessel through which the water of a fountain is to be played. To the different form and structure of ajutages, is owing the great variety of fountains. See FOUNTAIN and HYDROSTATICS.

AIX, a small, but ancient town in the duchy of Savoy, with the title of a marquisate. It is seated on the lake Bourget, at the foot of a mountain, between Chamberry, Annecy, and Rumilly. There is here a triumphal arch of the ancient Romans, but it is almost entirely ruined. The mineral waters bring a great number of strangers to this place. The place was originally called *Aquæ Gratianæ*, from the hot baths built there by the Emperor Gratian. E. Long. 7. 10. N. Lat. 45. 40.

AIX, an ancient city, the capital of Provence, in France. It is an archbishopric; and has a parliament, a court of aids, a chamber of accounts, a seneschal's jurisdiction, a generality, and an university. It has that air of silence and gloom so commonly characteristic of places destitute of commerce or industry: It is, however, a well-built city; and most like Paris of any place in the kingdom, as well for the largeness of the buildings, as in respect of the politeness of the inhabitants. It is embellished with abundance of fine fountains, and several beautiful squares. The preachers square is on the side of a hill; it is about 160 yards in length, and is surrounded with trees, and houses built with stone three stories high. The town-hall is at one end of the city, and is distributed into several fine apartments: the two lowest are taken up by the board of accounts, and by the seneschal; that above it is designed for the sessions of parliament. The hall of audience is adorned with the pictures of the kings of France on horseback. The hotel of the city is a handsome building, but hid by the houses of the narrow street in which it is placed. The cathedral church is a Gothic structure, with tombs of several earls of Provence, and some good pictures by French masters. The Corse, or Orbittelle, is a magnificent walk, above 300 yards long, formed by a triple avenue of elms, and two rows of regular and stately houses. The church of the fathers of the oratory is a handsome building; and not far from thence is the chapel of the blue penitents, which is full of paintings. The convent of preachers is very fine; in their church is a silver statue of the Virgin Mary almost as big as the life. There are other churches and buildings

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*Aix.* buildings which contain a great number of rarities. The baths without the city, which were discovered not long since, have good buildings, raised at a vast expence, for the accommodation of those who drink the waters. Although Aix was the first Roman settlement in Gaul, it is not remarkable for ancient remains. The warm springs from which it is now known and frequented, induced Sextus Calvinus to found a colony here, to which he gave the name of *Aqua Sextia*. They are supposed to possess particular virtues in cases of debility; and several altars have been dug up sacred to Priapus, the inscriptions on which indicate their gratitude to that deity for his supposed succour and assistance. E. Long. 5. 32. N. Lat. 43. 32.

Aix, a small island on the coast of France, between the isle of Oleron and the continent. It is twelve miles north-west of Rochfort, and twelve south-south-west of Rochelle. W. Long. 1. 4. N. Lat. 46. 5.

AIX LA CHAPELLE, a fine city of Germany, in the circle of Westphalia, and duchy of Juliers.

All authors are agreed about its antiquity, it being mentioned in Cæsar's Commentaries and the Annals of Tacitus. The Romans had colonies and fortresses there, when they were at war with the Germans; but the mineral waters and the hot baths so increased its fame, that, in process of time, it was advanced to the privileges of a city, by the name of *Aquægranii*, that is, the waters of Granus; that which it has now, of *Aix la Chapelle*, was given it by the French, to distinguish it from the other Aix. It is so called, on account of a chapel built in honour of the Holy Virgin by Charlemagne; who having repaired, beautified, and enlarged the city, which was destroyed by the Huns in the reign of Attila, in 451, made it the usual place of his residence. The town is seated in a valley surrounded with mountains and woods, and yet the air is very wholesome. It may be divided into the inward and outward city. The inward is encompassed with a wall about three quarters of a league in circumference, having ten gates; and the outward wall, in which there are eleven gates, is about a league and a half in circumference. There are rivulets which run through the town and keep it very clean, turning several mills; besides twenty public fountains, and many private ones. They have stone-quarries in the neighbourhood, which furnish the inhabitants with proper materials for their magnificent buildings, of which the stadthouse and the cathedral are the chief. There are likewise thirty parochial or collegiate churches. The market-place is very spacious, and the houses round it are stately. In the middle, before the stadthouse, is a fountain of blue stones, which throws out water, from six pipes, into a marble basin placed beneath, thirty feet in circumference. On the top of this fountain, is placed the statue of Charlemagne, of brass, gilt, holding a sceptre in his right hand, and a globe in his left. The stadthouse is adorned with the statues of all the emperors since Charlemagne. This fabric has three stories, the upper of which is one entire room of 162 feet in length and 60 in breadth. In this the new-elected emperor formerly entertained all the electors of the empire.

Aix la chapelle is a free imperial city, and changes its magistracy every year on the eve of St John Baptist. The mayor is in the nomination of the

*Aix.* elector palatine, in the quality of the duke of Juliers, as protector of the city. This place is famous for several councils and treaties of peace concluded here; particularly those between France and Spain in 1668, and between Great Britain and France in 1748.

The hot sulphureous waters for which this place has so long been celebrated, arise from several sources, which supply eight baths constructed in different parts of the town. These waters near the sources are clear and pellucid; and have a strong sulphureous smell resembling the washings of a foul gun; but they lose this smell by exposure to air. The taste is saline, bitter, and urinous. They do not contain iron. They are also neutral near the fountain, but afterwards are manifestly and pretty strongly alkaline, insomuch that clothes are washed with them without soap.—On the vaults above the springs and aqueducts of these waters is found, every spring when they are opened, a quantity of fine white-coloured flowers of sulphur, which has been sublimed from the waters.

The heat of the water of the hottest spring, by Dr Lucas's account, raises the quicksilver of Fahrenheit's thermometer to 136—by Mons. Monet's account, to 146—and the heat of the fountain, where they commonly drink, by Dr Lucas's account, to 112.

Dr Simmons has given the following account of their several temperatures, as repeatedly observed by himself with a thermometer constructed by Nairne.

The spring which supplies the Emperor's bath ( <i>Bain de l'Empereur</i> ),	-	-	127°
the New Bath ( <i>Bain Neuf</i> ),	-	-	112°
and the Queen of Hungary's bath ( <i>Bain de la Reine de Hongrie</i> ),	-	-	112°
St Quirin's bath ( <i>Bain de St Quirin</i> ),	-	-	112°
The Rose bath ( <i>Bain de la Rose</i> ), and the Poor's bath ( <i>Bain des Pauvres</i> ), both which are supplied by the same spring,	-	-	112°
Charles's bath ( <i>Bain de Charles</i> ), and St Corneille's bath ( <i>Bain de St Corneille</i> ),	-	-	112°
The spring used for drinking is in the High Street, opposite to Charles's bath; the heat of it at the pump is	-	-	106°

Dr Lucas evaporated the water of the hottest spring (of the Emperor's Bath), and obtained 268 grains of solid matter from a gallon, composed of 15 grains of calcareous earth, 10 grains of selenites, and 243 grains of a saline matter made up of natron and sea salt. They are at first nauseous and harsh, but by habit become familiar and agreeable. At first drinking, also, they generally affect the head. Their general operation is by stool and urine, without griping or diminution of strength; and they also promote perspiration.

The quantity to be drank as an alterative is to be varied according to the constitution and other circumstances of the patient. In general, it is best to begin with a quarter or half a pint in the morning, and increase the dose afterwards to pints, as may be found convenient. The water is best drank at the fountain. When it is required to purge, it should be drank in large and often-repeated draughts.

In regard to bathing, this also must be determined by the age, sex, strength, &c. of the patient, and by the season. The degree of heat of the bath should likewise be considered. The tepid ones are in general the best, though there are some cases in which the hotter ones are most proper. But even in these, it is best to

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Aizoon, Akenfide. begin with the temperate baths, and increase the heat gradually.

These waters are efficacious in diseases proceeding from indigestion and from foulness of the stomach and bowels. In rheumatisms; in the scurvy, scrophula, and diseases of the skin; in hysteric and hypochondriacal disorders; in nervous complaints and melancholy; in the stone and gravel; in paralytic complaints; in those evils which follow an injudicious use of mercury; and in many other cases. They ought not, however, to be given in hectic cases where there is heat and fever, in putrid disorders, or where the blood is dissolved, or the constitution much broken down.

The time of drinking, in the first season, is from the beginning of May to the middle of June; and, in the latter season, from the middle of August to the latter end of September.

There are galleries or piazzas under which the company walk during the time of drinking, in order to promote the operation of the waters.—The poor's bath is free for every body, and is frequented by crowds of poor people.

It is scarcely necessary to add, that there are all kinds of amusements common to other places of public resort; but the sharpers appear more splendid here than elsewhere, assuming titles, with an equipage suitable to them.—Aix la Chapelle is 21 miles from Spa, 36 from Liege, and 30 from Cologne. E. Long. 5. 48. N. Lat. 51. 55.

AIZOON, called by Mr Miller *sempervivæ*; though the name Aizoon has been by some writers applied to the house-leek, and also to the aloes: A genus of the pentagynia order, belonging to the icosandria class of plants; and in the natural method ranking under the 13th order, *Succulentæ*. The characters are: The *calyx* is a single-leaved perianthium, divided into five segments, and persistent: There is no *corolla*: The *stamina* consist of very numerous capillary filaments; the antheræ are simple: The *pistillum* has a five-cornered germen above, with five simple styli; and the stigmata are simple. The *pericarpium* is a bellied, retuse, five-cornered capsule, having five cells and five valves: The *seeds* are many and globular.—Linnæus mentions three species; the canariense, hispanicum, and paniculatum. The first is a native of the Canary islands, the second of Spain, and the third of the Cape of Good Hope. They may all be raised in Britain on hot-beds; but as they are not remarkable either for beauty or any other property, it appears unnecessary to take further notice of them.

AKENSIDE (Mark) a physician, who published in Latin "A Treatise upon the Dysentery," in 1764, and a few pieces in the first volume of the "Medical Transactions" of the college of physicians, printed in 1768; but far better known, and to be distinguished chiefly hereafter as a poet. He was born at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, November 9, 1721; and after being educated at the grammar-school in Newcastle, was sent to the universities of Edinburgh and Leyden; at which last he took his degree of Doctor in Physic. He was afterwards admitted by mandamus to the same degree at Cambridge; elected a fellow of the college of physicians, and one of the physicians of St Thomas's Hospital; and, upon the establishment of the queen's household, appointed one of the physicians to her majesty.

That Dr Akenfide was able to acquire no other kind of celebrity than that of a scholar and a poet, is to be accounted for by the following particulars in his life and conduct, related by Sir John Hawkins.—Mr Dyson and he were fellow-students, the one of law and the other of physic, at Leyden; where, being of congenial tempers, a friendship commenced between them that lasted through their lives. They left the university at the same time, and both settled in London: Mr Dyson took to the bar, and being possessed of a handsome fortune, supported his friend while he was endeavouring to make himself known as a physician; but in a short time, having purchased of Mr Hardinge his place of clerk of the house of commons, he quitted Westminster-hall; and for the purpose of introducing Akenfide to acquaintance in an opulent neighbourhood near the town, bought a house at North-End, Hampstead; where they dwelt together during the summer season, frequenting the lounge-room, and all clubs and assemblies of the inhabitants.

At these meetings, which, as they were not select, must be supposed to have consisted of such persons as usually meet for the purpose of gossiping, men of wealth, but of ordinary endowments, and able to talk of little else than news, and the occurrences of the day, Akenfide was for displaying those talents which had acquired him the reputation he enjoyed in other companies: but here they were of little use to him; on the contrary, they tended to engage him in disputes that betrayed him into a contempt of those that differed in opinion from him. It was found out that he was a man of low birth, and a dependent on Mr Dyson; circumstances that furnished those whom he offended with a ground of reproach, that reduced him to the necessity of asserting in terms that he was a gentleman.

Little could be done at Hampstead after matters had proceeded to this extremity: Mr Dyson parted with his villa at North-End, and settled his friend in a small house in Bloomsbury-square; assigning for his support such a part of his income as enabled him to keep a chariot.—In this new situation Akenfide used every endeavour to become popular, but defeated them all, by the high opinion he every where manifested of himself, and the little condescension he showed to men of inferior endowments; by his love of political controversy, his authoritative censure of the public councils, and his bigotted notions respecting government; subjects foreign to his profession, and with which some of the wisest of it have thought it prudent not to concern themselves. In the winter evenings he frequented Tom's coffee-house in Devereux-court, then the resort of some of the most eminent men for learning and ingenuity of the time; with some of whom he became intangled in disputes and altercations, chiefly on subjects of literature and politics, that fixed on his character the stamp of haughtiness and self-conceit, and drew him into disagreeable situations. Hence many, who admired him for his genius and parts, were shy of becoming his intimates.

The value of that precept which exhorts us to live peaceably with all men, or in other words, to avoid creating enemies, can only be estimated by the reflection on those many amiable qualities against which the neglect of it will preponderate. Akenfide was a man of religion and strict virtue; a philosopher, a scholar, and

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and a fine poet. His converfation was of the moft delightful kind; learned, inſtructive, and without any affectation of wit, cheerful and entertaining.

Dr Akenfide died of a putrid fever, June 23. 1770; and is buried in the pariſh-church of St James's, Weſtminſter.

His poems, published ſoon after his death in 4to and 8vo, conſiſt of "The Pleaſures of Imagination," two books of "Odes," a "Hymn to the Naiads," and ſome "Inſcriptions." "The Pleaſures of Imagination," his capital work, was firſt published in 1744; and a very extraordinary production it was from a man who had not reached his 23d year. He was afterwards ſenſible, however, that it wanted reviſion and correction; and he went on reviſing and correcting it for ſeveral years: but finding this taſk to grow upon his hands, and deſpairing of ever executing it to his own ſatisfaction, he abandoned the purpoſe of correcting, and reſolved to write the poem over anew upon a ſome-what different and enlarged plan. He finiſhed two books of his new poem, a few copies of which were printed for the uſe of the author and certain friends; of the firſt book in 1757, of the ſecond in 1765. He finiſhed alſo a good part of a third book, and an introduction to a fourth; but his moſt munificent and excellent friend, conceiving all that is executed of the new work, too inconfiderable to ſupply the place, and ſuperſede the republication of the original poem, and yet too valuable to be withheld from the public, hath cauſed them both to be inſerted in the collection of his poems.

AKIBA, a famous rabbin, flouriſhed a little after the deſtruction of Jeruſalem by Titus. He kept the flocks of a rich citizen of Jeruſalem till the 40th year of his age, and then applied himſelf to ſtudy in the academies for 24 years; and was afterwards one of the greateſt maſters in Iſrael, he having 24,000 ſcholars. He declared for the impoſtor Barchochebas, whom he owned for the Meſſiah; and not only anointed him king, but took upon himſelf the office of his maſter of the horſe. The troops which the emperor Hadrian ſent againſt the Jews, who under the conduct of this falſe Meſſiah had committed horrid maſſacres, exterminated this faction. Akiba was taken and put to death with great cruelty. He lived 120 years; and was buried with his wife in a cave upon a mountain not far from Tiberias, and his 24,000 ſcholars were buried round about him upon the ſame mountain. It is imagined he invented a ſuppoſitious work under the name of the patriarch Abraham.

AKISSAT, the ancient Thyatira, a city in Natolia, in Aſia, ſituated in a plain 18 miles broad, which produces plenty of cotton and grain. The inhabitants, who are reckoned to be about 5000, are ſaid to be all Mahometans. The houſes are built of nothing but earth or turf dried in the ſun, and are very low and ill contrived: but there are ſix or ſeven mosques, which are all of marble. There are remarkable inſcriptions on marble in ſeveral parts of the town, which are part of the ruins of ancient Thyatira. It is ſeated on the river Hermus, 50 miles from Pergamos. E. Long. 28. 30. N. Lat. 38. 50.

AKOND, an officer of juſtice in Perſia, who takes cognizance of the cauſes of orphans and widows; of contracts, and other civil concerns. He is the head of

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the ſchool of law, and gives lectures to all the ſubaltern officers; he has his deputies in all the courts of the kingdom, who, with the ſecond *ſadra*, make all contracts.

AL, an Arabic particle prefixed to words, and ſignifying much the ſame with the Engliſh particle *the*: Thus they ſay, alkermes, alkoran, &c. i. e. the kermes, the koran, &c.

AL, or ALD, a Saxon term frequently prefixed to the names of places, denoting their antiquity; as Aldborough, Aldgate, &c.

ALA, a Latin term properly ſignifying a wing; from a reſemblance to which ſeveral other things are called by the ſame name: Thus,

ALA, is a term uſed by botaniſts for the hollow of a ſtalk, which either the leaf, or the pedicle of the leaf, makes with it; or it is that hollow turning, or ſinus, placed between the ſtalk or branch of a plant and the leaf, whence a new offspring uſually iſſues. Sometimes it is uſed for thoſe parts of leaves otherwiſe called *lobes*, or *wings*.

ALÆ (the plural number) is uſed to ſignify thoſe petals or leaves of papilionaceous flowers, placed between thoſe others which are called the *vexillum* and *carina*, and which make the top and bottom of the flowers. Inſtances of flowers of this ſtructure are ſeen in thoſe of peaſe and beans, in which the top leaf or petal is the *vexillum*, the bottom the *carina*, and the ſide ones the *alæ*.

ALÆ is alſo uſed for thoſe extremely ſlender and membranaceous parts of ſome ſeeds, which appear as wings placed on them; it likewiſe ſignifies thoſe membranaceous expansions ruining along the ſtems of ſome plants, which are therefore called *alated ſtalks*.

ALÆ, in anatomy, a term applied to the lobes of the liver, the cartilages of the noſtril, &c.

ALÆ, in the Roman art of war, were the two wings, or extreme parts of the army drawn up in the order of battle.

ALABA, one of the three ſmalleſt diſtricts of Biſcay in Spain, but pretty fertile in rye, barley, and fruits. There are in it very good mines of iron, and it had formerly the title of a kingdom.

ALABANDA (anc. geog.), a town of Caria, near the Meander, ſituate beneath eminences reſembling aſſes with pack-ſaddles, which gave riſe to the jeſt; and between Amyzo to the weſt and Stratonice to the eaſt. Under the Romans they enjoyed aſſizes, or a convention of juriſdiction, by Pliny reckoned the fourth in order; hence the proverb in Stephanus, expreſſing their happineſs. It was built by Alabandus, whom therefore they deemed a god. The people were called *Alabandi*, *Alabandenses*, Cicero; and *Alabandeis*, after the Greek manner, in coins of Auguſtus and Claudius; they were alſo called *Alabendeni* (Livy).

ALABARCHA, in antiquity, a kind of magiſtrates among the Jews of Alexandria, whom the emperors allowed them to elect, for the ſuperintendency of their policy, and to decide differences and diſputes which aroſe among them.

ALABASTER (William), an Engliſh divine, was born at Hadley in the county of Suffolk. He was one of the Docters of Trinity college in Cambridge; and he attended the earl of Eſſex as his chaplain in the expedition to Cadiz in the reign of queen Elizabeth. It

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Alabaster. is said, that his first resolutions of changing his religion were occasioned by his seeing the pomp of the churches of the Roman communion, and the respect with which the priests seemed to be treated amongst them; and appearing thus to waver in his mind, he soon found persons who took advantage of this disposition of his, and of the complaints which he made of not being advanced according to his deserts in England, in such a manner, that he did not scruple to go over to the Popish religion, as soon as he found that there was no ground to hope for greater encouragement in his own country. However that matter is, he joined himself to the Romish communion, but was disappointed in his expectations. He was soon displeas'd at this; he could not reconcile himself to the discipline of that church, which made no consideration of the degrees which he had taken before. It is probable too that he could not approve of the worship of creatures, which protestants are us'd to look upon with horror. Upon this he returned to England, in order to resume his former religion. He obtained a prebend in the cathedral of St Paul, and after that the rectory of Therfield in Hertfordshire. He was well skilled in the Hebrew tongue; but he gave a wrong turn to his genius by studying the Cabbala, with which he was strangely infatuated. He gave a proof of this in a sermon which he preached upon taking his degree of doctor of divinity at Cambridge. He took for his text the beginning of the first book of Chronicles, Adam, Seth, Enos; and having touch'd upon the literal sense, he turn'd immediately to the mystical, asserting, that Adam signified misfortune and misery, and so of the rest. His verses were greatly esteem'd. He wrote a Latin tragedy, intitled *Roxana*; which, when it was acted in a college at Cambridge, was attended with a very remarkable accident. There was a lady who was so terrified at the last word of the tragedy, *Sequar, Sequar*, which was pronounced with a very shocking tone, that she lost her senses all her lifetime after. Alabaster was living in 1630. His *Apparatus in Revelationem Jesu Christi* was printed at Antwerp in 1607. As for his *Spiraculum tubarum, seu fons Spiritualium Expositionum ex æquivocis Pentagloti significationibus*, and his *Ecce Sponsus venit, seu tuba pulchritudinis, hoc est demonstratio quod non sit illicitum nec impossibile computare durationum mundi & tempus secundi adventus Christi*, they were printed at London. We may judge from these titles what the taste and genius of the author was.

ALABASTER, in natural history, a species of that genus of stones whose base is calcareous earth. It differs from marble in being combined, not with the aerial, but with vitriolic acid; therefore, when mix'd with any acid, no effervescence appears. It is soluble in about 500 times its weight of water at the temperature of 60. It is fusible alone in a long-continued porcelain heat, or by the blow-pipe. Specific gravity 1.87. Texture, granular, with shining particles. In composition, and consequently in its chemical properties, it does not differ from gypsum, selenite, and plaster of Paris.

There are three species of alabaster. 1. The snow-white shining alabaster, or lydium of the ancients, is found in Taurus, in pieces large enough to make dishes, or the like. It cuts very freely, and is capable of a fine polish. 2. The yellowish alabaster, or phen-

gites of Pliny, is found in Greece; and is of a soft loose open texture, pretty heavy, and nearly of the colour of honey. This species has likewise been found in Germany, France, and in Derbyshire in England. 3. Variegated, yellow, and reddish alabaster. This species is the common alabaster of the ancients, and is so soft that it may be cut with a knife: It is remarkably bright, and almost transparent; admits of a fine polish, and consists of large angular sparry concretions. It is not proof against water; it ferments violently with aqua fortis, and burns to a pale yellow. The colour of this species is a clear pale yellow resembling amber, and variegated with undulated veins; some of which are pale red, others whitish, and others of a pale brown. It was formerly brought from Egypt, but is now to be met with in several parts of England. The alabasters are frequently used by statuaries for small statues, vases, and columns. After being calcined and mixed with water, they may be cast in any mould like plaster of Paris. See GYPSUM.

Alabaster, Mr Boyle observes, being finely powdered, and thus set in a basin over the fire, will, when hot, assume the appearance of a fluid, by rolling in waves, yielding to the smallest touch, and emitting vapour; all which properties it loses again on the departure of the heat, and discovers itself a mere incoherent powder. The fineness and clearness of this stone renders it in some measure transparent; whence it has been sometimes also employed for windows. There is a church at Florence still illuminated by alabaster-windows; instead of panes of glass, there are slabs of alabaster near 15 feet high, each of which forms a single window, through which the light is conveyed. The countries in Europe which abound most in alabaster are Germany, toward Coblenz; the province of Maconnois, in the neighbourhood of Cluni in France; Italy, toward Rome; where that of Montaiout is particularly remarkable not only for its whiteness, but also for the bigness of its blocks, some of which are so large, that statues as big as the life may easily be cut out of them. F. Labat, in his journey to Italy, observes, that there are quarries of alabaster in the neighbourhood of the village called de la Toffa, near Civita Vecchia: there is also alabaster to be found in some places of Lorrain; but it is not much esteem'd. A new manufacture of basso-relievos, from a singular species of factitious alabaster, has been some time ago established by M. Letapie, at the baths of St Philip in Tuscany. The stream at these baths deposits a peculiar kind of sand, which, when collected and condensed in the cavities of any body employed to oppose its current, acquires the nature, hardness, and colour of alabaster, and assumes the forms of those cavities in which it is thus lodged.

ALABASTER, in antiquity, a term used for a vase wherein odoriferous liquors were anciently put. The reason of the denomination is, that vessels for this purpose were frequently made of the alabaster-stone, which Pliny and other ancients represent as peculiarly proper for this purpose. Several critics will have the box mentioned in the Gospels as made of alabaster, to have been of glass: And though the texts say that the woman broke it, yet the pieces seem miraculously to have been united, since we are told the entire box was purchased by the emperor Constantine, and preserved as

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 a relic of great price. Others will have it, that the name *alabaſter* denotes the form rather than the matter of this box: In this view they define alabaſter by a box without a handle, deriving the word from the primitive *α*, and *λαβη*, *anſa*, handle.

Alabaſter is alſo ſaid to have been uſed for an ancient liquid meaſure, containing ten ounces of wine, or nine of oil. In this ſenſe, the alabaſter was equal to half the ſextary.

**ALABAſTRUM DENDROIDE**, a kind of laminated alabaſter, beautifully variegated with the figures of ſhrubs, trees, &c. found in great abundance in the province of Hohenſtein.

**ALADINISTS**, a ſect among the Mahometans, anſwering to free-thinkers among us.

**ALADULIA**, a conſiderable province of Turkey, in Aſia, in that part called Natolia, between the mountains of Antitaurus, which ſeparate it from Amafia on the north, and from Carimania on the weſt. It has the Mediterranean ſea on the ſouth; and the Euphrates, or Frat on the eaſt, which divides it from Diarbeker. It comprehends the Leſſer Armenia of the ancients, and the eaſt part of Cilicia. Formerly it had kings of its own; but the head of the laſt king was cut off by Selim I. emperor of the Turks, who had conquered the country. It is now divided into two parts: the north, comprehended between Taurus, Antitaurus, and the Euphrates, is a beglerbeglic, which bears the name of Maraſh, the capital town; and the ſouth, ſeated between mount Taurus and the Mediterranean, is united to the beglerbeglic of Aleppo. The country is rough, ragged, and mountainous; yet there are good paſtures, and plenty of horſes and camels. The people are hardy and thieviſh. The capital is Malatigah.

**ALAIN** (Charrier), ſecretary to Charles VII. king of France, born in the year 1386. He was the author of ſeveral works in proſe and verſe; but his moſt famous performance was his Chronicle of king Charles VII. Bernard de Girard, in his preface to the Hiſtory of France, ſtyles him “an excellent hiſtorian, who has given an account of all the affairs, particulars, ceremonies, ſpeeches, anſwers, and circumſtances, at which he was preſent himſelf, or had information of.” Giles Coroxet tells us, that Margaret, daughter to the king of Scotland, and wife to the dauphin, paſſing once through a hall where Alain lay aſleep, ſhe ſtopped and kiſſed him before all the company who attended: ſome of them telling her, that it was ſtrange ſhe ſhould kiſs a man who had ſo few charms in his perſon, ſhe replied, “I did not kiſs the man, but the mouth from whence proceeded ſo many excellent ſayings, ſo many wiſe diſcourſes, and ſo many elegant expreſſions.” Mr Fontenelle, among his Dialogues of the Dead, has one upon this incident, between the princeſs Margaret and Plato. Mr Paſquier compares Alain to Seneca, on account of the great number of beautiful ſentences interſperſed throughout his writings.

**ALAIS**, a conſiderable town of France, in the province of Languedoc, ſituated on the river Gardon, at the foot of the Cevennes. The Jeſuits had a college in this place; and a fort was built here in 1689. It is 34 miles north of Montpellier, and 340 from Paris. E. Lon. 4. 20. N. Lat. 44. 8.

**ALAMANDUS** (Lewis), in French *Aleman*, archbiſhop of Arles, and cardinal of St Cecilia, was one of

the greateſt men of the fifteenth century. The cardinal preſided in the council of Baſil, which depoſed Eugenius IV. and elected the antipope Felix V. He is much commended by Æneas Sylvius, as a man extremely well formed for preſiding in ſuch aſſemblies, firm and vigorous, illuſtrious by his virtue, learned, and of an admirable memory in recapitulating all that the orators and diſputants had ſaid. One day, when he harangued againſt the ſuperiority of the pope over the council, he diſtinguiſhed himſelf in ſuch an eminent manner, that ſeveral perſons went to kiſs him, while others preſſed even to kiſs his robe. They extolled to the ſkies his abilities and genius, which had raiſed him, though a Frenchman, to a ſuperiority over the Italians, notwithſtanding all their natural ſubtlety and fineſſe. There is no need of aſking, whether Pope Eugenius thundered againſt the preſident of a council which depoſed him. He deprived him of all his dignities, and treated him as a ſon of iniquity. However, notwithſtanding this, Lewis Alamandus died in the odour of ſanctity, and performed ſo many miracles after his death, that at the requeſt of the canons and Celeftine monks of Avignon, and the ſolicitation of the cardinal of Clermont legate *a latere* of Clement VII. he was beatified by that pope in the year 1527.

**ALAMANNI** (Lewis) was born at Florence, of a noble family, on the 28th of October 1495. He was obliged to fly his country for a conſpiracy againſt Julius de Medici, who was ſoon after choſen pope under the name of Clement VII. During this voluntary baniſhment, he went into France; where Francis I. from a love to his genius and merit, became his patron. This prince employed him in ſeveral important affairs, and honoured him with the collar of the order of St. Michael. About the year 1540, he was admitted a member of the Inſtammati, an academy newly erected at Padua, chiefly by Daniel Barbaro and Ugolin Martelli. After the death of Francis, Henry duke of Orleans, who ſucceeded him in 1547, ſhewed no leſs favour to Alamanni; and in the year 1551, ſent him as his ambaffador to Genoa: this was his laſt journey to Italy; and being returned to France, he died at Amboiſe on the 18th of April 1556, being in the 61ſt year of his age. He left many beautiful poems, and other valuable performances, in the Italian language. We have alſo ſome notes of his upon Homer's Iliad and Odyſſey; thoſe upon the Iliad were printed in the Cambridge edition of Homer in 1689, and Joſhua Barnes has alſo inſerted them in his fine edition of Homer in 1711.

**ALAMODALITY**, in a general ſenſe, is the accommodating a perſon's behaviour, dreſs, and actions, to the prevailing taſte of the country or times in which he lives.

**ALAMODALITY** of writing, is defined the accommodation of mental productions, both as to the choiſe of ſubject and the manner of treating it, to the genius or taſte of the times, in order to render them more acceptable to the readers.

**ALAMODE**, a phraſe originally French, importing a thing to be in the faſhion or mode. The phraſe has been adopted not only into ſeveral of the living languages, as the Engliſh and High-Dutch, but ſome have even taken it into the Latin. Hence we meet with *Alamodicus* and *Alamodalitas*.

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ALAMODE, in commerce, a thin glossy black silk, chiefly used for womens hoods and mens mourning scarfs.

ALAMOS (Balthasar), a Spanish writer, born at Medina del Campo in Castile. After having studied the law at Salamanca, he entered into the service of Anthony Perez, secretary of state under Philip II. He was in high esteem and confidence with his master, upon which account he was imprisoned after the disgrace of this minister. He was kept in confinement 11 years, when Philip III. coming to the throne, set him at liberty, according to the orders given by his father in his will. Alamos continued in a private capacity, till the duke of Olivarez, the favourite of Philip IV. called him to public employments. He was a man of wit as well as judgment, but his pen was superior to his tongue. He died in the 88th year of his age. His Spanish translation of Tacitus, and the aphorisms which he added in the margin, gained him great reputation. This work was published at Madrid in 1614; and was to have been followed, as mentioned in the king's privilege, with a commentary, which however has never yet appeared. The author composed the whole during his imprisonment.

ALAN (Cardinal William), was born at Rossal in Lancashire, in the year 1532. He went to Oxford at the age of 15, and in 1550 was elected fellow of Oriel college. In 1556, being then only 24 years old, he was chosen principal of St Mary's hall, and one of the proctors of the university. In 1558 he was made canon of York; but, upon queen Elizabeth's accession to the throne, he left England, and settled at Louvain in an English college, of which he became the chief support. In 1565 he visited his native country; but, on account of his extreme activity in the propagation of the Roman Catholic religion, he was obliged to fly the kingdom in 1568. He went first to Mechlin, and then to Doway, where he was made doctor of divinity. Soon after, he was appointed canon of Cambrai, and then canon of Rheims. He was created cardinal on the 28th of July 1587, by the title of *St Martin in Montibus*; and obtained from the king of Spain a rich abbey in the kingdom of Naples, and afterwards the bishoprick of Mechlin. It is supposed to have been by the advice and instigation of this priest, that Philip II. attempted to invade England. He died on the 20th of October 1594, aged 63; and was buried in the English college at Rome. He was a man of considerable learning, and an elegant writer. He wrote many books in defence of the Romish religion. The most remarkable are, 1. *A defence of the 12 martyrs in one year*. Tho. Alfield was hanged for bringing, and publishing, this and other of Alan's works, into England, in the year 1584. 2. *A declaration of the sentence of Sextus V.* &c. A work intended to explain the pope's bull for the excommunication of queen Elizabeth, and to exhort the people of England to take up arms in favour of the Spaniards. Many thousand copies of this book, printed at Antwerp, were put on board the Armada; but the enterprise failing, they were afterwards destroyed. 3. *Of the worship due to saints and their reliqs*, 1583. This treatise was answered by Lord Burleigh, and is esteemed the most elegant of the Cardinal's writings.

ALAND, an island of the Baltic sea, between

Sweden and Finland, subject to the former. It lies between 17 and 19 degrees of E. Long. and between 59 and 61 degrees of Lat. at the entrance of the gulph of Bothnia.

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ALARAF, in the Mahometan theology, the partition wall that separates heaven from hell. The word is plural, and properly written *al araf*: in the singular it is written *al arf*. It is derived from the Arabic verb *arafa*, to distinguish. Al araf gives the denomination to the seventh chapter of the alcoran, wherein mention is made of this wall. Mahomet seems to have copied his al araf, either from the great gulf of separation mentioned in the New Testament, or from the Jewish writers, who also speak of a thin wall dividing heaven from hell. Mahometan writers differ extremely as to the persons who are to be found on al araf. Some take it for a sort of limbus for the patriarchs, prophets, &c. others place here such whose good and evil works so exactly balance each other, that they deserve neither reward nor punishment. Others imagine this intermediate space to be possessed by those who, going to war without their parents leave, and suffering martyrdom there, are excluded paradise for their disobedience, yet escape hell because they are martyrs.

ALARBES, a name given to those Arabians who live in tents, and distinguish themselves by their dress from the others who live in towns.

ALARES, in Roman antiquity, an epithet given to the cavalry, on account of their being placed in the two wings of the army.

ALARIC, a famous general of the Goths. He entered Thrace at the head of 200,000 men, and laid waste all the country through which he passed. He marched next to Macedonia and Thessaly: the Thessalians met him near the mouth of the river Peneas, and killed about 3000 of his army; nevertheless he advanced into Greece, and after having ravaged the whole country, returned to Epirus, loaded with immense spoils: after staying here five years, he resolved to turn his arms to the west. He marched through Pannonia; and, finding little resistance, entered Italy, under the consulship of Stilicho and Aurelianus, A. D. 400. After various battles and treaties, he at last took Rome by treachery, and permitted his soldiers to plunder it; this happened A. D. 409. Alaric, having laid waste a great part of Italy, intended to pass into Sicily; but a storm obliging him to land again, he besieged the city of Cosenza; and having taken it, he died there in 411, eleven years after he first entered Italy.

ALARM, in the military art, denotes either the apprehension of being suddenly attacked; or the notice thereof, signified by firing a cannon, firelock, or the like. False alarms are frequently made use of, to harass the enemy, by keeping them constantly under arms. Sometimes also this method is taken to try the vigilance of the piquet-guard, and what might be expected from them in case of real danger.

ALARM-Bell, that rung upon any sudden emergency, as a fire, mutiny, or the like.

ALARM-Post, or ALARM-place, the ground for drawing up each regiment in case of an alarm. This is otherwise called *the rendezvous*.

ALARM, in fencing, is the same with what is otherwise called an appeal, or challenge.

ALASCANI, in church-history, a sect of Antilutherans,

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therans, whose distinguishing tenet, besides their denying baptism, is said to have been this, that the words, *This is my body*, in the institution of the eucharist, are not to be understood of the bread, but of the whole action, or celebration of the supper. They are said to have taken the name from one Joannes a Lasco, a Polish baron, superintendant of the church of that country, in England. See the next article.

ALASCO (John), a Polish nobleman of the 16th century, who, imbibing the reformed opinions, was expelled his country, and became preacher to a Protestant congregation at Embden; but foreseeing persecution there, went to England about the year 1551, while the reformation was carrying on under Edward the VI. The publication of the Interim driving the Protestants to such places as afforded them toleration, 380 were naturalised in England, and obtained a charter of incorporation, by which they were erected into an ecclesiastical establishment, independent on the church of England. The Augustine friars church was granted them, with the revenues, for the maintenance of Alasco as superintendant, with four assistant ministers, who were to be approved by the king: and this congregation lived undisturbed until the accession of Queen Mary, when they were all sent away. They were kindly received and permitted to settle at Embden; and Alasco at last, after an absence of 20 years, by the favour of Sigismund, returned to his own country, where he died in 1560. Alasco was much esteemed by Erasmus, and the historians of his time speak greatly in his praise: we have of his writing, *De Cæna Domini liber; Epistola continens summam Controversiæ de Cæna Domini, &c.* He had some particular tenets, and his followers are called *Alascani* in church-history.

ALATAMAHA, a large river of North America, which, rising in the Apalachian mountains, runs south-east through the state of Georgia, and falls into the Atlantic ocean, below the town of Frederica.

ALATERNUS, in botany, the trivial name of a species of the rhamnus. See RHAMNUS.

ALAVA, a district of Spain, about 20 miles in length, and 17 in breadth, containing very good iron mines. Victoria is the capital town.

ALAUDA, or LARK, in ornithology, a genus of birds of the order of passeræ; the characters of which are these: The beak is cylindrical, subulated, straight; and the two mandibles or chaps are of equal size. The tongue is bifid, and the hinder claw is straight, and longer than the toe. There are 28 species of the alauda, of which the following are the most remarkable. 1. The arvensis, or common sky-lark. This and the wood-lark are the only birds that sing as they fly: this raising its note as it soars, and lowering it till it quite dies away as it descends. It will often soar to such a height, that we are charmed with the music when we lose sight of the songster; it also begins its song before the earliest dawn. Milton, in his Allegro, most beautifully expresses these circumstances; and bishop Newton observes, that the beautiful scene that Milton exhibits of rural cheerfulness, at the same time gives us a fine picture of the regularity of his life, and the innocency of his own mind: thus he describes himself as in a situation

To hear the lark begin his flight  
And singing startle the dull night,

From his watch-tow'r in the skies,  
Till the dappled dawn doth rise.

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It continues its harmony several months, beginning early in the spring, on pairing. In the winter they assemble in vast flocks, grow very fat, and are taken in great numbers for the table. They build their nest on the ground, beneath some clod, forming it of hay, dry fibres, &c. and lay four or five eggs. These birds are taken in great quantities, in the neighbourhood of Dunstable, in England: the season begins about the 14th of September, and ends the 25th of February; and during that space, about 4000 dozen are caught, which supply the markets of the metropolis of that kingdom. See BIRD-Catching. Vastly greater numbers than the above, however, are at times caught in different parts of Germany, where there is an excise upon them. Keyser says, that the excise alone produces 6000 dollars every year to the city of Leipsic; whose larks are famous all over Germany, as having the most delicate flavour. But it is not at Leipsic only that they are taken in such numbers: they are also taken in the country about Naumburg, Merseburg, Halle, and other parts.—2. The pratensis, or tit-lark, has the two outward feathers of the wing edged with white, and frequents the meadows. It is found frequently in low marshy grounds. Like other larks, it builds its nest among the grass, and lays five or six eggs. Like the wood-lark, it sits on trees; and has a most remarkable fine note, singing in all situations, on trees, on the ground, while it is sporting in the air, and particularly in its descent. This bird, with many others, such as the thrush, black-bird, willow-wren, &c. become silent about midsummer, and resume their notes in September: hence the interval is the most mute of the year's three vocal seasons, spring, summer, and autumn. Perhaps the birds are induced to sing again as the autumnal temperament resembles the vernal.—3. The arborea, or wood-lark, is a native of Europe, and is distinguished by an annular white fillet about the head. It is inferior in size to the sky-lark, and is of a shorter thicker form; the colours are paler, and its note is less sonorous and less varied; though not less sweet. It perches on trees, and whistles like the black-bird. It will sing in the night; and, like the common lark, will sing as it flies. It builds on the ground, and makes its nest on the outside with moss, within of dried bents, lined with a few hairs. It lays five eggs, dusky and blotched with deep brown marks, darkest at the thicker end. The males of this and the last are known from the females by their superior size. But this species is not near so numerous as that of the common kind.—4. The campestris, has one half of its chief feathers of the wings brown, except two in the middle which are white, and the throat and breast are yellowish.—5. The trivialis, whose chief feathers on the tail are brown, only half of the outermost is white, and the second is white at the end, in the shape of a wedge; there is likewise a double whitish line on the wings. It is a native of Sweden, and perches on the top of trees.—6. The cristata: the chief tail-feathers are black, but the two outermost are edged with white, and the head is crested. It is a native of Europe. It sings well, like the sky-lark; lays four or five eggs, and is said to hatch twice in a year.—7. The spinoletta: the chief tail-feathers are black,

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Alauda only the outermost two are obliquely half white. It is a native of Italy.—8. The alpestris: the chief wing-feathers are half white, the throat yellow, and it has a black streak under the eyes and on the breast. It inhabits North America, where it is migratory. It visits the neighbourhood of Albany the beginning of May, but goes farther north to breed. In winter it comes in vast flocks into Virginia and Carolina, returning north in spring. It feeds, during its stay in the more southern parts, on oats and other grain; and while at Albany, on the grass and the buds of sprig-birch. It runs into holes; whence the natives of these last parts have given it the name of *chi-chup-pi-sue*. The English call it the *ortolon*, and reckon it delicious eating. By some it is called *snow bird*, as being very plenty in that season. It is frequently caught in great numbers by means of horse-hair springes placed in some bare place, the snow being scraped away, and a little chaff strewed about. It is always seen on the ground, and has little or no song. This bird is not peculiar to North America: we hear of it in Germany also; and is in plenty throughout Russia and Siberia, going northward in spring.—2. The magna, is yellow on the belly, with a crooked black streak on the breast, and the three side-feathers of the tail white. It is a native of Africa and America.—10. The New Zealand lark (Plate XVIII.) is seven and a half inches in length: the bill is half an inch, of a pale ash-colour, with the upper part black: the upper parts of the body are dusky, edged with pale ash-colour: the breast and belly are white: the legs reddish ash-colour, and the claws black. It inhabits Charlotte Sound, and is called *kogoo aroûre*.

ALAUTA, a considerable river of Turkey in Europe, which, after watering the north-east part of Transylvania and part of Wallachia, falls into the Danube almost opposite to Nicopolis.

ALAY, signifying in the Turkish language "The Triumph," a ceremony which accompanies the assembling together the forces of that vast empire upon the breaking out of a war. It consists of the most insipid buffoonery, and is attended with acts of the most shocking barbarity. That which took place upon occasion of the late war between the Porte and Russia is described by Baron Tott in his memoirs as follows.

"It consists in a kind of masquerade, in which each trade successively presents to the spectators the mechanical exercise of its respective art. The labourer draws his plough, the weaver handles his shuttle, the joiner his plane; and these different characters, seated in cars richly ornamented, commence the procession, and precede the standard of Mahomet, when it is brought out of the seraglio to be carried to the army, in order to insure victory to the Ottoman troops.

"This banner of the Turks, which they name *Sandjak-Cheriff*, or The Standard of the Prophet, is so revered among them, that, notwithstanding its reputation has been so often tarnished, it still retains their implicit confidence, and is the sacred signal unto which they rally. Every thing proclaims its sanctity. None but the emirs are allowed to touch it; they are its guards, and it is carried by their chief. The Mussulmen alone are permitted to look upon it. If touched by other hands, it would be defiled; if seen by

other eyes, profaned. In short, it is encompassed by the most barbarous fanaticism.

"A long peace had unfortunately caused the ridiculousness, and especially the danger, of this ceremony to be forgotten. The Christians imprudently crowded to see it; and the Turks, who, by the situation of their houses, could make money of their windows, began to profit by the advantage; when an emir, who preceded the banner, proclaimed with a loud voice, 'Let no infidel dare to profane with his presence the holy standard of the prophet; and let every Mussulman who perceives an unbeliever make it known under pain of reprobation.'

"From that moment no asylum was to be found; even those became informers, who, by letting out their houses, had rendered themselves accomplices in the crime. A religious fury seized on every mind, and put arms in every hand; the more atrocious the cruelty, the more was it meritorious. No regard was paid to sex or age; pregnant women, dragged by the hair, and trodden under feet by the multitude, perished in the most deplorable manner. Nothing was respected by these monsters; and under such auspices the Turks commenced the war."

ALB, or ALBE, in the Romish church, a vestment of white linen hanging down to the feet, and answering to the surplice of the English clergy. In the ancient church, it was usual, with those newly baptized, to wear an alb, or white vestment; and hence the Sunday after Easter was called *dominica in albis*, on account of the albs worn by those baptized on easter-day.

ALB is also a name of a Turkish coin, otherwise called *asper*. See ASPER.

ALBA (anc. geog.), a town of the Marsi in Italy, situated on the north-side of the Lacus Fucinus, still retaining its name. It stands upon an eminence, and is noted in Roman history for being the state prison where captive princes were shut up, after being barbarously dragged through the streets of Rome at the chariot wheels of a triumphant consul. Perseus king of Macedon terminated his wretched career in this confinement, with his son, the last hope of an illustrious line of kings. Syphax the Numidian, and Bituitus king of the Averni, were also condemned to this gaol by the particular clemency of the senate, which sometimes indulged its savage disposition by putting its captives to death.

Alba being situated in the centre of Italy, amidst difficult mountainous passes, and far from all means of escape, was esteemed a most proper place for the purpose of guarding prisoners of importance. Artificial strength was added to its natural security by fortifications, which remain to this day in a state that proves their ancient solidity. For the entertainment of the garrison, which was required in a place of such consequence, an amphitheatre was erected, of which the ruins are still valuable, as well as the foundations of a temple, and other buildings of Roman times.

Lucius Vitellius, brother to the emperor of that name, had a villa near this place, famous for the variety and excellence of its fruit-trees, which he had brought from Syria. His gardens were the nurseries where several of the most delicious stone-fruits, that are now so common in Europe, were first cultivated and multiplied.

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It must have been necessary at Alba to shelter trees transplanted from Asia, and to treat them with great tenderness and care, in order to rear them to perfection: for the climate of this high region is extremely rigorous in winter; the cold season lasts long, and is accompanied with violent storms of wind and falls of snow. The lake has been often frozen entirely over.

*ALBA Firma*, or *Album*, in old customs, denoted rent paid in silver, and not in corn, which was called *black-mail*.

*ALBA Terra*, one of the numerous names for the philosopher's stone.

*ALBA Regalis*. See *STULL WEISSENBURGH*.

*ALBA Helviorum*, or *Albaugusta*, (anc. geog.), afterwards called *Vivarium*, now *Viviers*, in the south-east of Languedoc, on the Rhone. In the lower age the inhabitants were called *Albenses*, and their city *Civitas Albensium*, in the *Notitia Galliarum*. E. Long. 4. 45. Lat. 44. 50.

*ALBA Julia* (anc. geog.), now *Weissenburg*, a town of Transylvania, on the river Marisus, or Merisch, to the west of Hermanstat, supposed to be called *Alba Julia*, after Julia Domna the mother of Caracalla. There are, however, several inscriptions found at or near *Weissenburg*, which bear *COL. APUL.* that is *Colonia Apulensis*, without the least mention of *Alba Julia*, though inscribed after Caracalla's time. Add, that *Ulpian*, reciting the colonies of Dacia, calls this colony *Apulensis*, and neither *Alba* nor *Julia*. Whence there is a suspicion, that *Alba Julia* is a corruption of *Apulum*. It was also called *Apulum Augustum*. E. Long. 25. 0. Lat. 46. 46.

*ALBA Longa* (anc. geog.), a colony from *Lavinium*, in *Latium*, established by *Ascanius* the son of *Æneas*, at the foot of the *Mons Albanus*: called *Alba*, from a white sow found by *Æneas*, which farrowed 30 white pigs on that spot; which circumstance was interpreted to portend the building of a city there in 30 years after (*Propertius*). The epithet *Longa* was added on account of its length. It was the royal residence till the building of *Rome*, as was foretold by *Anchises* (*Virgil*); was destroyed by *Tullius Hostilius*, all but the fane or temple; and the inhabitants were transplanted to *Rome* (*Strabo*).

*ALBA Pompeia* (anc. geog.), on the river *Ceba*, now *Ceva*, in *Liguria*, the birth-place of the emperor *Perthinax*; a colony either established at first by *Pompey*, or re-established by him after having been before settled by *Scipio*. The inhabitants were called *Alpenses Pompeiani*. At this day the town is simply called *Aiba*, without any epithet.

*ALBAHURIM*, *figura sexdecim laterum*, a figure of great importance according to astrological physicians, who build their prognostics on it.

*ALBAN* (St) is said to have been the first person who suffered martyrdom for Christianity in Britain; he is therefore usually styled the protomartyr of that island. He was born at *Verulam*, and flourished towards the end of the third century. In his youth he took a journey to *Rome*, in company with *Amphibalus* a monk of *Caerleon*, and served seven years as a soldier under the emperor *Dioclesian*. At his return home, he settled in *Verulam*; and, through the example and instructions of *Amphibalus*, renounced the errors of paganism, in which he had been educated, and

became a convert to the Christian religion. It is generally agreed, that *Alban* suffered martyrdom during the great persecution under the reign of *Dioclesian*; but authors differ as to the year when it happened: *Bede* and others fix it in 286; some refer it to the year 296; but *Usserius* reckons it amongst the events of 303. The story and circumstances relating to his martyrdom, according to *Bede*, are as follows. Being yet a pagan (or at least it not being known that he was a Christian), he entertained *Amphibalus* in his house. The Roman governor being informed thereof, sent a party of soldiers to apprehend *Amphibalus*; but *Alban*, putting on the habit of his guest, presented himself in his stead, and was carried before that magistrate. The governor having asked him of what family he was? *Alban* replied, "To what purpose do you inquire of my family? if you would know my religion, I am a Christian." Then being asked his name, he answered, "My name is *Alban*; and I worship the only true and living God, who created all things." The magistrate replied, "If you would enjoy the happiness of eternal life, delay not to sacrifice to the great gods." *Alban* answered, "The sacrifices you offer are made to devils; neither can they help the needy, nor grant the petitions of their votaries." His behaviour so enraged the governor, that he ordered him immediately to be beheaded. In his way to execution, he was stopped by a river, over which was a bridge so thronged with spectators that it was impossible to cross it; the saint, as we are told, lifted up his eyes to heaven, and the stream was miraculously divided, and afforded a passage for himself and a thousand more persons. *Bede* does not indeed give us the name of this river; but, notwithstanding this omission, the miracle, we suppose, will not be the less believed. This wonderful event converted the executioner upon the spot, who threw away his drawn sword, and, falling at *St Alban's* feet, desired he might have the honour to die with him. This sudden conversion of the headsman occasioning a delay in the execution till another person could be got to perform the office, *St Alban* walked up to a neighbouring hill, where he prayed for water to quench his thirst, and a fountain of water sprung up under his feet: here he was beheaded, on the 23d of June. The executioner is said to have been a signal example of divine vengeance; for as soon as he gave the fatal stroke, his eyes dropt out of his head. We may see the opinion of *Mr Milton* in regard to this narrative, in his *History of England*. His words are these, speaking of *St Alban*, "The story of whose martyrdom, foiled and worse martyred with the fabling zeal of some idle fancies, more fond of miracles than apprehensive of the truth, deserves no longer digression." Between 4 or 500 years after *St Alban's* death, *Offa*, king of the *Mercians*, built a very large and stately monastery to his memory; and the town of *St Albans* in *Hertfordshire* takes its name from that protomartyr.

*ALBANA* (anc. geog.), a sea-port town of *Albania*, on the *Caspian sea*, between the rivers *Casius* and *Albanus*; now called *Bachu*, or *Bachy*, giving name to the *Caspian sea*, viz. *Mar de Bachu*. E. Long. 49. 0. Lat. 40. 0.

*ALBANENSES*, in church-history, the same with *Albigenses*, according to some; according to others, different. These, however, who are for distinguishing them,

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Albani. them, attribute the same opinions to both; only making the Albanenses to have been prior in respect of time, as having been found towards the close of the eighth century; whereas the Albigenfes appeared not till the twelfth. See ALBIGENSES.

ALBANI, in Roman antiquity, a college of the *salii*, or priests of Mars; so called from mount Albanus, the place of their residence. See SALII.

ALBANI (Francis), a celebrated painter, born in Bologna, March 17, 1578. His father was a silk merchant, and intended to bring up his son to that business; but Albani having a strong inclination to painting, when his father died, devoted himself entirely to that art, though then but twelve years of age. He first studied under Denys Calvert; Guido Rheni being at the same time under this master, with whom Albani contracted a very great friendship. Calvert drew but one profile for Albani and afterwards left him entirely to the care of Guido; under whom he made great improvement, his fellow-disciple instructing him with the utmost humanity and good humour. He followed Guido to the school of the Caraches: but a little after their friendship for each other began to cool; which was owing perhaps to the pride of Albani, who could not bear to see Guido surpass him, or to the jealousy of Guido at finding Albani make so swift a progress. They certainly endeavoured to eclipse one another; for when Guido had set up a beautiful altar-piece, Albani would oppose to it some fine picture of his: thus did they behave for some time, and yet spake of each other with the highest esteem. Albani, after having greatly improved himself under the Caraches, went to Rome, where he continued many years, and married in that city; but his wife dying in childbed, at the earnest request of his relations he returned to Bologna, where he entered again into the state of matrimony. His second wife (Doralice) was well descended, but had very little fortune; which he perfectly disregarded, so strongly was he captivated with her beauty and good sense. Albani, besides the satisfaction of possessing an accomplished wife, reaped likewise the advantage of having a most beautiful model; so that he had now no occasion to make use of any other woman to paint a Venus, the Graces, Nymphs, and other deities, whom he took a particular delight in representing. His wife answered this purpose admirably well; for besides her bloom of youth, and the beauty of her person, he discovered in her so much modesty, so many graces and perfections, so well adapted to painting, that it was impossible for him to meet with a more finished woman. She afterwards brought him several boys, all extremely beautiful and finely proportioned; so that she and her children were the originals of his most agreeable and graceful compositions. Doralice was so conformable to his intentions, that she took a pleasure in setting the children in different attitudes, holding them naked, and sometimes suspended by strings, when Albani would draw them in a thousand different ways. It was from them, too, that the famous sculptors Flamand and Argaldi modelled their little cupids.

Albani was of a happy temper and disposition; his paintings, says Malvasia, breathing nothing but content and joy. Happy in a force of mind that conquered every uneasiness, his poetical pencil carried him

through the most agreeable gardens to Paphos and Citheria: those delightful scenes brought him [over the lofty Parnassus to the delicious abodes of Apollo and the Muses; whence what Du Fresnoy says of the famous Giulio Romano may be justly applied to Albani:

Taught from a child in the bright muses' grots,  
He open'd all the treasures of Parnassus,  
And in the lovely poetry of painting  
The myst'ries of Apollo has reveal'd.

He died the 4th of October 1660, to the great grief of all his friends and the whole city of Bologna. Malvasia has preserved some verses of Francisco de Lemene intended for his monument; the sense whereof is, "That the mortal remains of the illustrious Albani, he who gave life to shade, lie interred in this tomb: the earth never produced so wonderful an artist, or a hand equal to his immortal one; which gave colours to the soul, and a soul to colours. Prometheus animated clay, and gave life by means of the sun; but Albani animated merely by the assistance of shade." He was very famous in his lifetime, and had been visited by the greatest painters. Several princes honoured him with letters; and amongst the rest King Charles I. who invited him to England by a letter signed with his own hand.

ALBANIA, a province of Turkey in Europe, on the gulph of Venice, bounded by Livadia on the south, by Thessaly and Macedonia on the east, and on the north by Bosnia and Dalmatia. The people are strong, large, courageous, and good horsemen; but are said to be of a thievish disposition: the grand seignior procures excellent soldiers from hence, particularly cavalry, known by the name of *Arnauts*. There are several large towns in this province; and the inhabitants are almost all Christians of the Greek church, and descended from the ancient Scythians. Formerly it was part of the kingdom of Macedonia. Their chief manufacture is carpets. The principal places are Durazzo, Velona, Antivari, Scutari, Croya, Alesso, Dibra, Dolicigno, and Albanapoli. Long. from 28° to 31° E. Lat. from 39° to 43° N.

ALBANIA, a country of Asia, bounded on the west by Iberia; on the east by the Caspian sea; on the north by mount Caucasus; on the south by Armenia and the river Cyrus, now Kur; which, springing from the Moschian mountains that separate Colchis from Armenia, and watering the country of Mokan, receives the Aragus and Araxes, and falls into the Caspian sea within a small distance from the southern borders of this country.—The whole country formerly called *Albania*, now goes under the names of *Shirwan* and *East-Georgia*, and is extremely fruitful and pleasant. The ancient historians take notice of the Albanian men being tall, strong-bodied, and, generally speaking, of a very graceful appearance; far excelling all other nations in comeliness as well as stature. Modern travellers take no notice of the appearance of the men; but extol the beauty of the women, which seems to be unnoticed by the ancients. The Albanians were anciently an independent and pretty powerful people; but we find no mention made of their kings till the reign of Alexander the Great, to whom the king of Albania is said to have presented a dog of an extraordinary fierceness and size.—It does not appear that the Albanians

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nians were ever conquered by the Romans, even when their power was at its greatest height; though, when they ventured to engage in war with that powerful empire, they were always defeated, as might naturally be expected.

ALBANO, a town of Italy, on a lake of the same name, in the Campagnio of Rome. It was called by the ancients *Albanum Pompeii*, and built out of the ruins of the ancient Alba Longa, which was destroyed by Tullus Hostilius. It stands within twelve miles south-east of Rome, and for the pleasantness of its situation is the summer retirement of a great many Roman princes. It is likewise the see of a bishop, who is one of the six senior cardinals. The town is famous for its excellent wine, and the ruins of a mausoleum, which, according to the tradition of the inhabitants, was made for Alcanius. The prospect from the garden of the Capuchins is extremely pleasant, taking in the Campania of Rome, and terminating in a full view of the Tuscan sea. Close by the town lies the Alban lake, of an oval figure, and about seven miles in circumference, which, by reason of the high mountains round it, looks like the area of a great amphitheatre. It abounds with excellent fish, and over against the hermitage it is said to be unfathomable. The mountain of Albano is called *Monte Cavo*, on the top of which was a celebrated temple dedicated to Jupiter and Juno. Near the Capuchins there is another convent of Franciscans: and not far from thence the palace of Cardinal Barbarini, remarkable for very pleasant gardens, with the ruins of ancient baths, and several old fragments of Mosaic work. E. Long. 13. 10. N. Lat. 41. 43.

There is likewise another town of the same name in the Basilicate of the kingdom of Naples, remarkable for the fertility of the surrounding territory, and for the nobility of the inhabitants.

ALBANS (St), a market-town of Hertfordshire, is a very great thoroughfare, accommodated with good inns, on the north-west road from London, at the distance of 21 miles. This town sends two members to parliament, gives the title of *duke* to the noble family of Beauclerc, and has one of the best markets for wheat in England. St. Albans is seated near the ruins of an ancient Roman city, by Tacitus called *Verulam*; and by the Saxons *Watlingcester*, because it is seated on the road called *Watlingstreet*. Nothing now remains of Verulam but the ruins of old walls; in the fields adjacent to which they continue to find Roman coins, as they formerly found tessellated pavements. In memory of St Alban, Offa, king of the Mercians, anno 795, erected an abbey, calling it *St Albans*; and near it the town of the same name was afterwards built. The church of the abbey is remaining to this day: time and the weather have made it look like stone on the outside; but if you break a bit off, the redness of the brick immediately appears. When the monasteries were dissolved, the townsmen paid L.400 to prevent its being levelled with the ground, and have since converted it into a parish-church, which, for its largeness, beauty, and antiquity, claims a particular regard. It had a very noble font of solid brass, in which the children of the kings of Scotland were used to be baptized; and was brought from Edinburgh, by Sir Philip Lea, when that city was in flames; but in the times of the late civil wars, it was taken away. Not

many years since, a tomb was discovered in this church, said to be that of Humphrey Duke of Gloucester: when the leaden coffin was opened, the body was pretty entire, being preserved in a sort of pickle. There was a stately cross in the middle of the town, as there were in many other places where queen Eleanor's body rested when it was brought out of the north for interment at Westminster; but it has been demolished, as some say, by the inhabitants. The market-days are Wednesdays and Saturdays, W. Long. 0. 12. N. Lat. 51. 44.

ALBANUS MONS (anc. geog.), now called *Mont Albano*, 16 miles from Rome, near where Alba Longa stood.

ALBANUS MONS (anc. geog.), to the north of Istria, called *Albius* by Strabo; the extremity of the Alps, which, together with the mountains to the east, joining it, called *Montes Bebi*, separates the farther Liburnia and Dalmatia from Pannonia.

ALBANY, a city of North America, in the state of New-York, situated upon the west side of Hudson's river, 160 miles north of the city of New-York. It contains about 4000 inhabitants, collected from almost all parts of the northern world. The houses are built in the old Dutch Gothic stile, with the gable end to the street, and are seldom more than one story and an half high: they are by no means elegant, but are kept very clean. Albany, from its being seated on a fine river, at the head of sloop navigation, surrounded with a rich and extensive back country, and the store-house of the trade to and from Canada, is in a flourishing condition. It has of late, however, had a formidable rival in the new city of Hudson. W. Long. 44. 29. N. Lat. 42. 36.

ALBARAZIN, a strong town, and one of the most ancient of the kingdom of Arragon in Spain. It is seated upon an eminence, near the river Gaudalquivir, a little below its source, and on the frontiers of Valencia and New Castile. It is the seat of a bishop, and produces the best wool in all Arragon. It is about 100 miles east of Madrid. E. Long. 2. 10. N. Lat. 40. 32.

ALBARII, in antiquity, properly denoted those who gave the whitening to earthen vessels, &c. In which sense they stood contradistinguished from *Dealbatores*, who whitened walls.

ALBARIUM OPUS, in the ancient building, the incrustation or covering of the roofs of houses with white plaster, made of mere lime. This is otherwise called *opus album*. It differs from *Tectorium*, which is a common name given to all roofing or ceiling, including even that formed of lime and sand, or lime and marble; whereas *albarium* was restrained to that made of lime alone.

ALBATROSS, in ornithology, a species of the diomedea. See DIOMEDEA.

ALBAZIN, a town of Greater Tartary, with a strong castle. It is situated upon the river Amur, or Yamour, and belongs to the Muscovites. E. Long. 103. 30. N. Lat. 54. 0.

ALBE, a small piece of money, current in Germany, worth only a French sol and seven deniers.

ALBEMARLE, or AUMARLE, a town of France, in Upper Normandy, and in the territory of Caux from whence the noble family of Kepple takes the title of *Earl*. The serges of this town are in high esteem.

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It is seated on the declivity of a hill, on the confines of Picardy, 35 miles N. E. of Rouen, and 70 N. W. of Paris. E. Long. 2. 21. N. Lat. 49. 50.

ALBEMARLE, the most northern part of the state of North Carolina.

ALBENGUA, a town of Italy, in the territory of Genoa. It is the see of a bishop; and is a very ancient handsome town, but not well peopled on account of the insalubrity of the air. However, it is seated in a very beautiful plain, which is well cultivated; and the outside of the town is surrounded with olive-trees. It is a seaport, about 38 miles S. W. of Genoa. E. Long. 8. 13. N. Lat. 44. 4.

ALBERNUO, a kind of camblet, brought from the Levant by the way of Marseilles.

ALBERONI (Julius), the son of a poor gardener in the suburbs of Placentia, born in 1664; who, by his great abilities and good fortune, rose from this low original, to the employment of first minister of state at the court of Spain, and to the dignity of cardinal. He roused that kingdom out of the lethargy it had sunk into for a century past; awakened the attention, and raised the astonishment, of all Europe, by his projects; one of which was to set the Pretender on the throne of Great Britain. He was at length deprived of his employment, and banished to Rome. He died in 1752, at the great age of 89. His *Testament Politique*, collected from his memoirs and letters, was published at Laufanne in 1753.

ALBERT, Margrave of Brandenburg, and the last grand master of the Teutonic Order, laid aside the habit of his order, embraced Lutheranism, and concluded a peace at Cracow in 1525, by which he was acknowledged Duke of the east part of Prussia (formerly called for that reason *Ducal Prussia*), but to be held as a fief of Poland, and to descend to his male heirs. See PRUSSIA.

ALBERTI (Leone Battista), was descended from a noble family in Florence; and was perfectly acquainted with painting, sculpture, and architecture. He wrote of all three in Latin; but his studies did not permit him to leave any thing considerable behind him in painting. He was employed by pope Nicholas V. in his buildings, which he executed in a beautiful manner; and his work on architecture, which consists of ten books, is greatly esteemed. He also wrote some treatises of morality, and a piece on arithmetic. He died in 1485.

ALBERTISTS, a sect of scholastics, so named from their leader Albertus Magnus.

ALBERTUS (Magnus), a Dominican friar, and afterwards bishop of Ratisbon, was one of the most learned men and most famous doctors of the 13th century. He is said to have acted as a man-midwife; and some have been highly offended that one of his profession should follow such an employment. A book intitled *De Natura Rerum*, of which he was reputed the author, gave rise to this report. In this treatise there are several instructions for midwives, and so much skill shown in their art, that one would think the author could not have arrived at it without having himself practised: but the advocates for Albert say he was not the writer thereof, nor of that other piece *De Secretis Mulierum*; in which there are many phrases and expressions unavoidable on such a subject, which

gave great offence, and raised a clamour against the supposed author. It must be acknowledged, however, that there are, in his Comment upon the Master of Sentences, some questions concerning the practice of conjugal duty, in which he has used some words rather too gross for chaste and delicate ears: but they allege what he himself used to say in his own vindication, that he came to the knowledge of so many monstrous things at confession, that it was impossible to avoid touching upon such questions. Albert was certainly a man of a most curious and inquisitive turn of mind, which gave rise to other accusations brought against him. They say, that he laboured to find out the philosopher's stone; that he was a magician; and that he made a machine in the shape of a man, which was an oracle to him, and explained all the difficulties he proposed. He had great knowledge in the mathematics, and by his skill in that science might probably have formed a head with springs capable of articulating sounds; like to the machines of Boetius, of which Cassiodorus has said, "Metals lowe; the birds of Diomedes trumpet in brass; the brazen serpent hisses; counterfeited swallows chatter, and such as have no proper note, from brass send forth harmonious music." John Matthæus de Luna, in his treatise *De Rerum Inventoribus*, has attributed the invention of fire-arms to Albert; but in this he is confuted by Naude, in his *Apoloogie des Grands Hommes*. We are told, that Albert was naturally very dull, and so incapable of instruction, as to be upon the point of quitting the cloister, from despair of learning what his habit required: but that the Holy Virgin appeared to him, and asked him in which he chose to excel, philosophy or divinity? that having chosen the former, she assured him he would become incomparable therein; but that, as a punishment for not preferring divinity, he should sink before he died, into his former stupidity. It is added, that after this apparition he had an infinite deal of wit; and that he advanced in all the sciences with so quick a progress, as utterly astonished his masters; but that, three years before his death, he stopped short when reading a divinity-lecture at Cologne; and having in vain endeavoured to recal his ideas, he found that the Virgin's prediction was accomplished. "It would be very unnecessary (says Bayle, after relating these particulars) to observe that they are fables. Those who would believe me need not be told this, since they would judge in the same manner of their own accord; and as for such as think otherwise, they would not alter their opinion by reading here that I am of a different way of thinking." Albert died at Cologne, November 15, 1280. His works were printed at Lyons, in 1651, in 21 volumes in folio.

ALBERTUS, a gold coin, worth about 14 French livres: it was coined during the administration of Albertus archduke of Austria.

ALBESIA, in antiquity, a kind of shields otherwise called *Decumana*. See DECUMANA.

ALBI, a city of France, the capital of the Albigeois, in Languedoc, and the see of an archbishop. The cathedral is dedicated to St Cecilia, and has one of the finest choirs in the kingdom. Here is a very valuable silver shrine, of exquisite workmanship, of the Mosaic kind: it contains the reliques of St Clair, the first bishop of this city. The chapel of this pretended saint

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Albi, faint is magnificent, and adorned with paintings. The Albigenses. Lice is a fine large walk without the city: what distinguishes this from all others, is a terrace above a deep mall, which serves instead of a fosse; it is bordered with two rows of very fine trees, which are kept in excellent order. There are four gates, through which you may view all the beauties of a delightful plain. At one end of this is the convent of the Dominicans. The archbishop's palace is very beautiful. The river washes its walls, and serves both for an ornament and defence. This city is seated on the river Tarn, 35 miles north-by-west of Toulouse, and 250 south of Paris. E. Long. o. 52. N. Lat. 43. 56.

The Albigeois is a small territory about 27 miles in length, and 20 in breadth, abounding in corn, woad, grapes, saffron, plums, and sheep; and the inhabitants drive a great trade in dried prunes, grapes, a coarse sort of cloth, and wines of Gaillac. These wines are the only sort hereabouts that are fit for exportation: they are carried down to Bourdeaux, and generally sold to the British. They have likewise several coal-mines.

ALBIGENSES, in church-history, a sect or party of reformers, about Toulouse and the Albigeois in Languedoc, who sprung up in the 12th century, and distinguished themselves by their opposition to the discipline and ceremonies of the Romish church.

This sect had their name, it is supposed, either by reason there were great numbers of them in the diocese of Albi, or because they were condemned by a council held in that city. In effect, it does not appear that they were known by this name before the holding of that council. The *Albigenses* were also called *Albiani*, *Albigesi*, *Abii*, and *Albanenses*, though some distinguish the last from them. Other names given to them are, *Henricians*, *Abelardists*, *Bulgarians*, &c. some on account of the qualities they assumed; others on that of the country from whence it is pretended they were derived; and others on account of persons of note who adopted their cause, as Peter de Brius, Arnold de Bresse, Abelard, Henry, &c. Berengarius, if not Wickliff himself, is by some ranked in the number. The *Albigenses* are frequently confounded with the *Waldenses*; from whom, however, they differ in many respects, both as being prior to them in point of time, as having their origin in a different country, and as being charged with divers heresies, particularly Manicheism, from which the *Waldenses* are exempt. But several Protestant writers have vindicated them from that imputation. Dr Allix shows, that a great number of *Manichees* did spread over the western countries from Bulgaria; and settled in Italy, Languedoc, and other places, where they were also *Albigenses*: by which means, being both under the imputation of *heresy*, they came, either by ignorance or malice, to be confounded, and called by the same common name, though in reality entirely different.

Other errors imputed to them by their opponents, the monks of those days, were, That they admitted two Christs; one evil, who appeared on earth; the other good, who has not yet appeared: That they denied the resurrection of the body; and maintained human souls to be demons imprisoned in their bodies, by way of punishment for their sins: That they condemned all the sacraments of the church; rejected baptism as

useless; held the eucharist in abhorrence; excluded the use of confessions and penance; maintained marriage unlawful; laughed at purgatory, prayers for the dead, images, crucifixes, &c.—There were likewise said to be two classes of them; the Perfect, and the Believers. The perfect boasted of their living in continence, of eating neither flesh, eggs, nor cheese. The believers lived like other men, and were even loose in their morals; but they were persuaded they should be saved by the faith of the perfect, and that none were damned who received imposition of hands from them. But from these charges also they are generally acquitted by Protestants; who consider them as the pious inventions of the Romish church, whose members deem it meritorious by any means to blacken heretics.

However this be, the *Albigenses* grew so formidable, that the Catholics agreed upon a holy league or crusade against them. They were at first supported by Raimond, count of Toulouse. Pope Innocent III. desirous to put a stop to their progress, sent a legate into their country; which failing, he stirred up Philip Augustus, king of France, and the other princes and great men of the kingdom, to make war upon them. Upon this the count of Toulouse, who had sided with them, made his submission to the pope, and went over to the Catholics: but soon after, finding himself plundered by the crusaders, he declared war against them, and was joined by the king of Arragon. His army was defeated at the siege of Muret, where he himself was killed, and the defeat followed by the surrender of the city of Toulouse, and the conquest of the greatest part of Languedoc and Provence. His son Raimond succeeded him; who agreed with the king and the pope to set up the inquisition in his estates and to extirpate the *Albigenses*. In an assembly held at Milan, the archbishop of Toulouse drew up articles; agreeable to which the count made a most ample declaration against them, which he published at Toulouse in 1253. From this time the *Albigenses* dwindled by little and little, till the times of the reformation; when such of them as were left fell in with the Vaudois, and became conformable to the doctrine of Zuinglius and the disciples of Geneva.

ALBIGENSES is also a name sometimes given to the followers of Peter Vaud, or Waldo; and hence synonymous with what we more properly call *Waldenses*, or Poor Men of Lyons. In this sense the word is applied by Camerarius, Thuanus, and several other writers. The reason seems to be, that the two parties agreed in their opposition to the papal innovations and encroachments, though in divers other respects said to be different enough. The bishop of Meaux labours hard to support a distinction between the two sects, alleging that the *Albigenses* were heretics and Manichees; whereas the *Waldenses* were only schismatics, not heretics: being bound as to articles of faith, and only separating from the church of Rome on account of forms and discipline. Dr Allix endeavours to set aside the distinction; and shows, that both of them held the same opinions, and were equally condemned and held for heretics; and this not for points of faith, but for declaiming against the papal tyranny and idolatry, and holding the pope to be the Antichrist; which last, according to M. de Meaux, constitutes nothing less than

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Manicheism. In this sense the Lollards and Wickliffites in England were not only Albigenſes but Manichees.

ALBINTEMELIUM, ALBINTIMILIUM, (Tacitus;) or at full length, ALBIUM INTEMELIUM, (Pliny, Strabo); now *Vintimiglia*, ſituated in the ſouth-weſt of the territory of Genoa, near the borders of the county of Nice, with a port on the Mediterranean, at the mouth of the rivulet Rotta, almoſt about half-way between Monaco and S. Remo. E. Long. 7. 40. Lat. 43. 17.

ALBIOECE, or ALEBECE, (Pliny, Strabo); otherwiſe called *Reii Apollinares*, from their ſuperſtitious worſhip of Apollo; alſo *Civitas Reienſium*; now *Riez*, in Provence, about 18 leagues to the north-eaſt of Toulon, on the north ſide of the rivulet Verdon; was originally a Roman colony, (Inſcription.) It is ſometimes written *Regium*. The people were called *Albici*, (Cæſar.) E. Long. 1. 0. Lat. 43. 20.

ALBINI, in antiquity, the workmen employed in what was called *Opus Albarium*. They make a different profeſſion from the *dealbatores* or *whiteners*.

ALBINOS, the name by which the Portugueſe call the white Moors, who are looked upon by the negroes as monſters. They at a diſtance might be taken for Europeans; but, when you come near them, their white colour appears like that of perſons affected with a leproſy.

In SAUSSURE'S *Voyages dans les Alpes*, is the following account of two boys, at Chamouni, who have been called *Albinos*. "The elder, who was at the end of the year 1785 about twenty, or one-and-twenty years of age, had a dull look, with lips ſomewhat thick, but nothing elſe in his features to diſtinguiſh him from other people. The other, who is two years younger, is rather a more agreeable figure; he is gay and ſprightly, and ſeems not to want wit. But their eyes are not blue; the iris is of a very diſtinct roſe-colour: the pupil too, when viewed in the light, ſeems decidedly red; which ſeems to demonſtrate, that the interior membranes are deprived of the uvea, and of that black mucus matter that ſhould line them. Their hair, their eye-brows, and eye-lashes, the down upon their ſkin, were all, in their infancy, of the moſt perfect milk-white colour, and very fine; but their hair is now of a reddiſh caſt, and has grown pretty ſtrong. Their ſight too is ſomewhat ſtrengthened; though they exaggerate to ſtrangers their averſion for the light, and half-ſhut the eye-lids, to give themſelves a more extraordinary appearance. But thoſe who, like me, have ſeen them in their infancy, before they were tutored to this deceit, and when too few people came to Chamouni to make this affectation profitable to them, can atteſt that then they were not very much offended with the light of day. At that time, they were ſo little deſirous of exciting the curioſity of ſtrangers, that they hid themſelves to avoid ſuch; and it was neceſſary to do a ſort of violence to them before they could be prevailed on to allow themſelves to be inſpected. It is alſo well known at Chamouni, that when they were of a proper age they were unable to tend the cattle like other children at the ſame age; and that one of their uncles maintained them out of charity, at a time of life when others were capable of gaining a ſubſiſtence by their labour.

"I am therefore of opinion, that we may conſider theſe two lads as true albinos: for if they have not the thick lips and flat noſes of the white negroes, it is becauſe they are albinos of Europe, not of Africa. This infirmity affects the eyes, the complexion, and the colour of the hair; it even diminſhes the ſtrength, but does not alter the conformation of the features. Beſides, there are certainly in this malady various degrees: ſome may have leſs ſtrength, and be leſs able to endure the light: but theſe circumſtances in thoſe of Chamouni are marked with characters ſufficiently ſtrong to entitle them to the unhappy advantage of being claſſed with that variety of the human ſpecies denominated albinos.

"When nature preſents the ſame appearance often, and with circumſtances varied, we may at laſt diſcover ſome general law, or ſome relation which that appearance has with known cauſes: but when a fact is ſo ſingular and ſo rare, as that of thoſe albinos, it gives but little ſcope to conjectures; and it is very difficult to verify thoſe by which we attempt to explain it.

"I at firſt imagined that this diſeaſe might be referred to a particular ſort of organic debility; that a relaxation of the lymphatic veſſels within the eye might ſuffer the globules of the blood to enter too abundantly into the iris, the uvea, and even into the retina, which might occaſion the redneſs of the iris and of the pupil. The ſame debility ſeemed alſo to account for the intolerance of the light, and for the whiteness of the hair.

"But a learned phyſiologiſt, M. Blumenbach, profeſſor in the univerſity at Gottingen, who has made many profound obſervations on the organs of ſight, and has conſidered with great attention the albinos of Chamouni, attributes their infirmity to a different cauſe.

"The ſtudy of comparative anatomy has furniſhed him with frequent opportunities of obſerving this phenomenon; he has found it in brutes, and white dogs, and in owls; he ſays, it is generally to be ſeen in the warm-blooded animals; but that he has never met with it in thoſe with cold blood.

"From his obſervations, he is of opinion, that the redneſs of the iris, and of the other internal parts of the eye, as well as the extreme ſenſibility that accompanies this redneſs, is owing to the total privation of that brown or blackiſh mucus, that, about the fifth week after conception, covers all the interior parts of the eye in its ſound ſtate. He obſerves, that Simon Pontius, in his treatiſe *de Coloribus Oculorum*, long ago remarked, that in blue eyes the interior membranes were leſs abundantly provided with this black mucus, and were therefore more ſenſible to the action of light. This ſenſibility of blue eyes agrees very well, ſays M. Blumenbach, with northern people, during their long twilight; while, on the contrary, the deep black in the eyes of negroes enables them to ſupport the ſplendor of the ſun's beam in the torrid zone.

"As to the connection between this red colour of the eyes and the whiteness of the ſkin and hair, the ſame learned phyſiologiſt ſays, that it is owing to a ſimilarity of ſtructure, *conſenſus ex ſimilitudine fabricæ*. He aſſerts, that this black mucus is formed only in the delicate cellular ſubſtance, which has numerous blood-veſſels contiguous to it, but contains no fat; like the inſide of the eye, the ſkin of negroes, the ſpotted palate of ſeveral domeſtic animals, &c. And, laſtly, he ſays,

Albinos.

Albinos. says, that the colour of the hair generally corresponds with that of the iris. *Gazette litt. de Gottingue*, Oct. 1784.

“At the very time that M. Blumenbach was reading this memoir to the Royal Society of Gottingen, M. Buzzi, surgeon to the hospital at Milan, an eleve of the celebrated Anatomist *Moscatti*, published in the *Opuscoli Scelti de Milan*, 1784, t. vii. p. 11. a very interesting memoir, in which he demonstrates by dissection what Blumenbach had only supposed.

“A peasant of about 30 years of age died at the hospital of Milan of a pulmonary disorder. His body, being exposed to view, was exceedingly remarkable by the uncommon whiteness of the skin, of the hair, of the beard, and of all the other covered parts of the body. M. Buzzi, who had long desired an opportunity of dissecting such a subject, immediately seized upon this. He found the iris of the eyes perfectly white, and the pupil of a rose-colour. The eyes were dissected with the greatest possible care, and were found entirely destitute of that black membrane which anatomists call the *uvea*; it was not to be seen either behind the iris, or under the retina: within the eye there was only found the choroid coat extremely thin and tinged, of a pale red colour, by vessels filled with discoloured blood. What was more extraordinary, the skin, when detached from different parts of the body, seemed also entirely divested of the *rete mucosum*: maceration did not discover the least vestige of this, nor even in the wrinkles of the abdomen, where it is most abundant and most visible.

“M. Buzzi likewise accounts for the whiteness of the skin and of the hair, from the absence of the *rete mucosum*, which, according to him, gives the colour to the cuticle, and to the hairs that are scattered over it. Among other proofs of this opinion, he alleges a well-known fact, that if the skin of the blackest horse be accidentally destroyed in any part of the body, the hairs that afterwards grow on that part are always white, because the *rete mucosum* which tinges those hairs is never regenerated with the skin.

“The proximate cause of the whiteness of albinos, and the colour of their eyes, seems therefore pretty evidently to depend on the absence of the *rete mucosum*: But what is the remote cause?

“In the first place, it seems probable that men affected with this infirmity form no distinct species, for they are produced from parents that have dark skins and black eyes. What is it then that destroys the *rete mucosum* in such persons? M. Buzzi relates a singular fact, which seems to throw some light on this subject.

“A woman of Milan, named Caleagni, had seven sons. The two eldest had brown hair and black eyes; the three next had white skins, white hair, and red eyes: the two last resembled the two eldest. It was said that this woman, during the three pregnancies that produced the albinos, had a continual and immoderate appetite for milk, which she took in great quantities: but that when she was with child of the other four children, she had no such desire. It is not however ascertained, that this preternatural appetite was not itself the effect of a certain heat, or internal disease, which destroyed the *rete mucosum* in the children before they were born.

“The albinos of Chamouni are also the offspring of

parents with dark skins and black eyes. They have three sisters by the same father and mother, who are also brunettes. One of them that I saw had the eyes of a dark brown, and the hair almost black. They are said however to be all afflicted with a weakness of sight. When the lads are married, it will be curious to observe how the eyes of their children will be formed. The experiment would be particularly decisive if they were married to women like themselves. But this faulty conformation seems to be more rare among women than among men; for the four of Milan, the two of Chamouni, the one described by Maupertuis, the one of Helvetius, and almost all the instances of these singular productions, have been of our sex. It is known, however, that there are races of men and women affected with this disease, and that these races perpetuate themselves, in Guinea, in Java, at Panama, &c.

“Upon the whole, this degeneration does not seem to be owing to the air of the mountains; for though I have traversed the greatest part of the Alps, and the other mountains in Europe, these are the only individuals of the kind that ever I met with.”

ALBINOVANUS, a Latin poet, whom Ovid surnamed the *Divine*. There is now nothing of his extant, except an Elegy on Drusus, and another on the Death of Mecænas.

ALBINUS (Bernhard Siegfred), a celebrated physician and anatomist, was born of an illustrious family, at Franefort on the Oder in 1697. His father was then professor of the practice of medicine in the university of Franefort; but in the year 1702 he repaired to Leyden, being nominated professor of anatomy and surgery in that university. Here his son had an opportunity of studying under the most eminent masters in Europe, who, from the singular abilities which he then displayed, had no difficulty in prognosticating his future eminence. But while he was distinguished in every branch of literature, his attention was particularly turned to anatomy and surgery. His peculiar attachment to these branches of knowledge gained him the intimate friendship of Ruysch and Rau, who at that time flourished in Leyden; and the latter, so justly celebrated as a lithotomist, is said to have seldom performed a capital operation without inviting him to be present. Having finished his studies at Leyden, he went to Paris, where he attended the lectures of DuVerney, Vaillant, and other celebrated professors. But he had scarce spent a year there, when he was invited by the curators of the university of Leyden, to be a lecturer in anatomy and surgery in that place. Though contrary to his own inclination, he complied with their request, and upon that occasion was created Dr of physic without any examination. Soon after, upon the death of his father, he was appointed to succeed him as professor of anatomy; and upon being admitted into that office on the 9th of November 1721; he delivered an oration, *De vera via ad fabricæ humani corporis cognitionem ducente*; which was heard with universal approbation. In the capacity of a professor, he not only bestowed the greatest attention upon the instruction of the youth entrusted to his care, but in the improvement of the medical art. With this view, he published many important discoveries of his own; and by elegant editions, turned the attention of physicians to works of merit, which might otherwise have been neglected.

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neglected. By these means his fame was soon extended over Europe; and the societies of London, Peterburgh, and Harlem, cheerfully received him as an associate. In 1745, he was appointed Professor of the practice of medicine at Leyden, and was succeeded in the anatomical chair by his brother Frid. Bern. Albinus. He was twice rector of the university, and as often he refused that high honour when it was voluntarily offered him. At length, worn out by long service and intense study, he died on the 9th of September 1770, in the 74th year of his age.

ALBION, the ancient name of BRITAIN.

New ALBION, a name given by Sir Francis Drake to California.

ALBIREO, (in Astronomy) a star of the third or fourth magnitude, in the constellation CYGNUS.

ALBIS, (in anc. geog.) now the Elbe, which divided ancient Germany in the middle, and was the boundary of the ancient geography of Germany, so far as that country was known to the Romans: all beyond they owned to be uncertain, no Roman except Drusus and Tiberius having penetrated so far as the Elbe. In the year of the building of the city 744, or about six years before Christ, Domitius Ahenobarbus, crossing the river with a few, merited the ornaments of a triumph; so glorious was it reckoned at Rome to have attempted the passage. In the following age, however, the river that before occupied the middle of ancient Germany, became its boundary to the north, from the irruptions of the Sarmatæ, who possessed themselves of the Transalbin Germany. The Elbe rises in the borders of Silesia, out of the Risenberg, runs through Bohemia, Misnia, Upper Saxony, Anhalt, Magdeburg, Brandenburg, Danneburg, Lauenburg, Holstein, and after being swelled by many other rivers, and passing by Hamburg and Glaukstadt, falls into the German, or North sea, to both which places the river is navigable by large vessels.

ALBISOLA, a small town belonging to the republic of Genoa: here is a porcelain manufacture, and several country houses of the Genoese nobility. It was bombarded in 1745 by the English. E. Long. 8. 20. N. Lat. 44. 15.

ALBOGALERUS, in Roman antiquity, a white cap worn by the *flamen dialis*, on the top of which was an ornament of olive branches.

ALBORAK, among the Mahometan writers, the beast on which Mahomet rode in his journeys to heaven. The Arab commentators give many fables concerning this extraordinary vehicle. It is represented as of an intermediate shape and size between an ass and a mule. A place, it seems, was secured for it in paradise at the intercession of Mahomet; which, however, was in some measure extorted from the prophet, by Alborak's refusing to let him mount him when the angel Gabriel was come to conduct him to heaven.

ALBORO, in zoology, a name by which the erythrinus, a small red fish, caught in the Mediterranean, is commonly known in the markets of Rome and Venice.

ALBOURG, a town of Denmark, in North Jutland, capital of the diocese of the same name, and a bishop's see. It has this name, which signifies *eel-town*, on account of the great number of eels taken here. It is seated on a canal, 10 miles from the sea, 30 north of Wiburgh, and 50 north of Arluys. It has an ex-

change for merchants, and a safe and deep harbour. They have a considerable trade in herrings and corn; and a manufactory of guns, pistols, saddles, and gloves. E. Long. 29. 16. N. Lat. 56. 35.

Albricius  
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Albugo.

ALBRICIUS, born at London, was a great philosopher, a learned and able physician, and well versed in all the branches of polite literature. He lived in the 11th century, and wrote several books in Latin, particularly, 1. Of the origin of the gods. 2. The virtues of the ancients. 3. The nature of poison, &c.

ALBUCA, BASTARD STAR-OF-BETHLEHEM: A genus of the monogynia order, belonging to the hexandria class of plants; and in the natural method ranking under the 10th order, *Coronaria*. The characters are: The *calyx* is wanting: the *corolla* consists of six oval oblong petals, which are persistent: The *stamina* consist of six three-sided filaments the length of the corolla: Of these, three are fertile, with versatile antheræ: three are barren, without antheræ: The *pistillum* has an oblong three-sided germen; the stylus is three-sided; The *pericarpium* is an oblong obtuse triangular capsule, having three cells and three valves: The *seeds* are numerous, flat, and incumbent. Of this genus Linnæus reckons only two.

*Species.* 1. The major, or star-flower, with spear-shaped leaves. This is a native of Canada, and some other parts of North America: the root is bulbous: from whence shoot up eight or ten long, narrow, spear-shaped leaves. In the centre of these arises a flower-stem, a foot or more in height, garnished with a loose spike of greenish yellow flowers. After the flowers are past, the germen swells to a three-cornered capsule, having three cells filled with flat seeds. 2. The minor, or African star-flower, is a native of the Cape of Good Hope. This hath also a pretty large bulbous root, from which arise four or five narrow awl-shaped leaves, of a deep green colour; the flower-stem, which comes from the centre of the root, is naked and rarely rises more than eight or nine inches high, having five or six greenish-yellow flowers, growing almost in the form of an umbel at top: these are rarely succeeded by seeds in Britain.

*Culture.* The Canada albuca is hardy; so the roots may be planted about four inches deep in a border of light earth, where they will thrive and produce their flowers late in the summer: but as the seeds do not often ripen in Britain, and the bulbs put out few offsets, the plants are not common in that country. The African sort generally flowers twice a-year; first in March or April, and again in July or August; and if its roots are kept in pots filled with light earth, sheltered under a hot-bed frame, they will flower even in winter; but the best method is to have a border in the front of a green-house, or stove, where the roots of most of the bulbous flowers may be planted in the full ground, and screened in winter from frost: in such situations they thrive much better, and flower stronger, than when kept in pots.

ALBUGINEA TUNICA, in anatomy, the third or innermost coat or covering of the testis; it is likewise the name given to one of the coats of the eye.

ALBUGINEUS, in anatomy, a term sometimes applied to the aqueous humour of the eye.

ALBUGO, or LEUCOMA, in medicine, a distemper occasioned

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Albumen.

occasioned by a white opaque spot growing on the *cornea* of the eye, and obstructing vision. See **MEDICINE** (Index).

**ALBUM**, in antiquity, a kind of white table, or register, wherein the names of certain magistrates, public transactions, &c. were entered. Of these there were various sorts; as the *album decurionum*, *album senatorum*, *album judicum*, *album pratoris* &c.

**ALBUM Decurionum**, was the register wherein the names of the *decuriones* were entered. This is otherwise called *matriculatio decurionum*.

**ALBUM Senatorum**, the list of senators names, which was first introduced by Augustus, and renewed yearly.

**ALBUM Judicum**, that wherein the names of the persons of those *decuria* who judged at certain times, were entered.

**ALBUM Pratoris** that wherein the *formulae* of all actions, and the names of such judges as the praetor had chosen to decide causes, were written.

The high-priest entered the chief transactions of each year into an *album*, or table, which was hung up in his house for the public use.

**ALBUM** is also used, in latter times, to denote a kind of table, or pocket-book, wherein the men of letters with whom a person has conversed, inscribe their names with some sentence or motto.—The famous Algernon Sydney being in Denmark, was by the university of Copenhagen presented with their *album*, whereupon he wrote these words :

————— *Manus hæc inimica tyrannis*

*Ense petit placidam sub libertate quietem.*

**ALBUM Græcum**, among physicians, the white dung of dogs, formerly prescribed for inflammations of the throat, &c. but now justly despised.

**ALBUMAZAR**, a learned Arabian astronomer in the tenth century, who wrote a treatise, *Of the Revolution of the Years*.

**ALBUMEN**, the white of an egg. For its nature, origin, and office, see **EGG**.

The white of an egg, according to Boerhaave, makes an extraordinary menstruum. Being boiled hard in the shell, and afterwards suspended in the air by a thread, it resolves and drops down into an insipid, scentless liquor, which appears to be that anomalous unaccountable menstruum so much used by Paracelsus; and will, though it contain nothing sharp, oleaginous, or saponaceous, make a thorough solution of myrrh; which is more than either water, oil, spirits or even fire itself, can effect.

A little putrid white of egg taken into the stomach, occasions a nausea, horror, fainting, vomiting, diarrhoea, and gripes; it inflames the bile, excites heat, thirst, fever; and dissolves the humours like the plague. On the contrary, the white of fresh-laid eggs, if taken while warm from the hen, is extremely nourishing to the infirm: it may be taken in luke-warm milk; but if any other heat is applied to it, the nutritious quality will be destroyed. The fresh white of an egg prevents burns from rising in blisters, if it is used immediately after the accident: it mitigates inflammations of the eyes, and preserves the face from sun-burning. In pharmacy, it is used as a medium to render balsams and turpentine, &c. miscible with aqueous fluids; but as it disagrees with many stomachs when thus taken, a mucilage of gum arabic may supply its place, it being as

good a medium in similar circumstances, and not apt to offend the tenderest stomach.—Whites of eggs are also useful for clarifying liquors; to which purpose, being mixed and incorporated with the liquors to be clarified, and the whole afterwards boiled, the whites of eggs are by this means brought together and hardened, and thus carry off the gross parts of the liquor along with them.

**ALBUQUERQUE**, a small city in Spain, in the province of Estremadura, is seated on an eminence, nine miles from the frontiers of Portugal. It is commanded by an almost impregnable fortress, built on a high mountain, and serving to defend the town. It carries on a great trade in wool and woollen manufactures. It was taken by the allies of Charles king of Spain, in 1705. W. Long. 7. 0. N. Lat. 38. 52.

**ALBURN**, the English name of a compound colour, being a mixture of white and red, or reddish brown. Skinner derives the word, in this sense, from the Latin *albus*, and the Italian *burno*, from *bruno*, brown.

**ALBURNUM**, the soft white substance which in trees is found between the liber or inner bark and the wood, and in progress of time acquiring solidity, becomes itself the wood. From its colour and comparative softness, it has been styled by some writers the fat of trees, *adeps arborum*.

The alburnum is found in largest quantities in trees that are vigorous; though in such as languish, or are sickly, there is a great number of beds. In an oak six inches in diameter, this substance is nearly equal in bulk to the wood. In a trunk of one foot diameter, it is as one to three and a half; of two and a half feet diameter; as one to four and a half, &c. but these proportions vary according to the health and constitution of the trees.—The alburnum is frequently gnawed in pieces by insects, which lodge in the substance, and are nourished from it.

**ALBURNUS**, in zoology, a species of the *cyprinus* of Linnæus. See **CYPRINUS**.

**ALCA**, or **AUK**, in ornithology, a genus of the order of anseres. The beak of this genus is without teeth, short, convex, compressed, and frequently furrowed transversely; the inferior mandible is gibbous near the base; the feet have generally three toes. The species of the alca are 12; of which the most remarkable are,

1. The impennis, northern penguin, or great auk, with a compressed bill furrowed on each side, and an oval spot on each side of the eyes. According to Mr Martin, this bird breeds on the isle of St Kilda; appearing there the beginning of May, and retiring the middle of June. It lays one egg, which is six inches long, of a white colour; some are irregularly marked with purplish lines crossing each other, others blotched with black, and ferruginous about the thicker end: If the egg is taken away, it will not lay another that season. Mr Macaulay informs us that it does not visit that island annually, but sometimes keeps away for several years together; and adds, that it lays its egg close to the sea-mark, being incapable, by reason of the shortness of its wings, to mount higher. The length of this bird, to the end of its toes, is three feet: but its wings are so small as to be useless for flight; the length, from the tip of the longest quill-feathers to

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the first joint, being only four inches and a quarter. This bird is observed by seamen never to wander beyond soundings; and according to its appearance they direct their measures, being then assured that land is not very remote. It sometimes frequents the coasts of Norway, the Ferroe isles, Iceland, Greenland, and Newfoundland; and feeds much on the lump-fish, father-lasher, and other fish of that size. The young birds eat rose-root, and other plants. The old ones are very rarely seen on shore, tho' the young ones are not unfrequently met with. It is a very shy bird. It walks ill; but dives well and is taken in the manner used for the razor-bill and puffin. The skin between the jaws is blown into a bladder, and used for the darts of the Greenlanders, as is also that of some other birds. The skin of the body is supposed to be used by the Esquimaux Indians for garments.

2. The alle, little auk, or black and white diver, with a smooth conical bill, a white streak on the belly and wings, and black feet. The bulk of this species exceeds not that of a black-bird. It is not very common in Britain, being only met with now and then. It seems to be most plentiful towards the north, being met with in various parts as far as Spitzbergen. It is common in Greenland, in company with the black-billed species; feeds on the same food; and lays two bluish white eggs, larger than those of a penguin. It flies quick, and dives well; and is always dipping its bill into the water while swimming or at rest on the water. In grows fat in the stormy season, from the waves bringing plenty of crabs and small fish within its reach; but from its size it is less sought after than the others. In Greenland it is called the *Ice-bird*, being the harbinger of ice. This species is sometimes seen of a pure white.

3. The arctica, or puffin, with a compressed bill and four furrows; the orbit of the eyes and temples are white. The legs of this species are very small; and placed so far behind as to disqualify it from standing, except quite erect, resting not only on the foot, but the whole length of the leg. This circumstance\* makes the rise of the puffin from the ground very difficult, and it meets with many falls before it gets on wing; but when that is effected, few birds fly longer or stronger. These birds frequent the coasts of several parts of Great Britain and Ireland; but no place in greater numbers than Prieistholm isle, where their flocks may be compared to swarms of bees for multitude. These are birds of passage; they resort there annually about the fifth or tenth of April, quit the place (almost to a bird), and return twice or thrice before they settle to burrow and prepare for ovation and incubation. They begin to burrow the first week in May; but some few save themselves that trouble, and dislodge the rabbits from their holes, taking possession of them till their departure from the isle. Those which form their own burrows, are at that time so intent on the work as to suffer themselves to be taken by the hand. This task falls chiefly to the share of the males; who also assist in incubation. The first young are hatched the beginning of July. The old ones show vast affection towards them; and seem totally insensible of danger in the breeding season. If a parent is taken at that time, and suspended by the wings, it will in a sort of despair treat itself most cruelly, by biting every part it can

\* It attends every one of the genus.

reach; and the moment it is loosed, will never offer to escape, but instantly resort to its unfledged young; this affection ceases at the stated time of migration, which is most punctually about the 11th of August, when they leave such young as cannot fly to the mercy of the peregrine falcon, who watches the mouths of the house for the appearance of the little deserted puffins, which, forced by hunger, are compelled to leave their burrows. They lay only one egg. The eggs differ much in form; some have one end very acute; others have both extremely obtuse; all are white. Their flesh is excessively rank, as they feed on sea-weeds and fish, especially sprats: but when pickled and preserved with spices, are admired by those who love high-eating. Dr Caius tells, that, in his days, the church allowed them in lent, instead of fish: he also acquaints us, that they were taken by means of ferrets, as we take rabbits: at present, they are either dug out, or drawn from their burrows by a hooked stick: they bite extremely hard; and keep such fast hold on whatever they fasten, as not to be easily disengaged. Their noise, when taken, is very disagreeable; being like the efforts of a dumb person to speak. These birds are also common in Ireland; on the island Sherries, three leagues N. N. W. of Holyhead; and in the S. Stack, near Holyhead, they breed in plenty. They inhabit Iceland and Greenland; and breed in the extreme part of the islands. It is also found in the Ferroe isles, where it is called *Lunda*; and in the Farn isles, where it is called *Coulterneb*, from the shape of the bill. It goes also by various other names; such as *Gulden-head*, *Bottle-nose*, and *Helegug*, in Wales; at Scarborough, *Mullet*; and in Cornwall, *Pope*. In America they are said to frequent Carolina in winter; and have been met with in Sandwich Sound by late voyagers; the natives ornament the fore parts and collar of their seal-skin jackets with the beaks of them; and those of Aoonalaska wear gowns of their skins, along with those of other birds. On the coast of Kamtschatka and the Kurulski islands they are common, even on the Penschinski bay, almost as far as Ochotka: the nations of the two first wear the bills about their necks fastened to straps; and, according to the superstition of these people, their shaman or priest must put them on with a proper ceremony, in order to procure good fortune.

4. The torda, or razor-bill, with four furrows on the bill, and a white line on each side running from the bill to the eyes. These birds, in company with the guillemot, appear in the English seas the beginning of February; but do not settle on their breeding places till they begin to lay, about the beginning of May. They inhabit the ledges of the highest rocks that impend over the sea, where they form a grotesque appearance; sitting close together, and in rows one above another. They properly lay but one egg a-piece, of an extraordinary size for the bulk of the bird, being three inches long: it is either white, or of a pale sea-green, irregularly spotted with black: if this egg is destroyed, both the auk and the guillemot will lay another; if that is taken, then a third: they make no nest, depositing their egg on the bare rock; and though such multitudes lay contiguous, by a wonderful instinct each distinguishes its own. What is also matter of great amazement, they fix their egg on the smooth rock, with so exact a balance, as to secure it from rolling off; yet

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should it be removed, and then attempted to be replaced by the common hand, it is extremely difficult, if not impossible, to find its former equilibrium. According to Mr Latham, it is by means of a cement that the bird fixes its egg. The eggs are food to the inhabitants of the coasts they frequent; which they get with great hazard; being lowered from the top by ropes, trusting to the strength of their companions, whose footing is often so unstable that they are forced down the precipice, and perish together. These birds are found in the north of Europe, also in Iceland, Greenland, and on the coast of Labrador. In Europe they extend along the White Sea into the Arctic Asiatic shores, and from thence to Kamtschatka and the gulph of Oschotka: It is the only one that reaches the inland Baltic; being found there on the Carls-Ozar isles, near Gothland, and the island of Bondon off Angermania.

5. The pica, or black-billed auk, has the bill of the same form with the torda, but is entirely black. The cheeks, chin, and throat, are white: in all other respects it agrees with the former species. Mr Latham is of opinion that it is no other than the young of that species. Mr Pennant observes, that it is sometimes found on our coasts; but, according to Mr Latham, it is in the winter season only, when the common sort has quitted them. They are said to be met with on the coast of Candia and other parts of the Mediterranean; "Where, no doubt (Mr Latham observes) the complete old bird is likewise found, as I have been informed that they are common in the bay of Gibraltar, where it is curious to see their activity under water when pursuing the fish; for, as the water in the bay is sometimes clear for a great depth from the surface, these birds may be often seen as it were flying after their prey, with all the agility of a bird in the air, turning in every direction after the fish, with such wonderful address and dexterity as seldom to miss their aim."

6. The cirhata of Dr Pallas, or tufted auk, somewhat bigger than the common puffin, and the colours much the same: the bill is an inch and three-quarters in length, the same in depth at the base, and crossed with three furrows: over each eye arises a tuft of feathers four inches in length, which falls elegantly on each side of the neck, reaching almost to the back; and are white as far as they are attached to the head, but afterwards of a fine buff yellow: the legs are of a bright red, the claws black. The female is principally distinguished by having the bill crossed only with two furrows instead of three. This species inhabits the shores of Kamtschatka, the Kurile islands, and those intervening between Kamtschatka and America. In manners it greatly resembles the puffin; living all day at sea, but at no great distance from the rocks; it comes on shore at night; burrows a yard deep under ground, and makes a nest, with feathers and sea plants; is monogamous, and lodges there the whole night with its mate. It lays one white egg, the end of May or beginning of June, which alone is thought fit to be eaten, the flesh of the bird itself being insipid and hard. It feeds on crabs, shrimps, and shell-fish, which last it forces from the rocks with its strong bill. Pallas remarks, that the Kamtschatkan girls imitate the tufts of these birds, which nature has supplied them

with, by placing a similar strip of the white skin of the glutton behind each ear, hanging down behind by way of ornament; and is a well-received present from a lover to his mistress. The bills of both this and the common puffin were formerly held by the natives as a charm, and worn by the priests as amulets; indeed at the present these have been seen fixed round their head-dresses, but supposed now to be only esteemed as mere ornaments: the skins are however made use of for clothing, being sewed together. It is called in Kamtschatka, *Muechagatka*; and in Oschotka, *Igilma*.

7. The psittacula, or perroquet auk, of Dr Pallas, is about the size of the little auk. The bill is much compressed on the sides, in shape convex both above and below, and of a bright red colour: from the remote corner of each eye is a very slender tuft of fine white feathers, hanging down the neck: the head and upper part of the body are dusky; the lower whitish, varied with black edges: the legs are of a dirty yellow; and the webs dusky. This species is found at Kamtschatka, in the isles towards Japan, and on the western shores of America. They are sometimes seen in flocks, but seldom far from land, except driven by storms. Of nights they harbour in the crevices of rocks. They lay an egg almost the size of a hen's, of a dirty white or yellowish colour spotted with brown; which they do about the middle of June, upon the bare rock or sand, for they make no nest. Like most of the tribe, they are stupid birds, as may be evinced by the ridiculous method of catching them:—One of the natives places himself under a loose garment of fur, of a particular make, with large open sleeves, among the rocks, at evening; when the birds, returning to their lodging-places at dusk, run under the skirts, and up the arm-holes, for shelter during the night; and thus become an easy prey. Their stupidity likewise occasions them to fly aboard a ship at such times, mistaking it for a roosting place; whereby navigators have been taught to avoid the danger of falling in too near with land, either of evenings, or on approaching storms. The eggs are esteemed good.

ALCÆUS, a famous ancient lyric poet, born at Mitylene, in the island of Lesbos. Horace seems to think him the inventor of this kind of poetry:

Now the Roman muse inspire,  
And warm the song with Grecian fire. *Francis.*

He flourished in the 44th Olympiad, at the same time with Sappho, who was likewise of Mitylene. Alcæus was a great enemy to tyrants, but not a very brave soldier. He was present at an engagement, wherein the Athenians gained a victory over the Lesbians; and here, as he himself is said to have confessed in one of his pieces, he threw down his arms, and saved himself by flight. Horace, who, of all the Latin poets, most resembled Alcæus, has made the like confession:

With thee I saw Philippi's plain,  
Its fatal rout, a fearful scene!  
And dropp'd, alas! th' inglorious shield,  
Where valour's self was forc'd to yield;  
Where foil'd in dust the vanquish'd lay,  
And breath'd th' indignant soul away. *Francis.*

The poetical abilities of Alcæus are indisputed; and

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Alcaics. though his writings were chiefly in the lyric strain, yet his muse was capable of treating the sublimest subjects with a suitable dignity. Hence Horace says,

Alcæus strikes the golden strings,  
And seas, and war, and exile, sings.  
Thus while they strike the various lyre,  
The ghosts the sacred sounds admire:  
But when Alcæus lifts the strain  
To deeds of war and tyrants slain,  
In thicker crowds the shadowy throng  
Drink deeper down the martial song. *Francis.*

ALCÆUS, an Athenian tragic poet, and, as some think, the first composer of tragedies. He renounced his native country Mitylene, and passed for an Athenian. He left ten pieces, one of which was Pasiphaë, that which he produced when he disputed with Aristophanes, in the fourth year of the 97th Olympiad.

There is another ALCÆUS mentioned in Plutarch, perhaps the same whom Porphyrius mentions as a composer of satirical iambics and epigrams, and who wrote a poem concerning the plagiarism of Euphorus the historian. He lived in the 145th Olympiad.

We are told likewise of one ALCÆUS, a Messenian, who lived in the reign of Vespasian and Titus. We know not which of these it was who suffered for his lewdness a very singular kind of death, which gave occasion to the following epitaph:

Ἄλλαις τὰφος ἐστίν, &c.

This is Alcæus's tomb; who died by a radish,  
The daughter of the earth, and punisher of Adulterers.

This punishment inflicted on adulterers, was thrusting one of the largest radishes up the anus of the adulterer: or, for want of radishes, they made use of a fish with a very large head, which Juvenal alludes to:

*Quosdam mæchos et mugilis intrat.* *Sat. x.*  
The mullet enters some behind.

Hence we may understand the menace of Catullus,

*Ah! tum te miserum, malique fati,  
Quem attractis pedibus, patente porta,  
Percurrent raphanisque magilesque.* *Epig. xv.*  
Ah! wretched thou, and born to luckless fate,  
Who art discover'd by the unshut gate!  
If once, alas! the jealous husband come,  
The radish or the sea-fish is thy doom.

ALCAICS, in ancient poetry, a denomination given to several kinds of verse, from Alcæus, their inventor.

The first kind consists of five feet, viz. a spondee, or iambic; an iambic; a long syllable; a dactyle; another dactyle: such is the following verse of Horace,

*Omnes | eo|dem cogimur, | omnium.  
Versa|tur ur|nâ | serius | ocyus |  
Sors exitura.*

The second kind consists of two dactyles and two trochees: as,

*Exili|um imposi|tura | cymbæ.*

Besides these two, which are called *dactylic Alcaics*, there is another styled simply *Alcaic*; consisting of an epitrite; a choriambus; another choriambus; and a bacchius: the following is of this species,

*Cur timet fla|vum Tiberim tan|gere, cur | olivum?*

*ALCAIC Ode*, a kind of manly ode composed of several strophes, each consisting of four verses; the two first of which are always Alcaics of the first kind; the third verse is a diameter hypercatalectic, or consisting of four feet and a long syllable; and the fourth verse is an Alcaic of the second kind. The following strophe is of this species, which Horace calls *minaces Alcaï camenæ*.

*Non possidentem multa vocaveris  
Recte beatum: rectius occupat  
Nomen beati, qui deorum  
Muneribus sapienter uti, &c.*

ALCAID, ALCAYDE, or ALCALDE, in the polity of the Moors, Spaniards, and Portuguese, a magistrate, or officer of justice, answering nearly to the French provost, and the British justice-of-peace.—The alcaid among the Moors is vested with supreme jurisdiction, both in civil and criminal cases.

ALCALA DE GUADEIRA, a small town of Spain, in Andalusia, upon the river Guadeira. Here are abundance of springs, from whence they convey water to Seville by an aqueduct. W. long. 6. 16. N. lat. 37. 15.

ALCALA de Henares, a beautiful and large city of Spain, in New Castile, seated upon the river Henares, which washes its walls. It is built in a very agreeable plain, and is of an oval figure. The streets are handsome and pretty straight; one of them is very long, running from one end of the city to the other. The houses are well built; and there are several squares, the largest of which is an ornament to the city; it is surrounded on all sides with piazzas, where tradesmen have their shops, to expose several sorts of commodities to sale, of which there is as great plenty and variety as in most towns of Spain. The university was founded by cardinal Ximenes, archbishop of Toledo, about the beginning of the 16th century. The land about Alcala is watered by the Henares, well cultivated, and very fruitful, while that at a distance is dry and sterile: it yields grain in plenty, very good muscat wine, and melons of a delicious kind. Without the walls is a spring, the water of which is so pure and so well tasted, that it is inclosed and shut up for the king of Spain's own use, from whence it is carried to Madrid.—This city is 10 miles south-west of Guadalaxara, and 13 miles east of Madrid. W. long. 4. 20. N. lat. 40. 30.

ALCALA-Real, a small city of Spain, in Andalusia, with a fine abbey. It is built on the top of a high mountain, in a mountainous country; and the road to it is incommodious, rough, and unequal; but to make amends for this here are several kinds of exquisite fruit and wine. W. Long. 4. 15. N. Lat. 37. 18.

ALCALY, or ALCALI, or ALKALI. See CHEMISTRY, *Index*.

ALCANIS, a town of Arragon in Spain, seated on the river Gaudaloup, twelve miles from Caspe. It was formerly the capital of the kingdom of the Moors; but being taken from them, it was made a commandery of the order of Calatrava. Here is a very remarkable fountain, which throws up water through 42 pipes. It is surrounded with gardens and fruit-trees, and defended with a good fortrefs. W. Long. 0. 5. N. Lat. 41. 0.

ALCANNA, in commerce, a powder prepared from the

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Alcanna.



**Alcantara** the leaves of the Egyptian privet, in which the people of Cairo drive a considerable trade. It is much used by the Turkish women to give a golden colour to their nails and hair. In dyeing, it gives a yellow colour when steeped with common water, and a red one when infused in vinegar. There is also an oil extracted from the berries of alcanna, and used in medicine as a calmer.

**ALCANTARA**, a small, but very strong city of Estremadura, in Spain. It gives name to one of the three orders of knighthood. It is seated on the banks of the Tajo, or Tagus, 21 miles from Coria, in a very fruitful soil, and is celebrated for its bridge over that river. This was built in the time of the emperor Trajan, as appears by an inscription over one of the arches, by the people of Lusitania, who were assailed to supply the expence. It is raised 200 feet above the level of the water; and though it consists but of six arches, is 670 feet in length, and 28 in breadth. At the entrance of the bridge, there is a small antique chapel hewn in a rock by the ancient Pagans, who dedicated it to Trajan, as the Christians did to St Julian. This city was built by the Moors, on account of the convenience of this bridge; which is at a place where the Tajo is very deep, running between two high steep rocks: for this reason, they called it *Al-Cantara*, which, in their language, signifies *the Bridge*. It was taken from them in 1214, and given to the knights of *Calatrava*, who afterwards assumed the name of *Alcántara*. It was taken by the Earl of Galloway, in April, 1706, and retaken by the French in November following. It is 45 miles from Madrid, and 125 from Seville. W. Long. 7. 12. N. Lat. 39. 30.

*Knights of ALCANTARA*, a military order of Spain, which took its name from the above-mentioned city. They make a very considerable figure in the history of the expeditions against the Moors. The knights of Alcantara make the same vows as those of Calatrava, and are only distinguished from them by this, that the cross fleur de lys, which they bear over a large white cloak, is of a green colour. They possess 37 commanderies. By the terms of the surrender of Alcantara to this order, it was stipulated, that there should be a confraternity between the two orders, with the same practices and observances in both; and that the order of Alcantara should be subject to be visited by the grand-master of Calatrava. But the former soon released themselves from this engagement, on pretence that their grand-master had not been called to the election of that of Calatrava, as had been likewise stipulated in the articles. After the expulsion of the Moors, and the taking of Granada, the sovereignty of the order of Alcantara and that of Calatrava was settled in the crown of Castile by Ferdinand and Isabella.—In 1540, the knights of Alcantara sued for leave to marry, which was granted them.

**ALCAREZ**, a small city of La Mancha, in Spain, defended by a pretty strong castle, and remarkable for an ancient aqueduct. It stands near the river Guardamana, and the soil about it is very fruitful. They have a breed of little running-horses, which are very fleet and strong. It is 25 miles north of the confines of Andalusia, 108 south of Cuenza, and 120 south-by-east of Madrid. W. Long. 1. 50. N. Lat. 38. 28.

**ALCASSAR DO SAL**, a town of Portugal, in Estre-

madura, which has a castle said to be impregnable. It is indeed very strong, both by art and nature, being built on the top of a rock which is exceedingly steep on all sides. Here is a salt-work which produces very fine white salt, from whence the town takes its name. The fields produce large quantities of a sort of rushes, of which they make mats, which are transported out of the kingdom. W. Long. 9. 10. N. Lat. 38. 18.

**ALCASSAR**, a city of Barbary, seated about two leagues from Larache, in Asga, a province of the kingdom of Fez. It was of great note, and the seat of the governor of this part of the kingdom. It was built by Jacob Almanzor, king of Fez, about the year 1180, and designed for a magazine and place of rendezvous for the great preparations he was making to enter Granada in Spain, and to make good the footing Joseph Almanzor had got some time before. It is said his father first invaded Spain with 300,000 men, most of whom he was obliged to bring back to Africa to quiet a rebellion that had broke out in Morocco. This done, he returned to Spain again with an army, as is said, of 200,000 horse and 300,000 foot. The city is now fallen greatly to decay, so that of fifteen mosques there are only two that they make use of. The reason, probably, is the bad situation of the town; for it stands so low, that it is excessively hot in summer, and almost overflowed with water in the winter. This they affirm to be owing to a curse of one of their saints. Here are a great number of storks, who live very familiarly with the people, walking about the town, possessing the tops of the houses and mosques without molestation; for they esteem them sacred birds, and account it sinful to disturb them. At present, the bashaw of Tetuan appoints a governor to this town, which is the last of his dominions towards Mequinez. Near this city there is a high ridge of mountains, running towards Tetuan, whose inhabitants were never brought entirely under subjection; and whenever it was attempted, they revenged themselves by infesting the roads, and robbing and destroying the travellers. When they were pursued, they retired into their woody mountains, where none could safely follow them. Not far from hence is the river Elmahaffen, famous for the battle fought between Don Sebastian king of Portugal and the Moors; in which the Portuguese were defeated and their king slain. W. Long. 12. 35. N. Lat. 35. 15.

**ALCAVALA**, in the Spanish finances, was at first a tax of ten per cent. afterwards of fourteen per cent. and is at present of only six per cent. upon the sale of every sort of property, whether moveable or immoveable; and it is repeated every time the property is sold. The levying of this tax requires a multitude of revenue-officers sufficient to guard the transportation of goods, not only from one province to another, but from one shop to another. It subjects not only the dealers in some sorts of goods, but those in all sorts, every farmer, every manufacturer, every merchant and shopkeeper, to the continual visits and examination of the tax-gatherers. Through the greater part of a country in which a tax of this kind is established, nothing can be produced for distant sale. The produce of every part of the country must be proportioned to the consumption of the neighbourhood. It is to the Alcala, accordingly, that Ustaritz imputes the ruin of the manufactures of Spain. He might have imputed

**Alcaffer,**  
**Alcala.**

Alcazar ||  
Alcea. } ted to it likewise the declension of agriculture, it being imposed not only upon manufactures, but upon the rude produce of the land.

ALCAZAR LEGUER, a town of Africa, in the kingdom of Fez, and in the province of Ilabat. It was taken by Alphonso, king of Portugal, in 1468; but soon after that, it was abandoned to the Moors. It is seated on the coast of the straits of Gibraltar. W. Long. 5. 30. N. Lat. 38. 0.

ALCAZER, a town of Spain, in New Castile, seated on the river Guardamana, which has a fortress on a high hill for its defence, and lies in a very fruitful country. It is 100 miles north-west of Carthage. W. Long. 2. 10. N. Lat. 38. 15.

ALCE, ALCES, or ELK, in zoology, the trivial name of a species of the cervus, belonging to the order of mammalia pecora. See CERVUS.

ALCEA, the HOLLY-HOCK: A genus of the polyandria order, belonging to the monodelphia class of plants; and in the natural method ranking under the 37th order, *Columnifera*. The characters are: The calyx is a double perianthium, monophyllous and persistent; the exterior one six-cleft, the interior half five-cleft: The corolla consists of five petals, coalesced at the base, heart-shaped inversely, and expanding: The stamina consist of numerous filaments, coalesced below into a five-cornered cylinder, loose above, and inserted into the corolla; the antheræ are kidney-shaped: The pistillum has a roundish germen; a short cylindrical stylus; and numerous bristly stigmata the length of the stylus: The pericarpium consists of many arilli, jointed into a verticillum about a columnar depressed receptacle: The seeds are solitary, reniform, and depressed.

*Species.* Although Linnæus mentions two distinct species of this genus, viz. the *rosea* and *ficifolia*, he thinks, that the latter may perhaps be only a variety of the former; but Mr Miller affirms them to be distinct species, whose difference in the form of their leaves always continues. The leaves of the first sort are roundish, and cut at their extremities into angles; those of the second are deeply cut into six or seven segments, so as to resemble a hand. Cultivation produces almost an infinite variety of this plant, such as double-flowered, single-flowered, deep red, pale red, blackish red, white, purple, yellow, and flesh-colour. The first species is a native of China, the second grows also in Istria. Tho' natives of warm countries, they are hardy enough to thrive in the open air in Britain, and have for many years been some of the greatest ornaments in gardens, towards the end of summer; but they have the inconvenience of growing too large for small gardens, and requiring tall stakes to secure them from being broken by strong winds. In large gardens, however, when properly disposed, they make a fine appearance; for as their spikes of flowers grow very tall, there will be a succession of them on the same stems more than two months: the flowers on the lower part of the spike appear in July; and as their stalks advance, new flowers are produced till near the end of September. When planted in good ground, the stalks will often rise to the height of eight or nine feet; so that near six feet of each will be garnished with flowers, which, when double and of good colours, make a very beautiful appearance.

*Culture.* The holly-hock is propagated by seeds,

which should be carefully saved from those plants whose flowers are double and of the best colours: for though the duplicity of the flowers, as well as their colour, are only accidental properties, yet the young plants will produce nearly the same kind of flowers with those from which the seeds are taken, provided no plants with single or bad-coloured flowers are permitted to grow near them; and as soon as such appear they ought to be removed from the good ones, that their farina may not spread into the others, which would cause them to degenerate. The seeds ought to be gathered very dry, and remain in their capsules until spring; but care must be taken that no wet comes to them in winter, otherwise the covers would turn mouldy, and spoil their contents.—They should be sown in drills, about the middle of April, on a bed of light earth, and covered with earth of the same kind about half an inch deep. When the plants have put out six or eight leaves, they should be transplanted into nursery-beds, observing to water them until they have taken good root; after which they will require no farther care, but to keep them clean from weeds till October, when they should be transplanted where they are to remain.

ALCEDO, or KINGS-FISHER, in ornithology, a genus of the order of picæ. The alcedo has a long, straight, thick, triangular bill; with a fleshy, plain, short, flat tongue.

Of this genus there are a great many species, with one or other of which almost every part of the world is furnished. Most of them frequent rivers, and live on fish, the singularity of catching which is admirable: sometimes hovering over the water, where a shoal of small fishes is seen playing near the surface; at other times waiting with attention, on some low branch hanging over the water, for the approach of a single one who is so unlucky as to swim that way; in either case dropping like a stone, or rather darting with rapidity on his prey; when, seizing it crosswise in his bill, it retires to a resting place to feast on it; which it does piece-meal, bones and all, without reserve, afterwards bringing up the indigestible parts in pellets, like birds of prey. The wings of most of the genus are very short; yet the birds fly rapidly, and with great strength. It may be remarked, that throughout this genus, blue, in different shades, is the most predominant colour.—The species found in the South Sea Islands are held in a kind of superstitious veneration by the natives of the places they severally inhabit, perhaps on account of their being frequently seen flying about the morais or burial-places. That which inhabits Otahcite, where it is called *Erooro*, is accounted particularly sacred, and not allowed to be taken or killed.

1. The *ispida*, or common kings-fisher, is not much larger than a swallow; its shape is clumsy; the bill disproportionately long; it is two inches from the base to the tip; the upper chap black, and the lower yellow. But the colours of the bird atone for its inelegant form; the crown of the head and the coverts of the wings are of a deep blackish green, spotted with bright azure: the back and tail are of the most resplendent azure; the whole under-side of the body is orange-coloured; a broad mark of the same passes from the bill beyond the eyes; beyond that is a large white spot: the tail is short, and consists of twelve feathers of a rich deep blue;

Alcedo.

blue; the feet are of a reddish yellow, and the three joints of the outmost toe adhere to the middle toe, while the inner toe adheres only by one.

From the diminutive size, the slender short legs, and the beautiful colours of this bird, no person would be led to suppose it one of the most rapacious little animals that skims the deep. Yet it is forever on the wing, and feeds on fish; which it takes in surprising quantities, when we consider its size and figure. It takes its prey after the manner of the osprey, balancing itself at a certain distance above the water for a considerable space, then darting into the deep, and seizing the fish with inevitable certainty. While it remains suspended in the air in a bright day, the plumage exhibits a beautiful variety of the most dazzling and brilliant colours. This striking attitude did not escape the notice of the ancients; for Ibycus, as quoted by Athenæus, styles these birds *αλκυονες πανσιπτεροι*, the halcyons with expanded wings. It makes its nest in holes in the sides of the cliffs, which it scoops to the depth of three feet; and lays from five to nine eggs, of a most beautiful semi-transparent white. The female begins to lay early in the season, and excludes her first brood about the beginning of April. The male, whose fidelity exceeds even that of the turtle, brings her large provisions of fish while she is thus employed; and she, contrary to most other birds, is found plump and fat at that season. The male, that used to twitter before this, now enters the nest as quietly and as privately as possible. The young ones are hatched at the expiration of 20 days; but are seen to differ as well in their size as in their beauty.

This species is the *αλκυοναφων*, or mute halcyon of Aristotle, which he describes with more precision than is usual with that great philosopher. After his description of the bird follows that of its nest; than which the most inventive of the ancients have delivered nothing that appears at first sight more fabulous and extravagant. He relates, that it resembled those concretions that are formed by the sea-water; that it resembled the long-necked gourd; that it was hollow within; that the entrance was very narrow, so that, should it overflow, the water could not enter; that it resisted any violence from iron, but could be broke with a blow from the hand; and that it was composed of the bones of the *Βελονη*, or sea-needle. The nest had medical virtues ascribed to it, and from the bird was called *Halcyoneum*. In a fabulous age, every odd substance that was flung ashore received that name; a species of tubular coral, a sponge, a zoophite, and a miscellaneous concrete, having by the ancients been dignified with that title from their imaginary origin.\* Yet much of this seems to be founded on truth. The form of the nest is justly described; and the materials which Aristotle says it was composed of, are not entirely of his own invention. Whoever has seen the nest of the kings-fisher, will observe it strewed with the bones and scales of fish: the fragments of the food of the owner and its young.—On the foundation laid by the philosopher, succeeding writers formed other tales extremely absurd; and the poets, indulging the powers of imagination, dressed the story in all the robes of romance. This nest was a floating one:

Incubat *halcyone* pendentibus æquore nidis.

OVID. Met. lib. xi.

It was therefore necessary to place it in a tranquil sea, and to supply the bird with charms to allay the fury of a turbulent element during the time of its incubation; for it had, at that season, power over the seas and the winds.

Χ' αλκυονος σορησειντι τα κυματα, την τε θαλασσαν,  
Τον τε νοτον, τον τ' ευρον, ος εσχαρα φυκια κινει  
Α' λκυονης, γλαυκῆς Νηρησι ται τε μαλιστα  
Ορνιθων εφιλαθεν. THEOCRIT. Idyl. vii. l. 57.

May *Halcyons* smoothe the waves and calm the seas,  
And the rough south-east sink into a breeze;  
*Halcyons*, of all the birds that haunt the main,  
Most lov'd and honour'd by the *Nereid* train.

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These birds were equally favourites with Thetis as with the Nereids;

Dilectæ *Thetidi* Halcyones. VIRG. Georg. I. 399.  
as if to their influence these deities owed a repose in the midst of the storms of winter, and by their means were secured from those winds that disturbed their submarine retreats, and agitated even the plants at the bottom of the ocean.

Such are the accounts given by the Roman and Sicilian poets. Aristotle and Pliny tell us, that this bird is most common in the seas of Sicily; that it sat only a few days, and those in the depth of winter; and during that period the mariner might sail in full security; for which reason they were styled *Halcyon days*.

Perque dies placidos hiberno tempore septem  
Incubat *Halcyone* pendentibus æquore nidis:  
Tum via tuta maris: ventos custodit, et arcet  
Æolus egressu. OVID. Met. l. xi.

*Alcyone*, compress'd,  
Seven days sits brooding on her watery nest,  
A wintry queen; her fire at length is kind,  
Calms every storm, and hushes every wind.

In after-times, these words expressed any season of prosperity: these were the *Halcyon days* of the poets; the brief tranquillity, the *septem placidi dies*, of human life.

The poets also made it a bird of song. Virgil seems to place it in the same rank with the linnet;

Littoraque *Halcyonem* resonant, et *Acanthida* dum.  
GEORG. III. 338.

And Silius Italicus celebrates its music, and its floating nest:

Cum sonat *Halcyone* cantu, nidisque natautes  
Immota gestat fopitis fluctibus unda. LIB. xiv. 275.

But these writers seem to have transferred to our species, the harmony that belongs to the *vocal alcedo*,\* one of the loft birds of the ancients.

As the ancients have had their fables concerning this bird, so have the modern vulgar. It is an opinion generally received among them, that the flesh of the kings-fisher will not corrupt, and that it will even banish all vermin. This has no better foundation than that which is said of its always pointing, when hung up dead, with its breast to the north. The only truth which can be affirmed of this bird when dead is, that

Alcedo.

\* Plin. lib. xxxii. c. 8.  
Diosc. lib. v. c. 94.

\* Arist. Hist. an. 892.

Alcedo. its flesh is utterly unfit to be eaten ; while its beautiful plumage preserves its lustre longer than that of any other bird we know.

This bird is found not only in Britain, but throughout Europe, Asia, and Africa ; as specimens have been received from both China, Bengal, and Egypt. Be- lon also remarks his having met with it in Romania and Greece ; and Scopoli notices it as a bird of Carniola, where he says it remains the whole year as in England. Indeed it bears the rigours of the colder climates so well, that among the Germans it has gained the name of *Eiszvogel*, or *Ice Bird* : Olin speaks also of its not regarding the ice and cold ; and Gmelin assures us, that it is found even in Tartary and Siberia. But, however this may be, there are few winters in which many of these birds do not perish, apparently from cold alone ; as several have been found frozen stiff by the sides of even running water, without the least mark of violence about them. M. D'Aubenton has kept these birds for several months, by means of small fish put into basins of water, on which they have fed ; for on experiment they have refused all other kinds of nourishment.

2. The rudis, or Egyptian kings-fisher, as described by Hasselquitt, is the size of the Royston crow. The bill is blackish, more than half an inch broad at the base, and two inches in length : the head, shoulders, and back, are brown, marked with oblong ferruginous spots : the throat is of a ferruginous white : the belly and thighs are whitish, marked with longitudinal broadish cinereous spots ; upper tail coverts are quite white : the quills spotted with white on the inner webs, chiefly at the tips : the tail is ash-coloured : the legs are of a pale green ; and the claws blackish. It inhabits lower Egypt, about Cairo ; builds in sycamore and date trees ; and feeds on frogs, insects, and small fish, which last it meets with in the fields when they are overflowed. Its cry is not unlike that of the common crow.

3. Le taparara of Buffon, is about the size of a starling. The upper mandible of the bill is black, the lower red : the hind part of the neck, the back, and scapulars, are of an elegant blue ; the rump and upper tail coverts bright beryl-blue : the under parts of the body are white ; the wing coverts blue ; and the legs red. Inhabits Cayenne and Guiana, at which last place the natives call all the kings-fisher tribe by the name *Taparara*. In this part of South America, which contains many rivers full of fish, kings-fishers, as might be expected, abound in vast numbers : but, what is remarkable, they never herd together, always being found single, except in breeding time, which is about the month of September. They lay their eggs in the holes of banks, like the kings-fisher of Europe. The cry of this bird imitates the word *Carac*.

4. The torquata, or cinereous kings-fisher, is about the size of a magpie, and fifteen inches and a half in length. The bill is three inches and a half long, and brown ; the base of the lower mandible reddish : the head is crested : the upper parts of the head and body are blueish ash ; the under parts chestnut : the throat is whitish, descending down the neck, and passing behind like a collar, ending towards the back in a point : the under tail coverts are of a pale fulvous, transversely striated with black : lesser wing coverts varied with blueish, ash, black, and yellowish : the legs are red ;

and the claws blackish. It inhabits Martinico and Mexico ; at which last it is called *Achalacelli*. This bird migrates into the northern parts of Mexico at certain seasons only, and is supposed to come there from some hotter parts.

[The jacamars are much allied to this genus, and have been ranked under it by Linnæus ; Their toes are, however, differently placed ; their food also is different, being insects alone, and not fish ; and their haunts are different, being moist woods, and not shores or the banks of rivers.]

5. The galbula, or green jacamar, is about the size of a lark. The bill is black, of a square form, a little incurvated, and sharp at the point ; the plumage in general, in the upper part of the body, is of a most brilliant green, glossed with copper and gold in different lights : the belly, throat, and vent, are rufous : the tail is composed of ten feathers, and shaped like a wedge : the legs are of a greenish yellow, very short and weak ; the claws are black. This species is found both in Guiana and Brazil, in the moist woods, which it prefers to the more dry spots, for the sake of insects, on which it feeds. It is seldom seen except single, as it is a very solitary bird, keeping for the most part in the thickest parts ; its flight quick, but short ; perches on branches of a middling height, where it sits all night, and frequently part of the day, without stirring. Though these birds are solitary, yet they are far from scarce, as many may be met with. They are said to have a short and agreeable note. The natives of Guiana call this bird *Vencore*, and the Creoles, *Colibri des grands bois*. At Brazil their flesh is eaten by some.

6. The paraditea, or paradise jacamar, is of the same size as the former, and has a similar bill : the throat, fore part of the neck, and under wing coverts, are white ; the rest of the plumage is of a deep dull green, in some lights appearing almost black, in others with a slight gloss of violet and copper bronze : the tail is composed of twelve feathers of unequal lengths : the two middle ones longest : the legs are black : the toes are placed two before and two behind, and pretty much united. It inhabits Surinam ; and, like the others, it feeds on insects ; and sometimes, contrary to them, frequents open places. It flies farther at a time, and perches on the tops of trees : It is frequently found with a companion, not being quite so solitary a bird as the other. It also differs in the note, having a kind of soft whistle often repeated, but not heard a great way off.

Above 30 other species have been described by ornithologists.

ALCHEMILLA, or LADY'S-MANTLE : A genus of the monogynia order, belonging to the tetrandria class of plants ; and in the natural method ranking under the 35th order *Senticosæ*. The *calyx* is a single-leav'd perianthium, tubular, and persistent ; the mouth flat, and eight-parted : There is no *corolla*. The *stamina* consist of four small erect subulated filaments placed in the mouth of the calyx ; the antheræ are roundish : The *pistillum* has an egg-shaped *germen* : The *stylus* is filiform, the length of the stamina, and inserted at the base of the germ : The *stigma* is globular. There is no *pericarpium*, but the neck of the calyx closed. The *seed* solitary, elliptical, and compressed. Of this genus there are three

*Species.*

Alchemist, Alchemy. *Species.* 1. The vulgaris, or common ladies-mantle, with leaves plaited like a fan, and yellowish-green blossoms. It grows naturally in pasturc-lands in most of the countries in Europe. The leaves discover to the taste a moderate astringency; and were formerly esteemed in some female weakneses, and in fluxes of the belly. They are now rarely made use of, tho' both the leaves and roots might doubtless be of service in cases where mild astringents are required. In the province of Smolandia in Gothland, they make a tincture of the leaves, and give it in spasmodic or convulsive diseases. Horses, sheep, and goats, eat it; cows are not fond of it; swine refuse it.—2. The Alpina, or cinque-foil ladies-mantle, with finger-shaped sawed leaves, and greenish blossoms. It is a native of the mountainous parts of Europe. Goats and cows eat it; horses, sheep, and swine, refuse it.—3. The minor, or least ladies-mantle, with five smooth leaves growing at a joint and cut into many segments. It grows naturally in Sweden, Lapland, and other cold countries. Eaten by cows and goats; refused by horses, sheep, and swine.

*Culture.* These plants have perennial roots, and annual stalks. They are easily propagated by parting of their roots, or sowing their seeds in autumn. They should have a moist soil and shady situation, and be kept clean from weeds; which is all the culture they require.

ALCHEMIST, a practitioner in alchemy.

ALCHEMY, that branch of chemistry which had for its principal objects the transmutation of metals into gold; the panacea, or universal remedy; an alkalest, or universal menstruum; an universal ferment; and many other things equally ridiculous.

Kircher, instructed in all the secrets of chemistry, has fully exposed the artifices and impostures of alchemists. An alchemist puts into a crucible the matter which is to be converted into gold; this he sets on the fire, blows it, stirs it with rods; and, after divers operations, gold is found at the bottom of the crucible, instead of the matter first put in: this there are a thousand ways of effecting, without any transmutation. Sometimes it is done by dexterously dropping in a piece of gold concealed between the fingers, sometimes by casting a little of the dust of gold or silver disguised under the appearance of some elixir, or other indifferent matter; sometimes a crucible is used which has a double bottom, and gold put between the two; sometimes the rod used to stir the matter is hollow, and filled with the dust of the metal desired; at other times there is metal mixed with the charcoal, the ashes of the furnace, or the like. Mr Harris very properly distinguishes between alchemy and chemistry; and defines the former to be *ars sine arte, cujus principum est mentiri, medium laborare, et finis mendicare*; and the Italians have a proverb, *non ti fidiare al alchemista povero o medico amalato*. The ruin which has attended this delusion, has occasioned several states to make severe laws against pretences to alchemy. The Romans formerly banished all such as professed it; and the sacred canons likewise directed the thunder of their censure against them. Dioclesian and Cæsar directed all books which treated of this subject to be burnt. Rymer furnishes us with a licence for practising alchemy, with all kinds of metals and minerals, granted to one

Richard Carter in the year 1476; *Rym. Fœd.* tom. xii. Nevertheless, we have had severe laws against alchemy, and multiplying of metals, as much so as against coining itself.

ALCIAT (Andrew), a great lawyer, who flourished in the 16th century, born at Milan. He mixed much of polite learning in the explication of the laws, and happily drove out the barbarity of language which till then had reigned in the lectures and writings of lawyers; for which Thuanus highly praises him. He published a great many law-books, and some notes upon Tacitus. His Emblems have been much admired, and translated into French, Italian, and Spanish; and several learned men have written commentaries on them.

ALCIBIADES, an Athenian general. It was the fate of this great man to live at a time when his country was a scene of confusion. The Greeks, grown insolent from their conquests in Persia, turned their arms against each other, and banded together under the conduct of the two most opulent states Athens and Lacedæmon. Alcibiades, in the midst of an expedition he had planned against the enemy of his country, was recalled home to answer some charge of a private nature; but fearing the violence of his enemy, instead of going to Athens, he offered his services at Sparta, where they were readily accepted. By his advice the Lacedæmonians made a league with Persia, which gave a very favourable turn to their affairs. But his credit in the republic raising jealousies against him, he privately reconciled himself to his country, and took again the command of an Athenian army. Here victory, waiting as it were at his command, attended all his motions. The loss of seven battles obliged the Spartans to sue for peace. He enjoyed his triumphs, however only a short time at Athens. One unsuccessful event made him again obnoxious to the malice of his citizens; and he found it expedient to retire from Athens. In his absence the Spartans again took the lead, and at the fatal battle of Ægos entirely subdued the Athenian power. Alcibiades, though an exile, endeavoured to restore the power of his country; of which the Spartans having intelligence, procured him to be assassinated. He was a man of admirable accomplishments, but indifferently principled; of great parts; and of an amazing versatility of genius.

ALCINOUS, king of the Phœnicians, in the island now called *Corfu*, was son of Nausthous, and grandson of Neptune and Peribea. It is by his gardens this king has chiefly immortalized his memory. He received Ulysses with much civility, when a storm had cast him on his coast. The people here loved pleasure and good cheer, yet were skilful seamen; and Alcinous was a good prince.

ALCMAER, a city in the United Provinces, seated in North Holland, about four miles from the sea, 15 from Haerlem, and 18 from Amsterdam. It is a handsome city, and one of the cleanest in Holland. The streets and houses are extremely neat and regular, and the public buildings very beautiful. It had formerly two parish-churches, dedicated to St Mathew and St Lawrence. The latter had so high a tower, that it served for a sea-mark to the vessels that were in the open sea; but, in 1464, it tumbled down, and damaged the other church so much, that they were both

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both demolished in 1470, and one church was built in their stead, dedicated to the same saints. The Spaniards, under the command of Frederic of Toledo, son of the duke d'Alva, came to besiege it, after they had taken Haerlem in 1573; but were forced to raise the siege, after three months lying before it, as well on account of the infection of the air as the stout resistance of the inhabitants and soldiers; even the women signaling themselves bravely in its defence. It is recorded in the register of this city, that, in the year 1637, 120 tulips, with the off-sets, sold for 90,000 florins. The town has a very good trade in butter and cheese, of which a vast quantity is sold every year, and is esteemed the best in Holland. E. long. 4. 26. N. lat. 52. 28.

ALCMAN, a lyric poet, who flourished in the 27th Olympiad. He was born at Sparta; and composed several poems, of which only some fragments are remaining, quoted by Athenæus and some other ancient writers. He was very amorous; accounted the father of gallant poetry; and is said to have been the first that introduced the custom of singing love-songs in company. He is reported to have been one of the greatest eaters of his age; upon which Mr Bayle remarks, that such a quality would have been extremely inconvenient, if poetry had been at that time upon such a footing as it has been often since, not able to procure the poet bread. He died of a strange disease; for he was eat up with lice.

ALCMANIAN, in ancient lyric poetry, a kind of verse consisting of two dactyles and two trochees; as,—  
*Virginibus puerisque | canto.*

The word is formed from *Alcman*, the name of an ancient Greek poet, in great esteem for his erotics or amorous compositions.

ALCMENA, the daughter of Electryo king of Mycenæ, and wife of Amphitryon. Jupiter putting on the shape of her husband while he was abroad in the wars, begot Hercules upon her; he made that night as long as three ordinary ones.

ALCOCK (John), doctor of laws, and bishop of Ely in the reign of king Henry VII. was born at Beverly in Yorkshire, and educated at Cambridge. He was first made dean of Westminster, and afterwards appointed master of the rolls. In 1471, he was consecrated bishop of Rochester: in 1476, he was translated to the see of Worcester; and in 1486, to that of Ely, in the room of Dr John Morton, preferred to the see of Canterbury. He was a prelate of great learning and piety; and so highly esteemed by king Henry, that he appointed him lord president of Wales, and afterwards lord chancellor of England. Alcock founded a school at Kingston upon Hull, and built the spacious hall belonging to the episcopal palace at Ely. He was also the founder of Jesus-college in Cambridge, for a master, six fellows, and as many scholars. This house was formerly a nunnery, dedicated to St Radigund: and as Godwin tells us, the building being greatly decayed, and the revenues reduced almost to nothing, the nuns had all forsaken it, except two; whereupon bishop Alcock procured a grant from the crown, and converted it into a college. But Camden and others tell us, that the nuns of that house were so notorious for their incontinence, that king Henry VII. and pope Julius II. consented to its dissolution:

Bale accordingly calls this nunnery *spiritualium meretricum canobium*, "a community of spiritual harlots." Bishop Alcock wrote several pieces; amongst which are the following: 1. *Mons Perfectionis*. 2. *In Psalmos Penitentiales*. 3. *Homiliae Vulgares*. 4. *Meditationes Pie*. He died October 1. 1500; and was buried in the chapel he had built at Kingston upon Hull.

ALCOHOL, or ALKOOOL, in chemistry, spirit of wine highly rectified †. It is also used for any highly rectified spirit.—Alcohol is extremely light and inflammable: It is a strong antiseptic, and therefore employed to preserve animal substances.

ALCOHOL is also used for any fine impalpable powder.

ALCOHOLIZATION, the process of rectifying any spirit. It is also used for pulverization.

ALCOR, in astronomy, a small star adjoining to the large bright one in the middle of the tail of *ursa major*.—The word is Arabic. It is a proverb among the Arabians, applied to one who pretends to see small things, but overlooks much greater: *Thou canst see Alcor, and not yet see the full moon.*

ALCORAN, or AL-KORAN, the scripture, or bible, of the Mahometans. The word is compounded of the Arabic particle *al*, and *coran* or *koran*, derived from the verb *caraa* or *karaa*, to read. The word therefore properly signifies, *the reading*; or rather, *that which ought to be read*. By this name the Mahometans denote not only the entire book or volume of the Koran, but also any particular chapter or section of it; just as the Jews call either the whole scripture, or any part of it, by the name of *Karah*, or *Mikra*, words of the same origin and import.

Besides this peculiar name, the Koran is also honoured with several appellations common to other books of scripture: as, *al Farkan*, from the verb *foraka*, to divide or distinguish; not, as the Mahometan doctors say, because those books are divided into chapters or sections, or distinguished between good and evil; but in the same notion that the Jews used the word *Perek* or *Pirka*, from the same root, to denote a section or portion of scripture. It is also called *al Moshaf*, the volume, and *al Kitha*, the book by way of eminence, which answers to the *Biblia* of the Greeks; and *al Dhikr*, the admonition, which name is also given to the Pentateuch and Gospel.

The Koran is divided into 114 larger portions of very unequal length, which we call *chapters*; but the Arabians *sowar*, in the singular *sura*; a word rarely used on any other occasion, and properly signifying a row, order, or a regular series; as a course of bricks in building, or a rank of soldiers in an army; and is the same in use and import with the *Sura*, or *Tora*, of the Jews, who also call the fifty-three sections of the Pentateuch *Sedarim*, a word of the same signification.

These chapters are not, in the manuscript copies, distinguished by their numerical order, but by particular titles, which are taken sometimes from a particular matter treated of, or person mentioned therein; but usually from the first word of note, exactly in the same manner as the Jews have named their *Sedarim*; though the word from which some chapters are denominated be very far distant, towards the middle, or perhaps the end, of the chapter; which seems ridiculous. But the occasion of this appears to have been, that the verse or passage

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† See *Che-  
mistry* (In-  
dex), and  
*Pharmacy*.

Alcoran. passage wherein such word occurs, was, in point of time, revealed and committed to writing before the other verses of the same chapter which precede it in order; and the title being given to the chapter before it was completed, or the passages reduced to their present order, the verse from whence such title was taken did not always happen to begin the chapter. Some chapters have two or more titles, occasioned by the difference of the copies.

Some of the chapters having been revealed at Mecca, and others at Medina, the noting this difference makes a part of the title: but the reader will observe, that several of the chapters are said to have been revealed partly at Mecca and partly at Medina; and, as to others, it is yet a dispute among the commentators to which of the two places they belong.

Every chapter is subdivided into smaller portions, of very unequal length also, which we customarily call *verses*: but the Arabic word is *ayat*, the same with the Hebrew *ototh*, and signifies *signs* or *wonders*: such as are the secrets of God, his attributes, works, judgments, and ordinances, delivered in those verses; many of which have their particular titles also, imposed in the same manner as those of the chapters.

Besides these unequal divisions of chapter and verse, the Mahometans have also divided their Koran into sixty equal portions, which they call *Abzab*, in the singular *Hizb*, each subdivided into four equal parts; which is also an imitation of the Jews, who have an ancient division of their Mishna into sixty portions called *Maffistoth*. But the Koran is more usually divided into thirty sections only, named *Ajza*, from the singular *Jaz*, each of twice the length of the former, and in the like manner subdivided into four parts. These divisions are for the use of the readers of the Koran in the royal temples, or in the adjoining chapels where the emperors and great men are interred. There are thirty of these readers belonging to every chapel, and each reads his section every day; so that the whole Koran is read over once a-day.

Next after the title, at the head of every chapter, except only the ninth, is prefixed the following solemn form, by the Mahometans called the *Bismallah*, IN THE NAME OF THE MOST MERCIFUL GOD; which form they constantly place at the beginning of all their books and writings in general, as a peculiar mark or distinguishing characteristic of their religion, it being counted a sort of impiety to omit it. The Jews, for the same purpose, make use of the form, *In the name of the LORD*, or, *In the name of the great GOD*; and the eastern Christians that of, *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost*. But Mahomet probably took this form, as he did many other things, from the Persian Magi, who used to begin their books in these words, *Benam Yezdan bakshaisgher dadar*; that is, *In the name of the most merciful just GOD*.

There are twenty-nine chapters of the Koran, which have this peculiarity, that they begin with certain letters of the alphabet, some with a single one, others with more. These letters the Mahometans believe to be the peculiar marks of the Koran, and to conceal several

Alcoran. profound mysteries; the certain understanding of which, the more intelligent confess, has not been communicated to any mortal, their prophet only excepted. Notwithstanding which, some will take the liberty of guessing at their meaning by that species of Cabala called by the Jews *Notarikon*, and suppose the letters to stand for as many words, expressing the names and attributes of God, his works, ordinances, and decrees; and therefore these mysterious letters, as well as the verses themselves, seem in the Koran to be called *signs*. Others explain the intent of these letters from their nature or origin, or else from their value in numbers, according to another species of the Jewish Cabala called *Gematria*; the uncertainty of which conjectures sufficiently appears from their disagreement. Thus, for example, five chapters, one of which is the second, begins with these letters, A L M. which some imagine to stand for *Allah latiff magid*, "God is gracious and to be glorified;" or, *Ana li minni*, i. e. *to me and from me*, viz. belongs all perfection, and proceeds all good; or else for *Ana Allah alam*, "I am the most wise God," taking the first letter to mark the beginning of the first word, the second the middle of the second word, and the third the last of the third word; or for *Allah, Gabriel, Mohammed*, the author, revealer, and preacher of the Koran. Others say, that as the letter A belongs to the lower part of the throat, the first of the organs of speech; L to the palate, the middle organ; and M to the lips, which are the last organ; so these letters signify that God is the beginning, middle, and end, or ought to be praised in the beginning, middle, and end, of all our words and actions: or, as the total value of those three letters, in numbers, is seventy-one, they signify, that, in the space of so many years, the religion preached in the Koran should be fully established. The conjecture of a learned Christian is at least as certain as any of the former, who supposes those letters were set there by the amanuensis, for *Amar li Mohammed*, i. e. *at the command of Mohammed*, as the five letters prefixed to the nineteenth chapter seem to be there written by a Jewish scribe, for *Coh yaas*, i. e. *Thus he commanded*.

The Koran is universally allowed to be written with the utmost elegance and purity of language, in the dialect of the tribe of Koreish, the most noble and polite of all the Arabians, but with some mixture, tho' very rarely, of other dialects. It is confessedly the standard of the Arabic tongue, and, as the more orthodox believe, and are taught by the book itself, inimitable by any human pen (though some sectaries have been of another opinion), and therefore insisted on as a permanent miracle, greater than that of raising the dead, and alone sufficient to convince the world of its divine original.

And to this miracle did Mahomet himself chiefly appeal for the confirmation of his mission, publicly challenging the most eloquent men in Arabia, which was at that time stocked with thousands whose sole study and ambition it was to excel in elegance of style and composition, to produce even a single chapter that might be compared with it (A).

(A) As the composition and arrangement of words, however, admit of infinite varieties, it can never be absolutely said that any one is the best possible. In fact, Hamzah Benahmed wrote a book against the Alcoran with at least equal elegance; and Moslemea another, which even surpassed it, and occasioned a defection of a great part the of Mussulmans. *Journ. de Scav. tom. xiii. p. 280. Ouvr. de Scav. Nov. 1708, p. 404.*

Alcoran. To the pomp and harmony of expression some ascribe all the force and effect of the Alcoran; which they consider as a sort of music, equally fitted with other species of that art to ravish and amaze. In this Mahomet succeeded so well, and so strangely captivated the minds of his audience, that several of his opponents thought it the effect of witchcraft and enchantment, as he himself complains.—Others have attributed the effect of the Alcoran to the frequent mention of rewards and punishments; heaven and hell occurring almost in every page. Some suppose, that the sensual pleasures of paradise, so frequently set before the imaginations of the readers of the Alcoran, were what chiefly bewitched them. Tho', with regard to these, there is a great dispute whether they are to be understood literally or spiritually. Several have even allegorized the whole book.

The general design of the Koran was to unite the professors of the three different religions, then followed in the populous country of Arabia (who for the most part lived promiscuously, and wandered without guides, the far greater number being idolaters, and the rest Jews and Christians mostly of erroneous and heterodox belief), in the knowledge and worship of one God, under the sanction of certain laws, and the outward signs of ceremonies partly of ancient and partly of novel institution, enforced by the consideration of rewards and punishments both temporal and eternal; and to bring them all to the obedience of Mahomet, as the prophet and ambassador of God, who, after the repeated admonitions, promises, and threats, of former ages, was at last to establish and propagate God's religion on earth, and to be acknowledged chief pontiff in spiritual matters, as well as supreme prince in temporal.

The great doctrine then of the Koran, is the unity of God; to restore which point Mahomet pretended was the chief end of his mission; it being laid down by him as a fundamental truth, That there never was, nor ever can be, more than one true orthodox religion. For, though the particular laws or ceremonies are only temporary, and subject to alteration, according to the divine direction; yet the substance of it being eternal truth, is not liable to change, but continues immutably the same. And he taught, that, whenever this religion became neglected, or corrupted in essentials, God had the goodness to re-inform and re-admonish mankind thereof, by several prophets, of whom Moses and Jesus were the most distinguished, till the appearance of Mahomet, who is their seal, and no other to be expected after him. The more effectually to engage people to hearken to him, great part of the Koran is employed in relating examples of dreadful punishments formerly inflicted by God on those who rejected and abused his messengers; several of which stories, or some circumstances of them, are taken from the Old and New Testaments, but many more from the apocryphal books and traditions of the Jews and Christians of those ages, set up in the Koran as truths in opposition to the scriptures, which the Jews and Christians are charged with having altered: and indeed, few or none of the relations or circumstances in the Koran were invented by Mahomet, as is generally supposed, it being easy to trace the greatest part of them much higher, as the rest might be, were more of those books extant, and was it worth while to make the inquiry.

The rest of the Alcoran is taken up in prescribing

necessary laws and directions, frequent admonitions to moral and divine virtues, the worship and reverence of the Supreme Being, and resignation to his will. One of the most learned commentators distinguishes the contents of the Alcoran into *allegorical* and *literal*; under the former are comprehended all the obscure, parabolical and enigmatical passages, with such as are repealed, or abrogated; the latter, such as are clear, and in full force.

The most excellent moral in the whole Alcoran, interpreters say, is that in the chapter *Al Akras*, viz. Shew mercy, do good to all, and dispute not with the ignorant; or, as Mr Sale renders it, Use indulgence, command that which is just, and withdraw far from the ignorant. Mahomet, according to the authors of the *Keschaf*, having begged of the angel Gabriel a more ample explication of this passage, received it in the following terms: "Seek him who turns thee out, give to him who takes from thee, pardon him who injures thee; for God will have you plant in your souls the roots of his chief perfections." It is easy to see that this commentary is copied from the gospel.—In reality, the necessity of forgiving enemies, though frequently inculcated in the Alcoran, is of a later date among the Mahometans than among the Christians; among those latter, than among the heathens; and to be traced originally among the Jews. (See Exodus xxxiii. 4, 5.) But it matters not so much who had it first, as who observes it best. The caliph Hassan, son of Hali, being at table, a slave unfortunately let fall a dish of meat reeking hot, which scalded him severely. The slave fell on his knees, rehearsing these words of the Alcoran, "Paradise is for those who restrain their anger." I am not angry with thee, answered the caliph.—"And for those who forgive offences against them," continues the slave. I forgive thee thine, replies the caliph—"But above all, for those who return good for evil," adds the slave. I set thee at liberty, rejoined the caliph; and I give thee ten dinars.

There are also a great number of occasional passages in the Alcoran, relating only to particular emergencies. For this advantage Mahomet had in the piece-meal method of receiving his revelation, that whenever he happened to be perplexed and gruelled with any thing, he had a certain resource in some new morsel of revelation. It was an admirable contrivance of his, to bring down the whole Alcoran at once, only to the lowest heaven, not to earth; since, had the whole been published at once, innumerable objections would have been made, which it would have been impossible for him to solve: but as he received it by parcels, as God saw fit they should be published for the conversion and instruction of the people, he had a sure way to answer all emergencies, and to extricate himself with honour from any difficulty which might occur.

It is the general and orthodox belief among the Mahometans, that the Koran is of divine original; nay, that it is eternal and uncreated, remaining, as some express it, in the very essence of God: that the first transcript has been from everlasting by God's throne, written on a table of vast bigness, called the *preserved table*, in which are also recorded the divine decrees past and future: that a copy from this table, in one volume on paper, was by the ministry of the angel Gabriel sent down to the lowest heaven, in the month of Ramadan, on the night of



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of power : from whence Gabriel revealed it to Mahomet by parcels, some at Mecca, and some at Medina, at different times, during the space of 23 years, as the exigency of affairs required ; giving him, however, the consolation to show him the whole (which they tell us was bound in silk, and adorned with gold and precious stones of paradise) once a-year ; but in the last year of his life he had the favour to see it twice. They say, that few chapters were delivered entire, the most part being revealed piece meal, and written down from time to time by the prophet's amanuensis in such a part of such and such a chapter, till they were completed, according to the directions of the angel. The first parcel that was revealed is generally agreed to have been the first five verses of the 96th chapter.

After the new-revealed passages had been from the prophet's mouth taken down in writing by his scribe, they were published to his followers ; several of whom took copies for their private use, but the far greater number got them by heart. The originals, when returned, were put promiscuously into a chest, observing no order of time ; for which reason it is uncertain when many passages were revealed.

When Mahomet died, he left his revelations in the same disorder, and not digested into the method, such as it is, in which we now find them. This was the work of his successor Abu Becr ; who, considering that a great number of passages were committed to the memory of Mahomet's followers, many of whom were slain in their wars, ordered the whole to be collected, not only from the palm leaves and skins on which they had been written, and which were kept between two boards or covers, but also from the mouths of such as had gotten them by heart. And this transcript, when completed, he committed to the custody of Hassa the daughter of Omar, one of the prophet's widows.

From this relation it is generally imagined that Abu Becr was really the compiler of the Koran ; though, for aught appears to the contrary, Mahomet left the chapters complete as we now have them, excepting such passages as his successor might add or correct from those who had gotten them by heart ; what Abu Becr did else, being perhaps no more than to range the chapters in their present order, which he seems to have done without any regard to time, having generally placed the longest first.

However, in the 30th year of the Hegira, Othman being then caliph, and observing the great disagreement in the copies of the Koran in the several provinces of the empire ; those of Irak, for example, following the reading of Abu Musa al Ashari, and the Syrians that of Macdad Ebn Aswad ; he, by the advice of the *companions*, ordered a great number of copies to be transcribed from that of Abu Becr, in Hassa's care, under the inspection of Zeid Ebn Thabet, Abd'allah Ebn Zobair, Said Ebn al As, and Ad'alahman Ebn al Hareth the Makhzumite ; whom he directed, that, wherever they disagreed about any word, they should write it in the dialect of the Koreish, in which it was at first delivered. These copies, when made, were dispersed in the several provinces of the empire, and the old ones burnt and suppressed. Though many things in Hassa's copy were corrected by the abovementioned revisers, yet some few various readings still occur.

In fine, the book of the Alcoran is held in the highest

esteem and reverence among the Mussulmans. They dare not so much as touch the Alcoran without being first washed, or legally purified ; to prevent which, an inscription is put on the cover or label, *Let none touch but they who are clean*. It is read with great care and respect ; being never held below the girdle. They swear by it ; take omens from it on all weighty occasions ; carry it with them to war ; write sentences of it in their banners ; adorn it with gold and precious stones ; and knowingly suffer it not to be in the possession of any of a different religion. Some say that it is punishable even with death, in a Christian to touch it ; others, that the veneration of the Mussulmans leads them to condemn the translating it into any other language as a profanation : but these seem to be aggravations. The Mahometans have taken care to have their scripture translated into the Persian, the Javan, the Malayan, and other languages ; though, out of respect to the original, these versions are generally, if not always interlined.

By the advocates of Mahometanism, the Koran, as already observed, has always been held forth as the greatest of miracles, and equally stupendous with the act of raising the dead. The miracles of Moses and Jesus, they say, were transient and temporary ; but that of the Koran is permanent and perpetual ; and therefore far surpasses all the miraculous events of preceding ages. We will not detract from the real merit of the Koran : we allow it to be generally elegant, and often sublime : but at the same time we reject with disdain its arrogant pretence to any thing supernatural ; all the real excellence of the work being easily referable to natural and visible causes.

“ In the language of Arabia, a language extremely loved and diligently cultivated by the people to whom it was vernacular, Mahomet found advantages which were never enjoyed by any former or preceding impostor. It requires not the eye of a philosopher to discover in every soil and country a principle of national pride : and if we look back for many ages to the history of the Arabians, we shall easily perceive that pride among them invariably to have consisted in the knowledge and improvement of their native language. The Arabic, which has been justly esteemed the most copious of the Eastern tongues ; which had existed from the remotest antiquity ; which had been embellished by numberless poets, and refined by the constant exercise of the natives ; was the most successful instrument which Mahomet employed in planting his new religion among them. Admirably adapted by its unrivalled harmony, and by its endless variety to add painting to expression, and to pursue the imagination in its unbounded flight ; it became in the hands of Mahomet an irresistible charm to blind the judgment, and to captivate the fancy of his followers.

“ Of that description of men who first composed the adherents of Mahomet, and to whom the Koran was addressed, few, probably, were able to pass a very accurate judgment on the propriety of the sentiments, or on the beauties of the diction : but all could judge of the military abilities of their leader ; and in the midst of their admiration it is not difficult to conceive, that they would ascribe to his compositions every imaginary beauty of inspired language.

“ The shepherd and the soldier, though awake to the

Alcoran.

*View of  
Christianity  
and Maho-  
metanism,  
p. 257.*

Alcoran. charms of those wild but beautiful compositions, in which were celebrated their favourite occupations of love or war, were yet little able to criticise any other works than those which were addressed to their imagination or the heart. To abstract reasonings on the attributes and the dispensations of the Deity, to the comparative excellencies of rival religions, to the consistency of any one religious system in all its parts, and to the force of its various proofs, they were quite inattentive. In such a situation, the appearance of a work which possessed something like wisdom and consistence; which prescribed the rules, and illustrated the duties of life; and which contained the principles of a new and comparatively sublime theology, independently of its real and permanent merit, was likely to excite their astonishment and to become the standard of future composition.

“ In the first periods of literature of every country, something of this kind has happened. The father of Grecian poetry very obviously influenced the taste and imitation of his countrymen. The modern nations of Europe all possess some original author, who, rising from the darkness of former ages, has begun the career of composition, and tinged with the character of his own imagination the stream which has flowed through his posterity.

“ But the prophet of Arabia had in this respect advantages peculiar to himself. His compositions were not to his followers the works of man, but the genuine language of Heaven, which had sent him. They were not confined therefore to that admiration which is so liberally bestowed on the earliest production of genius, or to that fond attachment with which men every where regard the original compositions of their country: but with their admiration they blended their piety. To know and to feel the beauties of the Koran, was in some respect to share in the temper of Heaven; and he who was most affected with admiration in the perusal of its beauties, seemed most fitly the object of that mercy which had given it to ignorant man. The Koran, therefore, became naturally and necessarily the standard of taste. With a language thus hallowed in their imaginations, they were too well satisfied, either to dispute its elegance or improve its structure. In succeeding ages, the additional sanction of antiquity, or prescription, was given to these compositions which their fathers had admired: and while the belief of its divine original continues, that admiration, which has thus become the test and the duty of the faithful, can neither be altered nor diminished.

“ When therefore we consider these peculiar advantages of the Koran, we have no reason to be surprised at the admiration in which it is held. But if, descending to a more minute investigation of it, we consider its perpetual inconsistency and absurdity, we shall indeed have cause for astonishment at that weakness of humanity which could ever have received such compositions as the work of the Deity.

“ The first praise of all the productions of genius, is invention; that quality of the mind, which, by the extent and quickness of its views, is capable of the largest conceptions, and of forming new combinations of objects the most distant and unusual. But the Koran bears little impression of this transcendent character. Its materials are wholly borrowed from the Jewish and

Alcoran. Christian scriptures, from the Talmudical legends and apocryphal gospels then current in the East, and from the traditions and fables which abounded in Arabia. The materials collected from these several sources are here heaped together, with perpetual and needless repetitions, without any settled principle or visible connection.

“ When a great part of the life of Mahomet had been spent in preparatory meditation on the system he was about to establish, its chapters were dealt out slowly and separately during the long period of 23 years. Yet thus defective in its structure, and not less exceptionable in its doctrines, was the work which Mahomet delivered to his followers as the oracles of God.

“ The most prominent feature of the Koran, that point of excellence in which the partiality of its admirers has ever delighted to view it, is the sublime notion it generally impresses of the nature and attributes of God. If its author had really derived these just conceptions from the inspiration of that Being whom they attempt to describe, they would not have been surrounded, as they now are on every side, with error and absurdity. But it might easily be proved, that whatever it justly defines of the divine attributes, was borrowed from our holy scriptures; which even from its first promulgation, but especially from the completion of the New Testament, has extended the views and enlightened the understandings of mankind; and thus furnished them with arms which have too often been ineffectually turned against itself by its ungenerous enemies.

“ In this instance particularly, the copy is far below the great original, both in the propriety of its images, and the force of its descriptions. Our holy scriptures are the only compositions that can enable the dim sight of mortality to penetrate into the invisible world, and to behold a glimpse of the Divine perfections. Accordingly, when they would represent to us the happiness of Heaven, they describe it not by any thing minute and particular, but by something general and great; something, that without descending to any determinate object, may at once by its beauty and immensity excite our wishes and elevate our affections. Though in the prophetic and evangelical writings the joys that shall attend us in a future state are often mentioned with ardent admiration, they are expressed rather by allusion than similitude, rather by indefinite and figurative terms, than by any thing fixed and determinate. ‘ Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him’. 1 Cor. ii. 9. What a reverence and astonishment does this passage excite in every hearer of taste and piety? What energy, and at the same time what simplicity, in the expression? How sublime, and at the same time how obscure, is the imagery?

“ Different was the conduct of Mahomet in his descriptions of heaven and of paradise. Unassisted by the necessary influence of virtuous intentions and divine inspiration, he was neither desirous, nor indeed able to exalt the minds of men to sublime conceptions, or to rational expectations. By attempting to explain what is inconceivable, to describe what is ineffable, and to materialize what in itself is spiritual; he absurdly and impiously aimed to sensualize the purity of the Divine essence. Thus he fabricated a system of incoherence, a religion of depravity, totally repugnant indeed to the nature

Alcoran, nature of that Being, who, as he pretended, was its object; but therefore more likely to accord with the appetites and conceptions of a corrupt and sensual age.

“That we may not appear to exalt our Scriptures thus far above the Koran by an unreasonable preference, we shall produce a part of the second chapter of the latter, which is deservedly admired by the Mahometans, who wear it engraved on their ornaments, and recite it in their prayers. ‘God! there is no God but he; the living, the self-subsisting: neither slumber nor sleep seizeth him: to him belongeth whatsoever is in heaven, and on earth. Who is he that can intercede with him but through his good pleasure? He knoweth that which is past, and that which is to come. His throne is extended over heaven and earth, and the preservation of both is to him no burden. He is the high, the mighty.’ *Sale’s Kor.* ii. p. 30. 4to edit.

“To this description who can refuse the praise of magnificence? Part of that magnificence, however, is to be referred to that verse of the Psalmist, whence it was borrowed, ‘He that keepeth Israel, shall neither slumber nor sleep.’ *Pfal.* cxxi. 4.

“But if we compare it with that other passage of the same inspired Psalmist, all its boasted grandeur is at once obscured, and lost in the blaze of a greater light.

“O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days; thy years are throughout all generations. Of old hast thou laid the foundations of the earth; and the heavens are the work of thy hands. They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea all of them shall wax old, as doth a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed; but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.’

“The Koran, therefore, upon a retrospective view of these several circumstances, far from supporting its arrogant claim to a supernatural work, sinks below the level of many compositions confessedly of human original; and still lower does it fall in our estimation, when compared with that pure and perfect pattern which we justly admire in the scriptures of truth.

“It is therefore abundantly apparent, that no miracle either was externally performed for the support, or is internally involved in the composition, of the Mahometan revelation.”

ALCORAN, is also figuratively applied to certain other books full of impieties and impostures.—In this sense we meet with the *Alcoran* of the Cordeliers, which has made a great noise; wherein St Francis is extravagantly magnified, and put on a level with Jesus Christ. The *Alcoran* of the Cordeliers is properly an extract of a very scarce book, entitled, The conformity of the life of the seraphic father St Francis with the life of Christ, published in 1500, 4to; since, at Bologna, in folio. Erasmus Albertus, being by the elector of Brandenburg appointed to visit a monastery of Franciscans, found this book; and being struck with the extreme folly and absurdity of it, collected a number of curiosities out of it, and published them under the title of the *Alcoran* of the Franciscans, with a preface by Martin Luther.

ALCORANISTS, among Mahometans, those who adhere strictly to the letter or text of the alcoran, from an opinion of its ultimate sufficiency and perfection.

The Persians are generally *Alcoranists*, as admitting the Alcoran alone for their rule of faith. The Turks, Tartars, Arabs, &c. besides the Alcoran, admit a multitude of traditions. The Alcoranists, among Mahometans, amount to much the same with the textuaries among the Jews. The Alcoranists can find nothing excellent out of the Alcoran; are enemies of philosophers, metaphysicians, and scholastic writers. With them the Alcoran is every thing.

ALCOVE, among builders, a recess, or part of a chamber separated by an estrade, or partition of columns, and other corresponding ornaments, in which is placed a bed of state, and sometimes seats to entertain company. These alcoves are frequent in Spain; and the bed is raised two or three ascents, with a rail at the foot.

ALCUINUS (Flaccus), an ecclesiastic of the eighth century. Where he was born, is a matter of dispute; but, according to the most probable opinion, it was in Yorkshire. It is pretty certain, however, that he was educated at York, under the direction of archbishop Egbert, as we learn from his own letters, in which he frequently calls that great prelate his beloved master, and the clergy of York the companions of his youthful studies. As he survived venerable Bede about 70 years, it is hardly possible that he could have received any part of his education under him, as some writers of literary history have affirmed; and it is worthy of observation, that he never calls that great man his master, though he speaks of him with the highest veneration. It is not well known to what preferments he had attained in the church before he left England, though some say he was abbot of Canterbury. The occasion of his leaving his native country, was his being sent on an embassy by Offa king of Mercia to the emperor Charlemagne; who contracted so great an esteem and friendship for him, that he earnestly solicited, and at length prevailed upon him, to settle in his court, and become his preceptor in the sciences. Alcuinus accordingly instructed that great prince in rhetoric, logic, mathematics, and divinity; which rendered him one of his greatest favourites. “He was treated with so much kindness and familiarity (says a cotemporary writer) by the Emperor, that the other courtiers called him, by way of eminence, *the emperor’s delight.*” Charlemagne employed his learned favourite to write several books against the heretical opinions of Felix Bishop of Urgel in Catalonia, and to defend the orthodox faith against that heresiarch, in the council of Francfort, A. D. 804; which he performed to the entire satisfaction of the Emperor and council, and even to the conviction of Felix and his followers, who abandoned their errors. The Emperor consulted chiefly with Alcuinus on all things relating to religion and learning; and, by his advice, did many great things for the advancement of both. An academy was established in the Imperial palace, over which Alcuinus presided, and in which the princes and primogeniture were educated; and other academies were established in the chief towns of Italy and France, at his instigation, and under his inspection. “France (says one of our best writers of literary history) is indebted to Alcuinus for all the polite learning it boasted of in that and the following ages. The universities of Paris, Tours, Fuldon, Soissons, and many others,

Alcuinus owe to him their origin and increase; those of whom he was not the superior and founder, being at least enlightened by his doctrine and example, and enriched by the benefits he procured for them from Charlemagne." After Alcuinus had spent many years in the most intimate familiarity with the greatest prince of his age, he at length, with great difficulty, obtained leave to retire from court to his abbey of St Martin's at Tours. Here he kept up a constant correspondence by letters with Charlemagne; from which it appears, that both the emperor and his learned friend were animated with the most ardent love to learning and religion, and constantly employed in contriving and executing the noblest designs for their advancement. He composed many treatises on a great variety of subjects, in a style much superior in purity and elegance to that of the generality of writers in the age in which he flourished. Charlemagne often solicited him, with all the warmth of a most affectionate friend, to return to court, and favour him with his company and advice; but he still excused himself; and nothing could draw him from his retirement in his abbey of St Martin in Tours, where he died A. D. 904. His works were collected and published by Andrew du Chesne in one volume folio, Paris, 1617. They consist of, 1. Tracts upon scripture. 2. Tracts upon doctrine, discipline, and morality. 3. Historical treatises, letters, and poems. Since that edition, there has been published an incredible number of tracts, poems, &c. ascribed to this author, most of which, in all probability, were not his.

ALCYON, the trivial name of a species of alcedo. See *ALCEDO*.

ALCYONIUM, an obsolete name of a submarine plant. It is also used for a kind of coral, or astroites, frequently found fossil in England.

ALCYONIUM *Stagnum* (anc. geog.), a lake in the territory of Corinth, whose depth was unfathomable, and in vain attempted to be discovered by Nero. Thro' this lake Bacchus is said to have descended to hell, to bring back Semele; (Pausanias).

ALCYONIUS (Peter), a learned Italian, who flourished in the 16th century. He was well versed in the Greek and Latin tongues, and wrote some pieces of eloquence which met with great approbation. He was corrector of the press a considerable time for Aldus Manutius, and is intitled to a share in the praises given to the editions of that learned printer. He published a treatise concerning banishment, which contained so many fine passages intermixed with others quite the reverse, that it was thought he had tacked to somewhat of his own, several fragments of a treatise of Cicero *de gloria*; and that afterwards, in order to save himself from being detected in this theft, he burnt the manuscript of Cicero, the only one extant. Paulus Manutius, in his commentary upon these words of Cicero, *Librum tibi celeriter mittam de gloria*, "I will speedily send you my treatise on glory;" has the following passage relating to this affair: "He means (says he) his two books On Glory, which were handed down to the age of our fathers; for Bernard Justinian, in the index of his books, mentions *Cicero de Gloria*. This treatise, however, when Bernard had left his whole library to a nunnery, could not be found, though sought after with great care: nobody doubted but Peter Alcyonius, who, being physician to the nunnery,

was entrusted with the library, had basely stole it. And truly, in his treatise Of Banishment, some things are found interspersed here and there, which seem not to favour of Alcyonius, but of some higher author." The two orations he made after the taking of Rome, wherein he represented very strongly the injustice of Charles V. and the barbarity of his soldiers, were excellent pieces. There is also an oration ascribed to him, on the knights who died at the siege of Rhodes.

ALDBOROUGH, a sea-port town in Suffolk, with a market on Saturdays. It is pleasantly situated, in a dale, between a high hill to the westward, on which its large old-built church stands; the sea to the east, and its river running south-west. It is a large, long, ordinary town, made up of two or three streets of low houses, running parallel to each other. A quarter of a mile to the south lies Slaughden, where they have a commodious key, with warehouses for fish: more southerly still, they have conveniences for drying their north-sea fish. Their employment in the fishery is their chief business, which is considerable in the seasons for catching herrings and sprats; and it is the only place in England for curing red sprats. It is a town corporate, and sends two members to parliament. Towards the sea, it has some pieces of cannon planted for its defence. It is 88 miles north-east from London. E. Long. 1. 32. N. Lat. 52. 50.

ALDBOROUGH, a market-town in the west riding of Yorkshire, seated on the river Ouse, 15 miles north-west of York, and 200 miles north of London. It sends two members to parliament. W. Long. 0. 20. N. Lat. 54. 15. It was anciently a Roman city, called *Isurium Brigantium*; and several coins and monuments of the Saxons and Romans have been discovered there.

ALDEBARAN, in astronomy, a star of the first magnitude, called in English the *bull's eye*, as making the eye of the constellation Taurus. Its longitude is 6 deg. 32 min. 9 sec. of Gemini, and its latitude 5 deg. 29 min. 40 sec. south.

ALDER-TREE, in botany. See *BETULA*.

ALDERHOLM, a pleasant island of Sweden, formed by the three arms of a river running thro' Gentle, a town of Nordland, in Sweden. Here is a wharf, a repository for planks and deals; two packing houses, a large customhouse for taking toll of the ships, an arsenal for cannon, and a granary.

ALDERMAN, in the British policy, a magistrate subordinate to the lord-mayor of a city or town-corporate. The number of these magistrates is not limited, but is more or less according to the magnitude of the place. In London they are 26; each having one of the wards of the city committed to his care. This office is for life; so that when one of them dies, or resigns, a ward-mote is called, who return two persons, one of whom the lord-mayor and aldermen choose to supply the vacancy. All the aldermen are justices of the peace, by a charter of 15 Geo. II. The aldermen of London, &c. are exempted from serving inferior offices; nor shall they be put upon assizes, or serve on juries, so long as they continue to be aldermen.

ALDERMAN, among the ancient Saxons, was a degree of nobility answering to earl or count at present.

ALDERMAN was also used, in the time of king Edgar, for a judge or justice. Thus we meet with the

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Alderney, the titles of *Aldermannus totius Angliæ, aldermannus regis, comitatus civitatis, burgi, castelli, hundredi sive wapentachii, et novemdecimorum*. According to Spelman, the *aldermannus totius Angliæ* seems to have been the same officer who was afterwards styled *capitalis justiciarius Angliæ*, or chief-justice of England; the *aldermannus regis* seems to have been an occasional magistrate, answering to our justice of assize; and the *aldermannus comitatus*, a magistrate who held a middle rank between what was afterwards called the *earl* and the *sheriff*; he sat at the trial of causes with the bishop: the latter proceeding according to ecclesiastical law, and the former declaring and expounding the common law of the land.

**ALDERNEY**, an island in the British channel, subject to the crown of Great Britain. It is about eight miles in compass, and is separated from Cape la Hogue, in Normandy, by a narrow streight, called the *Race of Alderney*, which is a very dangerous passage in stormy weather when the two currents meet; otherwise it is safe, and has depth of water for the largest ships. Thro' this streight the French fleet made their escape after their defeat at La Hogue, in 1692. It is a healthy island, has but one church, is fruitful both in corn and pasture, and is remarkable for a fine breed of cows. The inhabitants, for their greater safety, live together in a town of the same name. The number of houses are said to be 200, and the inhabitants 1000. It has but one harbour, called *Crabby*, which is at a good distance from the town; and is only fit for small vessels. To the west lie the range of rocks called the *Caskets*, so dangerous to mariners. W. Long. 2. 17. N. Lat. 49. 50.

**ALDHELM** (St), bishop of Shereburn in the time of Saxon Heptarchy. He is said to have been the son of Kenred, brother to Ina, king of the West-Saxons; but, in the opinion of William of Malmesbury, his father was no more than a distant relation to the king. Having received the first part of his education in the school which one Macdulf, a learned Scot, had set up in the place where Malmesbury now stands, he travelled into France and Italy for his improvement. At his return home, he studied some time under Adrian abbot of St Augustine's in Canterbury, the most learned professor of the sciences who had ever been in England. In these different seminaries he acquired a very uncommon stock of knowledge; and became famous for his learning, not only in England, but in foreign countries: whence several learned men sent him their writings for his perusal and correction; particularly Prince Arcivil, a son of the king of Scotland, who wrote many pieces which he sent to Aldhelm, "intreating him to give them the last polish, by rubbing off their Scots rust." He was the first Englishman who wrote in the Latin language both in prose and verse, and composed a book for the instruction of his countrymen in the prosody of that language. Besides this, he wrote several other treatises on various subjects; some of which are lost, and others published by Martin Delrio and Canisius. Venerable Bede, who flourished in the end of this and the beginning of the next century, gives the following character of Aldhelm: "He was a man of universal erudition, having an elegant style, and being wonderfully well acquainted with books, both on philosophical and religious subjects." In fact, considering the cloud of ignorance by which he was

surrounded, and the great difficulty of acquiring knowledge without proper instruction, Aldhelm was a very extraordinary man. From one of his letters to Hedda bishop of Winchester, concerning the nature of his studies whilst at Canterbury, he appears to have been indefatigably determined to acquire every species of learning in his power. For a copy of this curious epistle, see Henry's History, vol. ii. p. 320. King Alfred the Great declared, that Aldhelm was the best of all the Saxon poets; and that a favourite song, which was universally sung in his time, near 200 years after its author's death, was of his composition. When he was abbot of Malmesbury, having a fine voice, and great skill in music as well as poetry, and observing the backwardness of his barbarous country men to listen to grave instructions, he composed a number of little poems, which he sung to them after mass in the sweetest manner; by which they were gradually instructed and civilized. After this excellent person had governed the monastery of Malmesbury, of which he was the founder, about 30 years, he was made bishop of Shereburn, where he died A. D. 709.—He wrote, 1. *De octo vitiis principalibus*. This treatise is extant in *Bibliotheca Patrum* of Canisius. 2. *Ænigmaticum versus mille*. This, with several other of his poems, was published by Martin Delrio at Mentz, 8vo, 1601. 3. A book addressed to a certain king of Northumberland, named Alfrid, on various subjects. 4. *De vitam monachorum*. 5. *De laude sanctorum*. 6. *De arithmetica*. 7. *De astrologia*. 8. A book against the mistake of the Britons concerning the celebration of Easter; printed by Sonius, 1576. 9. *De laude virginittatis*. Manuscript, in Bennet-college, Cambridge. Published among Bede's *Opuscula*. Besides many sonnets, epistles, and homilies in the Saxon language.

**ALDPORT**, an ancient name for Manchester. See **MANCHESTER**.

**ALDRED**, abbot of Tavistock, was promoted to the bishopric of Worcester in the year 1046. He was so much in favour with King Edward the Confessor, and had so much power over his mind, that he obliged him to be reconciled with the worst of his enemies, particularly with Swane son of the earl Goodwin, who had revolted against him, and came with an army to invade the kingdom. Aldred also restored the union and friendship between king Edward and Griffin king of Wales. He took afterwards a journey to Rome, and being returned into England, in the year 1054, he was sent ambassador to the emperor Henry II.; he staid a whole year in Germany, and was very honourably entertained by Herman archbishop of Cologne, from whom he learned many things relating to ecclesiastical discipline, which on his return he established in his own diocese. In the year 1058 he went to Jerusalem, which no archbishop or bishop of England had ever done before him. Two years after he returned to England; and Kinisus archbishop of York dying the 22d of December 1060, Aldred was elected in his stead on Christmas day following, and thought fit to keep his bishoprick of Worcester with the archbishoprick of Canterbury, as some of his predecessors had done. Aldred went soon after to Rome, in order to receive the Pallium from the Pope: He was attended by Toston earl of Northumberland, Giso bishop of Wells, and Walter bishop of Hereford. The Pope received Tost-

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Aldred. ton very honourably, and made him sit by him in the synod which he held against the Simonists. He granted to Giso and Walter their request, because they were tolerably well learned, and not accused of simony. But Aldred being by his answers found ignorant, and guilty of simony, the pope deprived him very severely of all honours and dignities; so that he was obliged to return without the Pallium. On his way home he and his three fellow-travellers were attacked by some robbers, who took from them all that they had, though they did not offer to kill them. This obliged them to return to Rome: and the pope, either out of compassion, or by the threatenings of the earl of Northumberland, gave Aldred the Pallium; but he was obliged to resign his bishopric of Worcester. However, as the archbishopric of York had been almost entirely ruined by the many invasions of foreigners, king Edward gave the new archbishop leave to keep twelve villages of manors which belonged to the bishopric of Worcester. Edward the Confessor dying in 1066, Aldred crowned Harold his successor. He also crowned William the Conqueror, after he had made him take the following oath, viz. that he would protect the holy church of God and their leaders; that he would establish and observe righteous laws; that he would entirely prohibit and suppress all rapines and unjust judgments. He was so much in favour with the Conqueror, that this prince looked upon him as a father; and, though imperious in regard to every body else, he yet submitted to obey this archbishop: John Bromton gives us an instance of the king's submission, which at the same time shows the prelate's haughtiness.—It happened one day, as the archbishop was at York, that the deputy-governor or lord-lieutenant going out of the city with a great number of people, met the archbishop's servants, who came to town with several carts and horses loaded with provisions. The governor asked them to whom they belonged; and they having answered they were Aldred's servants, the governor ordered that all these provisions should be carried to the king's store-house. The archbishop sent immediately some of his clergy to the governor, commanding him to deliver the provisions, and to make satisfaction to St Peter, and to him the saint's vicar, for the injury he had done them; adding, that if he refused to comply, the archbishop would make use of his apostolic authority against him, (intimating thereby that he would excommunicate him). The governor, offended at this proud message, used the persons whom the archbishop had sent him very ill, and returned an answer as haughty as the message was. Aldred thereupon went to London to make his complaint to the king; but in this very complaint he acted with his wonted insolence; for meeting the king in the church of St Peter at Westminster, he spoke to him in these words. "Hearken, O William: when thou wast but a foreigner, and God, to punish the sins of this nation, permitted thee to become master of it, after having shed a great deal of blood, I consecrated thee, and put the crown upon thy head with blessings; but now, because thou hast deserved it, I pronounce a curse over thee, instead of a blessing, since thou art become the persecutor of God's church, and of his ministers, and hast broken the promises and the oaths which thou

"madest to me before St Peter's altar." The king, terrified at this discourse, fell upon his knees, and humbly begged the prelate to tell him, by what crime he had deserved so severe a sentence. The noblemen, who were present, were enraged against the archbishop, and loudly cried out he deserved death, or at least banishment, for having offered such an injury to his sovereign, and they pressed him with threatenings to raise the king from the ground. But the prelate, unmoved at all this, answered calmly, "Good men, let him lie there, for he is not at Aldred's but at St Peter's feet; he must feel St Peter's power, since he dared to injure his vicegerent." Having thus reproved the nobles by his episcopal authority, he vouchsafed to take the king by the hand, and to tell him the ground of his complaint. The king humbly excused himself, by saying he had been ignorant of the whole matter; and begged of the noblemen to intreat the prelate, that he might take off the curse he had pronounced, and to change it into a blessing. Aldred was at last prevailed upon to favour the king thus far; but not without the promise of several presents and favours, and only after the king had granted him to take such a revenge on the governor as he thought fit. Since that time (adds the historian) none of the noblemen ever dared to offer the least injury. It may be questioned, which was more surprising here, whether the archbishop's haughtiness, who dared to treat his sovereign after so unbecoming a manner; or the king's stupidity, who suffered such insolence and audaciousness from a priest?—The Danes having made an invasion in the north of England in the year 1068, under the conduct of Harold and Canute the sons of king Swane, Aldred was so much afflicted at it, that he died of grief the 11th of September in that same year, having besought God that he might not see the desolation of his church and country.

ALDRICH (Robert), bishop of Carlisle, was born at Burnham in Buckinghamshire about the year 1493, and educated at Eaton-school; from whence, in 1507, he was elected scholar of King's-college, Cambridge, where he took his degree in arts, and was afterwards proctor of the university. In 1525, he was appointed master of Eaton school, then became fellow of that college, and finally provost. In 1529, he went to Oxford, where, being first incorporated bachelor of divinity, in the following year he proceeded doctor in that faculty: in 1531, he was made arch-deacon of Colchester; in 1534, canon of Windsor; and the same year, registry of the order of the garter. He was consecrated bishop of Carlisle in the year 1537, and died at Horncastle in Lincolnshire in 1556. He wrote, 1. *Epistola ad Gul. Hormanum*, in Latin verse; printed in Horman's *Antibossican*, Lond. 1521, of which book Pitts erroneously makes Aldrich the author. 2. *Epigrammata varia*. 3. *Latin verses, and another epistle to Horman*, prefixed to the *Vulgaria puerorum* of that author, Lond. 1519, 4to. 5. *Answers to certain queries concerning the abuses of the mass; also about receiving the sacrament*.

ALDRICH (Dr Henry), an eminent English divine and philosopher, born at London in 1647, was educated at Westminster school under the famous Dr Busby, and admitted of Christ-church college, Oxford.

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Aldrich. He had a great share in the controversy with the Papists in the reign of James II. and bishop Burnet ranks him among those who examined all the points of popery with a solidity of judgment, clearness of argument, depth of learning, and vivacity of writing, far beyond any who had before that time written in our language. He rendered himself so conspicuous, that at the Revolution, when Massey the popish dean of Christ-church fled, his deanery was conferred on him. In this station he behaved in an exemplary manner, and that fabric owes much of its beauty to his ingenuity: it was Aldrich who designed the beautiful square, called *Peckwater-Quadrangle*, which is esteemed an excellent piece of architecture. In imitation of his predecessor Dr Fell, he published, yearly, a piece of some ancient Greek author, as a present to the students of his house: he published *A System of Logic*, with some other pieces; and the revising Clarendon's History of the Rebellion was intrusted to him and bishop Spratt; but it doth not appear that they made any additions, or considerable alterations in it, as has been asserted by Mr Oldmixon. Besides his preferments above mentioned, Dr Aldrich was also rector of Wem in Shropshire. He was chosen prolocutor of the convocation in 1702. This worthy person died at Christ-church on the 14th of December 1710. As to his character, he was a most universal scholar, and had a taste for all sorts of learning, especially architecture. Sir John Hawkins has favoured the public with several particulars relative to Dr Aldrich's skill in music; and on account of the Doctor's eminence in this respect, Sir John hath given his life, with his head prefixed. His abilities as a musician rank him, we are told, among the greatest masters of the science. He composed many services for the church, which are well known; as are also his anthems, nearly to the number of twenty. He adapted, with great skill and judgment, English words to many of the notes of Palestrina, Carissimi, Victoria, and other Italian composers for the church, some of which are frequently sung in the cathedrals as anthems. By the happy talent which Dr Aldrich possessed, of naturalizing the compositions of the old Italian masters, and accommodating them to an English ear, he increased the stores of his own church. Though the Doctor chiefly applied himself to the cultivation of sacred music, yet, being a man of humour, he could divert himself by producing pieces of a lighter kind. There are two catches of his; the one, "Hark the bonny Christ-church bells," the other intitled, "A Smoaking Catch," to be sung by four men smoaking their pipes, which is not more difficult to sing than diverting to hear. His love of smoaking was, it seems, so excessive as to be an entertaining topic of discourse in the university. Such was Dr Aldrich's regard for the advancement of music, and the honour of its professors, that he had formed a design of writing a history of the science; and the materials from which he proposed to compile it are yet extant in the library of his own college. It appears from these materials, that he had marked down every thing which he had met with concerning music and musicians; but that he had wrought no part of them into any kind of form.

Dr Aldrich is of some note as a Latin poet. In the *Musæ Anglicanæ*, we find two elegant copies of verses by him; one on the accession of King William III.

and the other on the death of the duke of Gloucester. Aldrich, Sir John Hawkins hath preserved a humorous translation by him of the well-known English ballad, Aldrovandus.

"A foldier and a sailer,  
"A tinker and a taylor," &c.

The following epigram, entitled "*Causa Bibendi*," is likewise ascribed to Dr Aldrich:

"Si bene quid memini, Causæ sunt quinque bibendi,  
"Hospitiis Adventus; præsens Sitis, atque futura;  
"Aut Vini Bonitas; aut quæ libet altera Causa."

The epigram has been thus translated:

"If on my theme I rightly think,  
"There are five reasons why men drink:  
"Good wine, a friend, because I'm dry,  
"Or lest I should be by and by,  
"Or any other reason why."

The translation is not equal to the original. It is evident, from the verses cited and referred to, that Dr Aldrich was of a very cheerful and pleasant turn of mind. Indeed, he is always spoken of as having been a man of wit; and as one who, to his great talents and virtues, joined those amiable qualities, which rendered him the object of general affection, as well as of general esteem and respect. Having never been married, he appropriated his income to works of hospitality and beneficence, and encouraging learning to the utmost of his power, of which he was a most munificent patron, as well as one of the greatest men in England, if considered as a Christian or a gentleman. He had always the interest of his college at heart, whereof he was an excellent governor. And as he was remarkable for modesty and humility, concealing his name to those several learned tracts he published, so at his death he appointed to be buried without any memorial in the cathedral; which his thrifty nephew complied with, depositing him on the south side of bishop Fell's grave, December 22, eight days after his decease; which happened in the 63d or 64th year of his age.

ALDROVANDUS (Ulysses), professor of philosophy and physic at Bologna, the place of his nativity. He was a most curious inquirer into natural history, and travelled into the most distant countries on purpose to inform himself of their natural productions. Minerals, metals, plants and animals, were the objects of his curious researches; but he applied himself chiefly to birds, and was at great expence to have figures of them drawn from the life. Aubert le Mire says, that he gave a certain painter, famous in that art, a yearly salary of 200 crowns, for 30 years and upwards; and that he employed at his own expence Lorenzo Bennini and Cornelius Swintus, as well as the famous engraver Christopher Coriolanus. These expences ruined his fortune, and at length reduced him to the utmost necessity; and it is said that he died blind in an hospital at Bologna, at a great age, in 1605. Mr Bayle observes, that antiquity does not furnish us with any instance of a design so extensive and so laborious as that of Aldrovandus, with regard to natural history; that Pliny has treated of more kinds of subjects, but only touches lightly on them, saying but a little upon any thing, whereas Aldrovandus has collected all he could meet with. His compilation, or that compiled upon

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his plan, consists of 13 volumes in folio, several of which were printed after his death. He himself published his Ornithology, or History of Birds, in three folio volumes, in 1599; and his seven books Of Insects, which make another volume of the same size. The volume Of Serpents, three Of Quadrupeds, one Of Fishes, that Of exanguious Animals, the History of Monsters, with the Supplement to that of Animals, the treatise Of Metals, and the Dendrology or History of Trees, were published at several times after the death of Aldrovandus, by the care of several persons; and Aldrovandus is the sole author only of the first six volumes of this work, the rest having been finished and compiled by others, upon the plan of Aldrovandus; a most extensive plan, whercin he not only relates what he has read in naturalists, but remarks also what historians have written, legislators ordained, and poets feigned; he explains also the different uses which may be made of the things he treats of, in common life, in medicine, architecture, and other arts; in short, he speaks of morality, proverbs, devices, riddles, hieroglyphics, and many other things which relate to his subject.

ALDROVANDA, in botany, a genus of the pentandria order, belonging to the pentagynia class of plants; of which there is but one species. The calyx is divided into five parts; the petals are five; and the capsule has five valves, with ten seeds. It is a native of Italy and the Indies; and has no English name.

ALDUABIS (anc geog.), a river of Celtic Gaul, which rising from Mount Jura, separating the Sequani from the Helvetii, and running through the county of Burgundy, or the Franche Comté, environs almost on every side the city of Beasnon; and running by Dole, falls into the Saone near Chalons. In Cæsar it is called *Alduadubis*; in Ptolemy, *Dubis*: now *le Doux*.

ALE, a fermented liquor obtained from an infusion of malt, and differing from beer chiefly in having a less proportion of hops. (See BREWING). This liquor, the natural substitute for wine in such countries as could not produce the grape, was originally made in Egypt, the first planted kingdom, on the dispersion from the east, that was supposed unable to produce grapes. And, as the Noachian colonies pierced further into the west they found, or thought they found, the same defect, and supplied it in the same manner. Thus the natives of Spain, the inhabitants of France, and the aborigines of Britain, all used an infusion of barley for their ordinary liquor: and it was called by the various names of *Cælia* and *Ceria* in the first country, *Cerevisia* in the second, and *Curmi* in the last; all literally importing only *the strong water*.

“All the several nations (says Pliny) who inhabit the west of Europe, have a liquor with which they intoxicate themselves, made of corn and water. The manner of making this liquor is somewhat different in Gaul, Spain, and other countries, and is called by many various names; but its nature and properties are every where the same. The people of Spain, in particular, brew this liquor so well, that it will keep good a long time. So exquisite is the cunning of mankind, in gratifying their vicious appetites, that they have thus invented a method to make water itself intoxicate.” The method in which the ancient Britons, and other Celtic nations, made their ale, is thus described by Isidorus and Orosius. “The grain is steeped in

water and made to germinate, by which its spirits are excited and set at liberty; it is then dried and ground; after which it is infused in a certain quantity of water; which being fermented, becomes a pleasant, warming, strengthening, and intoxicating liquor.” This ale was most commonly made of barley; but sometimes of wheat, oats, and millet.

Anciently the Welch and Scots had also two kinds of ale, called *common ale* and *spiced ale*; and their value was thus ascertained by law: “If a farmer hath no mead, he shall pay two casks of spiced ale, or four casks of common ale, for one cask of mead.” By this law, a cask of spiced ale, nine palms in height, and 18 palms in diameter, was valued at a sum of money equal in efficacy to L.7. 10s. of our present money; and a cask of common ale, of the same dimensions, at a sum equal to L.3. 15s. This is a sufficient proof, that even common ale in this period was an article of luxury among the Welch, which could only be obtained by the great and opulent. Wine seems to have been quite unknown even to the kings of Wales in this period, as it is not so much as once mentioned in their laws; though Giraldus Cambrensis, who flourished about a century after the conquest, acquaints us, that there was a vineyard in his time at Maenarper, near Pembroke, in South Wales.

Ale was the favourite liquor of the Anglo-Saxons and Danes, as it had been of their ancestors the ancient Germans. Before their conversion to Christianity, they believed that drinking large and frequent draughts of ale was one of the chief felicities which those heroes enjoyed who were admitted into the hall of Odin.

There are various sorts of ale known in Britain, particularly *pale* and *brown*: the former is brewed from malt slightly dried; and is esteemed more viscid than the latter, which is made from malt more highly dried or roasted.

Pale ale brewed with hard waters, as those of springs and wells, is judged the most wholesome, in regard the mineral particles tend to prevent the cohesions of those drawn from the grain, and enable them to pass the proper secretions the better; softer waters, as those of rivers, and rain, seem better suited to draw out the substance of high-dried malts, which retain many igneous particles, best absorbed in a smooth vehicle.

In Staffordshire, they have a secret of fining ale in a very short time. Plot conjectures it to be done by adding alum, or vinegar, in the working.

Ale is prepared various ways, and of various ingredients, as of wheat, rye, millet, oats, barley, the berries of the quick-bean, &c.

Some have found that the juice which bleeds from the birch or sycamore is of great use on this occasion, applied instead of water. It makes one bushel of malt go as far as four in the common way.

Some have a method of preparing ale, so that it will keep, carried to the East or West Indies. The secret is, by mashing twice with fresh malt; boiling twice; and, after shipping it, putting to every five gallons two new-laid eggs whole, to remain therein. It is said, that, in a fortnight's time, the shells will be dissolved; and the eggs become like wind-eggs; and that afterwards the white will disappear and the yolk remain untouched.

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**Ale.** Ale is generally held to be more diuretic than beer, in regard it is smoother, more softening, and relaxing; so that when urine is to be promoted by facilitating the passage, ale is most likely to effect it.

Ale is flatulent; and hence sometimes produces colics, and the cholera morbus: it is acescent: but it does not produce calcareous diseases, as has been asserted.

If malt-liquor, of any degree of strength, is become flat and tartish, as it is used, it should be drawn out of the cask into a jug, in which as many drams of powdered chalk is put as there are to be pints of liquor; thus a new ferment will be raised, a sprightly taste will be restored to the liquor, and its acidity will be destroyed. Tart liquors of this kind are apt to produce a dysury, strangury, or a gonorrhœa; in which cases, a small quantity of brandy may be taken.

The consumption of ale in Great Britain is incredible. It was computed twenty years ago at the value of four millions yearly, including Great Britain and Ireland.

The duties on ale and beer make a principal branch of the revenue in Britain. They were first imposed by the 12th of Car. II. and have been continued by several subsequent acts of parliament to first Geo. III. which lays an additional duty of 3d. per barrel. In the whole, the brewer of ale and beer for sale shall pay 8s. for every barrel of either, above 6s. a barrel; and for every barrel of 6s. or under, the sum of 1s. 4d.

*Medicated ALES*, those wherein medicinal herbs have been infused, or added during the fermentation. See PHARMACY, (Index).

*Gill ALE*, is that in which the dried leaves of gill or ground-ivy have been infused. It is esteemed absterfivè and vulnerary, and consequently good in disorders of the breast and obstructions of the viscera.

*ALE-Conner*, an officer in London, who inspects the measures used in public-houses. There are four ale-conners, who are all chosen by the liverymen in common-hall on Midsummer-day.

*ALE-Houses* must be licensed by justices of the peace, who take recognizances of the persons licensed, and of their sureties, viz. 10l. each, that they will not suffer unlawful gaming, nor other disorderly practices in their houses. Every person, excepting those who sell ale in fairs, neglecting to procure a license, is liable to a penalty of 40s. for the first offence, 4l. for the second, and 6l. for the third, with all costs. The licence is granted on the first of September, or within twenty days after, at a general meeting of the justices for the division to which he belongs, upon his producing a certificate to his character, unless, by living in a city or town-corporate, this last circumstance is dispensed with, and continues in force for one year only. Ale-house keepers, selling ale in short measure, are liable to a penalty not exceeding 40s. and not less than 10s. and likewise to a fine of 10s. for permitting tipling, &c.

By 29th Geo. II. c. 12. persons keeping ale-houses in Scotland shall be licensed as in England, and the justices there shall meet annually to license ale-houses; on each of which licenses a fee of 1s. is payable to the clerk of the peace. Magistrates of royal boroughs shall meet yearly for the like purpose; but where there shall not be a sufficient number of magistrates to act in any royal borough, justices may grant licenses, to be in force for one year only. Ibid.

Persons in Scotland convicted of keeping unlicensed ale-houses shall forfeit for the first offence 5s. for the second 10s. for the third 20s. and to be disqualified; and for every subsequent offence 40s. to be levied by distress and sale, one moiety to the informer, the other to the poor of the parish. Conviction to be intimated to the offender, and certified to the clerk of the peace, and recorded: but persons aggrieved may appeal to the quarter sessions. Ibid.

Licenses for houses on the military roads in Scotland shall be issued on payment of 1s. only to the clerk of the peace: making out licenses before the same be stamped, is a penalty of 10l. and making them contrary to the intention of this act, 5l. and the same shall be vacated, unless the duty and fine be paid, and the receipt produced, and license stamped. Ibid.

*ALE-Silver*, a tax paid annually to the lord-mayor of London, by all who sell ale within the city.

ALEA, in Roman antiquity, denotes in general all manner of games of chance; but, in a more restricted sense, was used for a particular game played with dice and tables, not unlike our backgammon.

ALEANDER (Jerome), cardinal and archbishop of Brindisi, was born in 1480; and distinguished himself at the beginning of the reformation, by the opposition he made to Luther: for being sent into Germany as the pope's nuncio in 1519, he acted, as occasion served, in the character both of ambassador and doctor; and declaimed three hours together against Luther's doctrine before the diet of Worms, but could not prevent that celebrated reformer from being heard in that diet. He published several works, and died at Rome in 1542.

ALEANDER (Jerome), a learned man of the seventeenth century, born in the principality of Friuli, of the same family with the preceding. When he went to Rome, he was employed as secretary under cardinal Octavius Bandini, and discharged this office with great honour for almost twenty years. He afterwards, by the persuasion of Urban VIII. who had a great esteem for him, became secretary to Cardinal Barberini, whom he accompanied to Rome when he went there in the character of legate *à latere*, and in whose service he died in 1631. He was one of the first members of the academy of Humorists, wrote a learned treatise in Italian on the device of the society, and displayed his genius on many different subjects. Barberini gave him a magnificent funeral at the academy of Humorists; the academists carried his corpse to the grave; and Gaspar Simeonibus, one of the members, made his funeral oration.

ALECTO, one of the FURIES, daughter of Acheron and Night, or, as others would have it, of Pluto and Proserpine.

ALECTORIA, a stone said to be formed in the gall-bladders of old cocks, to which the ancients ascribed many fabulous virtues. This is otherwise called *Alectorius Lapis*, sometimes *Alectorolithos*, in English the *cock-stone*. The more modern naturalists hold the *alectorius lapis* to be originally swallowed down, not generated in, the stomach or gizzard of cocks and capons. It is known that many of the fowl-kind make a practice of swallowing pebbles, as it is supposed to be of service in the business of trituration and digestion.

ALECTOROMANTIA, in antiquity, a species of divination performed by means of a cock. This is

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otherwise called *Aletryomancy*; of which there appear to have been different species. But that most spoken of by authors was in the following manner: A circle being described on the ground, and divided into twenty-four equal portions, in each of these spaces was written one of the letters of the alphabet, and on each of the letters was laid a grain of wheat; after which, a cock being turned loose in the circle, particular notice was taken of the grains picked up by the cock, because the letters under them, being formed into a word, made the answer desired. It was thus, according to Zonaras, that Libanius and Jamblicus fought who should succeed the emperor Valens; and the cock eating the grains answering to the spaces ΘΒΟΑ, several whose names began with those letters, as Theodotus, Theodistus, Theodulus, &c. were put to death; which did not hinder, but promote, Theodosius to the succession. But the story, however current, is but ill supported: It has been called in question by some, and refuted by others, from the silence of Marellinus, Socrates, and other historians of that time.

A-LEE, in the sea-language, a term only used when the wind, crossing or flanking the line of a ship's course, presses upon the masts and sails so as to make her incline to one side, which is called the lee-side: hence, when the helm is moved over to this side, it is said to be *a-lee* or *hard-a-lee*.

ALEGAMBE (Philip), a celebrated Jesuit, born at Brussels in 1592, distinguished himself by publishing a Bibliotheque of the writers of his order, and died at Rome in 1652.

ALEGRETTE, a small town of Portugal, in Alentejo, on the confines of Port Alegre, on the river Cahah, which falls into the Guadiana, a little below Bajadoz, near the frontiers of Spanish Estremadura. It is a very pretty town, and finely situated; seven miles south-east of Port Alegre, and thirty north of Elvas. W. Long. 5. 20. N. Lat. 39. 6.

ALEIUS CAMPUS (anc. geog.), a plain in Cilicia, on this side the river Pyramus, near the mountain Chimera, famous for Bellerophon's wandering and perishing there, after being thrown off Pegafus; which is the reason of the appellation.

ALEMANIA, or ALLEMANIA, (anc. geog.) a name of Germany, but not known before the time of the Antonines, and then used only for a part. After the Marcomanni and their allies had removed from the Rhine, a rabble, or collection of people from all parts of Gaul, as the term *Alemanni* denotes, prompted either by levity or poverty, occupied the Agri, called *Decumates* by Tacitus, because they held them on a tithe; now supposed to be the duchy of *Wirtemberg*. Such appear to be the small beginnings of Alemania, which was in after-times greatly enlarged: but still it was considered as a distinct part; for Caracalla, who conquered the Alemanni, assumed the surname both of *Alemannicus* and *Germanicus*.

ALEMBDAR, an officer in the court of the Grand Signior, who bears the green standard of Mahomet, when the sultan appears in public on any solemn occasion.

ALEMBERT (John le Rond d'), an eminent French philosopher, was born at Paris in 1717. He derived the name of John le Rond from that of the church near which, after his birth, he was exposed as

a foundling. His father, informed of this circumstance, listened to the voice of nature and duty, took measures for the proper education of his child, and for his future subsistence in a state of ease and independence.

He received his first education in the College of the Four Nations, among the Jansenists, where he gave early marks of capacity and genius. In the first year of his philosophical studies, he composed a Commentary on the Epistle of St Paul to the Romans. The Jansenists considered this production as an omen that portended to the party of Port-Royal a restoration to some part of their ancient splendor, and hoped to find one day in M. d'Alembert a second Pascal. To render this resemblance more complete, they engaged their rising pupil in the study of the mathematics; but they soon perceived that his growing attachment to this science was likely to disappoint the hopes they had formed with respect to his future destination: they, therefore, endeavoured to divert him from this line: but their endeavours were fruitless.

At his leaving college, he found himself alone and unconnected in the world; and sought an asylum in the house of his nurse. He comforted himself with the hope, that his fortune, though not ample, would better the condition and subsistence of that family, which was the only one that he could consider as his own: Here, therefore, he took up his residence, resolving to apply himself entirely to the study of geometry: And here he lived, during the space of forty years, with the greatest simplicity, discovering the augmentation of his means only by increasing displays of his beneficence, concealing his growing reputation and celebrity from these honest people, and making their plain and uncouth manners the subject of good-natured pleasantry and philosophical observation. His good nurse perceived his ardent activity; heard him mentioned as the writer of many books; but never took it into her head that he was a great man, and rather beheld him with a kind of compassion. "You will never," said she to him one day, "be any thing but a philosopher—and what is a philosopher?—a fool, who toils and plagues himself during his life, that people may talk of him when HE IS NO MORE."

As M. d'Alembert's fortune did not far exceed the demands of necessity, his friends advised him to think of a profession that might enable him to augment it. He accordingly turned his views to the law, and took his degrees in that line; but soon abandoned this plan, and applied to the study of medicine. Geometry, however, was always drawing him back to his former pursuits, and after many ineffectual efforts to resist its attractions, he renounced all views of a lucrative profession, and gave himself over entirely to mathematics and poverty.

In the year 1741 he was admitted member of the Academy of Sciences; for which distinguished literary promotion, at such an early age, he had prepared the way by correcting the errors of a celebrated work\*, \* The *Analyse de la Dynamique*, which was deemed *classical* in France in the line of geometry. He afterwards set himself to examine, with deep attention and assiduity, what must be the motion of a body which passes from one fluid into another more dense, in a direction not perpendicular to the surface separating the two fluids. Every one knows the phenomenon which happens in this case, and which amuses.

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\* The *Analyse de la Dynamique* de M. d'Alembert, par le Sr. de Bernoulli.

Alembert. amuses children under the denominations of *Ducks* and *Drakes*; but M. d'Alembert was the first who explained it in a satisfactory and philosophical manner.

Two years after his election to a place in the academy, he published his *Treatise on Dynamics*. The new principle developed in this treatise consisted in establishing equality, at each instant, between the changes that the motion of a body has undergone, and the forces or powers which have been employed to produce them; or, to express the thing otherwise, in separating into *two parts* the action of the moving powers, and considering the *one* as producing alone the motion of the body, in the second instant, and the *other* as employed to destroy that which it had in the first.

So early as the year 1744, M. d'Alembert had applied this principle to the theory of the equilibrium, and the motion of fluids; and all the problems before solved by geometricians became, in some measure, its corollaries. The discovery of this new principle was followed by that of a new calculus, the first trials of which were published in a *Discourse on the general Theory of the Winds*, to which the prize-medal was adjudged by the academy of Berlin in the year 1746, and which was a new and brilliant addition to the fame of M. d'Alembert. This new calculus of partial differences he applied, the year following, to the problem of vibrating chords, whose solution, as well as the theory of the oscillations of the air and the propagation of sound, had been given but incompletely by the geometricians who preceded him, and these were his masters or his rivals.

In the year 1749 he furnished a method of applying his principle to the motion of any body of a given figure; and he solved the problem of the precession of the equinoxes, determined its *quantity*, and explained the phenomenon of the nutation of the terrestrial axis discovered by Dr Bradley.

In 1752, M. d'Alembert published a treatise on the *Resistance of Fluids*, to which he gave the modest title of an *Essay*; but which contains a multitude of original ideas and new observations. About the same time he published, in the *Memoirs of the Academy of Berlin*, *Researches concerning the Integral Calculus*, which is greatly indebted to him for the rapid progress it has made in the present century.

While the studies of M. d'Alembert were confined to geometry, he was little known or celebrated in his native country. His connections were limited to a small society of select friends: he had never seen any man in high office except M. d'Argenson. Satisfied with an income which furnished him with the necessities of life, he did not aspire after opulence or honours, nor had they been hitherto bestowed upon him, as it is easier to confer them on those who solicit them, than to look out for men who deserve them. His cheerful conversation, his smart and lively sallies, a happy knack at telling a story, a singular mixture of malice of speech with goodness of heart, and of delicacy of wit with simplicity of manners, rendered him a pleasing and interesting companion, and his company consequently was much sought after in the fashionable circles. His reputation, at length, made its way to the throne, and rendered him the object of royal attention and beneficence. He received also a pension from go-

vernment, which he owed to the friendship of Count Alembert. d'Argenson.

The tranquillity of M. d'Alembert was abated when his fame grew more extensive, and when it was known beyond the circle of his friends, that a fine and enlightened taste for literature and philosophy accompanied his mathematical genius. Our author's eulogist ascribes to envy, detraction, and to other motives nearly as ungenerous, all the disapprobation, opposition, and censure that M. d'Alembert met with on account of the publication of the famous Encyclopedical Dictionary of Arts and Sciences, in conjunction with Diderot. None surely will refuse the well-deserved tribute of applause to the eminent displays of genius, judgment, and true literary taste, with which M. d'Alembert has enriched the great work now mentioned. Among others, the Preliminary Discourse he has affixed to it, concerning the rise, progress, connections, and affinities of all the branches of human knowledge, is perhaps one of the most capital productions of which the philosophy of the present age can boast. Nor will it be disputed, that the master-builders of this new and stupendous temple of science, for the worship of NATURE, had also really in view the advancement of human knowledge, and the improvement of the arts and sciences. This, no true, no candid philosopher, will call in question. But that in the *inner court* of this temple there was a confederacy formed against all those who looked higher than *nature*, for the principal object of their veneration and confidence, is a fact too palpable, nay too boldly avowed, to stand in need of any proof.

Some time after this, d'Alembert published his Philosophical, Historical, and Philological Miscellanies. These were followed by the *Memoirs of Christina Queen of Sweden*; in which M. d'Alembert showed that he was acquainted with the natural rights of mankind, and was bold enough to assert them. His *Essay on the Intercourse of Men of Letters with Persons high in Rank and Office*, wounded the former to the quick, as it exposed to the eyes of the public the ignominy of those servile chains, which they feared to shake off, or were proud to wear. A lady of the court hearing one day the author accused of having exaggerated the despotism of the great, and the submission they require, answered sily, *If he had consulted me, I would have told him still more of the matter.*

M. d'Alembert gave very elegant specimens of his literary abilities in his translations of some select pieces of Tacitus. But these occupations did not divert him from his mathematical studies; for about the same time he enriched the Encyclopédie with a multitude of excellent articles in that line, and composed his *Researches on several important Points of the System of the World*, in which he carried to a higher degree of perfection, the solution of the problem of the perturbations of the planets, that had several years before been presented to the Academy.

In 1759 he published his *Elements of Philosophy*: a work extolled as remarkable for its precision and perspicuity; in which, however, are some tenets relative both to metaphysics and moral science, that are far from being admissible.

The resentment that was kindled (and the disputes that followed it) by the article *Geneva*, inserted in the Encyclopédie,

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Alembert, Encyclopédie, are well known. M. d'Alembert did not leave this field of controversy with flying colours. <sup>||</sup> Voltaire was an auxiliary in the contest; but as, in point of candour and decency, he had no reputation to lose; and as he weakened the blows of his enemies, by throwing both them and the spectators into fits of laughter, the issue of the war gave him little uneasiness. It fell more heavily on d'Alembert; and exposed him, even at home, to much contradiction and opposition.

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It was on this occasion that the late king of Prussia offered him an honourable asylum at his court, and the place of president of his academy; and was not offended at his refusal of these distinctions, but cultivated an intimate friendship with him during the rest of his life. He had refused, some time before this, a proposal made by the empress of Russia to intrust him with the education of the Grand Duke;—a proposal accompanied with all the flattering offers that could tempt a man, ambitious of titles, or desirous of making an ample fortune: but the objects of his ambition were tranquillity and study.

In the year 1765, he published his *Dissertation on the Destruction of the Jesuits*. This piece drew upon him a swarm of adversaries, who confirmed the merit and credit of his work by their manner of attacking it.

Beside the works already mentioned, he published nine volumes of memoirs and treatises, under the title of *Opuscules*; in which he has solved a multitude of problems relative to astronomy, mathematics, and natural philosophy; of which our panegyrist gives a particular account, more especially of those which exhibit new subjects, or new methods of investigation.

He published also *Elements of Music*; and rendered, at length, the system of Rameau intelligible; but he did not think the mathematical theory of the sonorous body sufficient to account for the rules of that art.—He was always fond of music; which, on the one hand, is connected with the most subtle and learned researches of rational mechanics; while, on the other, its power over the senses and the soul exhibits to philosophers phenomena no less singular, and still more inexplicable.

In the year 1772, he was chosen secretary to the French academy. He formed, soon after this preferment, the design of writing the lives of all the deceased academicians, from 1700 to 1772; and in the space of three years he executed this design, by composing 70 eulogies.

M. d'Alembert died on the 29th of October 1783. There were many amiable lines of candour, modesty, disinterestedness, and beneficence, in his moral character; which are described, with a diffusive detail, in his eulogium, by M. Condorcet, *Hist. de l'Acad. Royale des Sciences*, 1783.

ALEMBIC, a chemical vessel, usually made of glass or copper, formerly used for distillation. The bottom part, which contained the subject for distillation, is called, from its shape, the *cucurbit*; the upper part, which receives and condenses the steam, is called the *head*, the beak of which is fitted into the neck of a receiver. Retorts, and the common *worm-still*, are now more generally employed.

ALEMBROTH, in the writings of the alchemists,

a word used for a sort of fixed alkaline salt, which had the power of the famous alkahest, in dissolving bodies, opening the pores of most or all known substances, and thence, as well as by destroying sulphurs, promoting the separation of metals from their ores.—It is also used for a compound of corrosive mercury and sal ammoniac. See CHEMISTRY.

ALENIO (Julius), a Jesuit, born at Brescia in the republic of Venice. He travelled into the eastern countries; and arrived at Macao in 1610, where he taught mathematics. From thence he went to the empire of China, where he continued to propagate the Christian religion for thirty-six years. He was the first who planted the faith in the province of Xansi, and he built several churches in the province of Fokien. He died in August 1649, leaving behind him several works in the Chinese language.

ALENTEJO, a province of Portugal, between the rivers of Tajo and Guadiana: the soil is very fertile, and the inhabitants laborious and industrious. The principal town is Eborá.

ALENZON, a large handsome town of France, in lower Normandy, with the title of a duchy. It is surrounded with good walls, and flanked with towers. The castle was formerly a place of great consequence, and has held out long sieges. It has but one parish-church, which has a bold and noble front. Among the nunneries, that of St Clair is most remarkable. It is seated on the river Sarte, in a vast open plain, which produces all sorts of corn and fruit. Near it there are quarries of stone fit for building, wherein are found a sort like Bristol stones. The linen made at Alenzon is very good, and sells at Paris. It is 20 miles north of Mans, 63 south-by west of Rouen, and 88 south-west of Paris. W. Long. 0. 10. N. Lat. 48. 25.

ALEPPO, or HALAB, the capital of the Pachalic, and of all Syria, and the ordinary residence of the pacha, is situated in the vast plain which extends from the Orontes to the Euphrates, and which towards the south terminates in the desert. It is built on eight hills or eminences, on the highest of which the castle is erected, and is supposed to be the ancient Beræa. This mount is of a conic form, and seems in a great measure to be raised with the earth thrown up out of a deep broad ditch which surrounds it. The suburbs to the north-north-east are next in height to this, and those to the west-south-west are much lower than the parts adjacent, and than any other part of the city. The houses are large and commodious, having terraces on their tops, and generally sky-lights in form of a dome to let the light into the rooms, which from their loftiness, the gilding on the window-shutters, cupboard-doors, &c. have at first entrance a very grand and agreeable effect. They are all so equal in height, that there are seldom any steps to ascend or descend in going from one house to another; while several large vaulted streets increase the facility of communication, by affording a passage to every part of the city, free from the embarrassment of the open streets. They are carefully paved; have gutters and a foot-pavement on each side; and the middle of the street is laid with brick, the small end upwards, for the convenience of the horses. There is also a cleanliness observed here unknown to the other cities of Turkey, and which is not attended with the trouble of scavengers, there being

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being ass-drivers who go about the city and take up the rubbish and dust, which each inhabitant is obliged to sweep together; and though the heat of the climate renders this labour more easy, the same heat obliges them to greater cleanliness in order to preserve the salubrity of the air.

The mosques in Aleppo are numerous, and some few of them magnificent. Before each of them is an area, with a fountain in the middle, designed for ablutions before prayers; and behind some of the larger there are little gardens. There are many large khans, or caravanseras, consisting of a capacious square, on all sides of which are a number of rooms, built on a ground-floor, used occasionally for chambers, ware-houses, or stables. Above stairs there is a colonade or gallery on every side, in which are the doors of a number of small rooms, wherein the merchants, as well strangers as natives, transact most of their business.

The bazars or market-places are long covered narrow streets, on each side of which are a great number of small shops, just sufficient to hold the tradesman and his goods, the buyer being obliged to stand without. Each separate branch of business has a particular bazar, which is locked up, as well as the streets, an hour and a half after sun-set: but the locks are of wood, though the doors are cased with iron. The slaughter-houses are in the suburbs, upon the open fields. The tanners have a khan to work in near the river. To the southward in the suburbs they burn lime; and a little beyond that there is a village where they make ropes and catgut. On the opposite side of the river, to the westward, there is a glass-house, where they make a coarse white glass, in the winter only; for the greatest part of this manufacture is brought from a village 35 miles westward.

The situation of Aleppo, besides the advantage of a rich and fruitful soil, possesses also that of a stream of fresh water, which never becomes dry. This rivulet, which is about as large as that of the Gobelins at Paris, or the New River near London, rises in the mountains of Aentab, and terminates six leagues below Aleppo, in a morass full of wild boars and pelicans. Near Aleppo, its banks, instead of the naked rocks which line them in the upper part of its course, are covered with a fertile earth, and laid out in gardens, or rather orchards, which, in a hot country, and especially in Turkey, cannot but be delightful. The city is itself one of the most agreeable in Syria, and is perhaps the cleanest and best built of any in Turkey. On whatever side it is approached, its numerous minarets and domes present an agreeable prospect to the eye, fatigued with the continual sameness of the brown and parched plains. In the centre is an artificial mountain surrounded by a dry ditch, on which is a ruinous fortress. From hence we have a fine prospect of the whole city, and to the north discover the snowy tops of the mountains of Bailan; and on the west, those which separate the Orontes from the sea; while to the south and east, the eye can discern as far as the Euphrates. It the time of Omar, this castle stopped the progress of the Arabs for several months, and was at last taken by treachery, but at present would not be able to resist the feeblest assault. Its slight wall, low, and without a buttress, is in ruins; its little old towers are in no better condition; and it has not four can-

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non fit for service; not excepting a culverine nine feet long, taken from the Persians at the siege of Bassora. Three hundred and fifty Janisaries, who should form the garrison, are busy in their shops, and the aga scarcely finds room in it to lodge his retinue. It is remarkable that this aga is named immediately by the Porte, which, ever suspicious, divides as much as possible the different offices. Within the walls of the castle is a well, which, by means of a subterraneous communication, derives its waters from a spring a league and a quarter distant. In the environs of the city, we find a number of large square stones, on the top of which is a turban of stone, which are so many tombs. There are many rising grounds round it, which, in case of a siege, would greatly facilitate the approaches of the assailants. Such, among others, is that on which the house of the Derviches stands, and which commands the canal and the rivulet: Aleppo, therefore, cannot be esteemed a place of importance in war, though it be the key of Syria to the north; but, considered as a commercial city, it has a different appearance. It is the emporium of Armenia and the Diarbekar; sends caravans to Bagdad and into Persia; and communicates with the Persian gulph and India, by Bassora, with Egypt and Mecca by Damascus, and with Europe by Scandaroon (Alexandretta) and Latakia. Commerce is there principally carried on by barter. The chief commodities are raw or spun cottons, clumsy linens fabricated in the villages; silk stuffs manufactured in the city, copper, *bourres* (coarse cloths) like those of Rouen, goats hair brought from Natolia; the gall nuts of the Kourdestan, the merchandise of India, such as shawls and muslins, and pistachio nuts of the growth of the neighbourhood. The articles supplied by Europe are the Languedoc cloths, cochineal, indigo, sugar, and some other groceries. The coffee of America, though prohibited, is introduced, and serves to mix with that of Moka. The French have at Aleppo a consul and seven counting-houses; the English and the Venetians two, and the merchants of Leghorn and Holland one. The emperor appointed a consul there in 1784, in the person of a rich Jew merchant, who shaved his beard to assume the uniform and the sword. Russia has also sent one very lately. Aleppo is not exceeded in extent by any city in Turkey, except Constantinople and Cairo, and perhaps Smyrna. The number of inhabitants has been computed at 200,000; but in these calculations certainty is impossible. However, if we observe that this city is not larger than Nantes or Marseilles, and that the houses consist only of one story, we shall perhaps not think it probable they exceed 100,000. The people of this city, both Turks and Christians, are with reason esteemed the most civilized in all Turkey; and the European merchants no where enjoy so much liberty, or are treated with so much respect.

The air of Aleppo is very dry and piercing, but at the same time very salubrious for all who are not troubled with asthmatic complaints. The city, however, and the environs, are subject to a singular endemial disorder, which is called the ringworm or pimple of Aleppo; it is in fact a pimple which is at first inflammatory, and at length becomes an ulcer of the size of the nail. The usual duration of this ulcer is one year;

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it commonly fixes on the face, and leaves a scar which disfigures almost all the inhabitants. It is alleged that every stranger who resides there three months is attacked with it: experience has taught that the best mode of treatment is to make use of no remedy. No reason is assigned for this malady: but M. Volney suspects it proceeds from the quality of the water, as it is likewise frequent in the neighbouring villages, in some parts of the Diarbekar, and even in certain districts near Damascus, where the soil and the water have the same appearances. Of the Christian inhabitants the greater number are Greeks, next to them the Armenians, then the Syrians, and lastly the Maronites; each of whom have a church in the city called *Judida*; in which quarter, and the parts adjacent, most of them reside. The common language is the vulgar Arabic, but the Turks of condition use the Turkish. Most of the Armenians can speak the Armenian, some few Syrians understand Syriac, and many of the Jews Hebrew; but scarce one of the Greeks understand a word of Greek. The people in general are of a middle stature, and tolerably well proportioned; but they seem neither vigorous nor active. Both sexes are handsome when young; but the beard soon disfigures the men: and the women, as they come early to maturity, also fade very soon; females are generally married from 14 to 18 years of age, and many under 14. The people of rank here are polite and affable, making allowances for that superiority which the Mahometan religion instructs its votaries to assume over all who hold a different faith. Their bread is generally of wheat flour made into thin cakes, but very ill prepared, and is generally eaten as soon as it comes out of the oven. The principal people have some loaves of a finer flour, which are well fermented and baked. Besides these, there are a variety of biscuits, most of which are strewed on the top with some kind of seeds. The Europeans have very good bread, baked and prepared in the French manner. All the inhabitants of both sexes smoke tobacco to great excess; even the very servants have almost constantly a pipe in their mouths. Coaches or carriages are not used here; therefore persons of quality ride on horseback in the city, with a number of servants walking before them, according to their rank: ladies of the first distinction are even compelled to walk on foot in the city, or to any place at a moderate distance; in longer journies they are carried by mules, in a kind of couch close covered up. There are a number of public bagnios in this city, which are used by people of all ranks, except those of the highest distinction, who commonly have baths and every other convenience in their own houses. Aleppo is 70 miles east of Scandaroon, on the sea-coast, and 175 north-by-east of Damascus. E. long. 37. 40. N. lat. 36. 12.

*ALEPPO* (the *Pachalic of*), one of the five governments into which Syria is divided. It comprehends the country extending from the Euphrates to the Mediterranean, between two lines, one drawn from Scandaroon to Beer, along the mountains; the other from Beles to the sea, by Mara and the bridge of Shoger. This space principally consists of two plains; that of Antioch to the west, and that of Aleppo to the east: the north and the sea coast are occupied by considerably high mountains, known to the ancients by the names of Amanus and of Rhofus. In general, the

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soil of this government is fat and loamy. The lofty and vigorous plants which shoot up every where after the winter rains prove its fertility, but its actual fruitfulness is but little. The greatest part of the lands lie waste; scarcely can we trace any marks of cultivation in the environs of the towns and villages. Its principal produce consists in wheat, barley, and cotton, which are found especially in the flat country. In the mountains, they rather choose to cultivate the vine, mulberry, olive, and fig trees. The sides of the hills towards the sea-coasts are appropriated to tobacco, and the territory of Aleppo to pistachios. The pasturage is not to be reckoned, because that is abandoned to the wandering hordes of the Turkmen and Curds.

In the greater part of the pachalics the pacha is, as his title imports, at once the viceroy and farmer-general of the country; but in that of Aleppo he does not possess the latter office. This the port has bestowed on a *mehassel* or collector, who is immediately accountable for what he receives. His lease is only for a year. The present rent of his farm is 800 purses (above £. 40,000); but to this must be added the price of the *babouchet* (Turkish slippers), or a present of three or four thousand pounds, to purchase the favour of the visir and men in office. For these two sums the farmer receives all the duties of the government; which are, first, The produce of import and export duties on merchandise coming from Europe, India, and Constantinople, and on that exported in exchange. Secondly, The taxes paid by the herds of cattle brought every year by the Turkmen and Curds from Armenia and the Diarbekar, to be sold in Syria. Thirdly, The fifth of the salt-works of Djeboul. And lastly, The miri, or land tax. These united may produce about £. 60,000.

The pacha, deprived of this lucrative branch of the administration, receives a fixed allowance of about £. 8300. This revenue has always been inadequate to the expences; for, besides the troops he is obliged to maintain, and the reparation of the highways and fortresses, the expences of which he is obliged to defray, he is under the necessity of making large presents to the ministers, in order to keep his place; but the Porte adds to the account the contributions he may levy on the Curds and Turkmen, and his extortions from the villages and individuals; nor do the pachas come short of this calculation. Abdi Pacha, who governed 13 or 14 years ago, carried off, at the end of 15 months, upwards of £. 160,000, by laying under contribution every trade, even the very cleaners of tobacco-pipes; and very lately another of the same name has been obliged to fly for similar oppressions. The former was rewarded by the divan with the command of an army against the Russians; but if the latter has not enriched himself, he will be strangled as an extortioner. Such is the ordinary progress of affairs in Turkey!

In consequence of such wretched government, the greater part of the pachalics in the empire are impoverished and laid waste. This is the case in particular with that of Aleppo. In the ancient *defsters*, or registers of imposts, upwards of 3200 villages were reckoned; but at present the collector can scarcely find 400. Such of our merchants as have resided there 20 years, have themselves seen the greater part of the environs

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environs of Aleppo became depopulated. The traveller meets with nothing but houses in ruins, cisterns rendered useless and fields abandoned. Those who cultivated them are fled into the towns, where the population is absorbed, but where at least the individual conceals himself among the crowd from the rapacious hand of despotism.

ALERIA, ALALIA, or ALARIA, (anc. geog.), a town of Corsica, situated near the middle of the east side of the island, on an eminence, near the mouth of the river Rotanus mentioned by Ptolemy; built by the Phocæans (Diodorus Siculus). Afterwards Sylla led a colony thither. It is now in ruins, and called *Aleria Distrutta*.

ALES (Alexander), a celebrated divine of the confession of Augsbourg, born at Edinburgh the 23d of April 1508. He soon made a considerable progress in school-divinity, and entered the lists very early against Luther, this being then the great controversy in fashion, and the grand field wherein all authors young and old used to display their abilities. Soon after, he had a share in the dispute which Patrick Hamilton maintained against the ecclesiastics, in favour of the new faith he had imbibed at Marpurgh. He endeavoured to bring him back to the Catholic religion; but this he could not effect, and even began himself to doubt about his own religion, being much affected by the discourse of this gentleman, and still more by the constancy he showed at the stake, when David Beton archbishop of St Andrew's caused him to be burnt. Beginning thus to waver, he was himself persecuted with so much violence, that he was obliged to retire into Germany, where he became at length a perfect convert to the Protestant religion. The change of religion which happened in England after the marriage of Henry VIII. with Anna Bullen, induced Ales to go to London in 1535. He was highly esteemed by Cranmer archbishop of Canterbury, Latimer, and Thomas Cromwel, who were at that time in high favour with the king. Upon the fall of these favourites, he was obliged to return to Germany; where the elector of Brandenburg appointed him professor of divinity at Francfort upon the Oder, in 1540. But leaving this place upon some disgust, he returned to Leipzig, where he was chosen professor of divinity, and died in March 1565. He wrote a Commentary on St John, on the Epistles to Timothy, and on the Psalms, &c.

ALESA, ALÆSA, or HALESA, (anc. geog.), a town of Sicily, on the Tuscan sea, built, according to Diodorus Siculus, by Achronides of Herbita, in the second year of the 94th Olympiad, or 403 years before Christ; situated on an eminence about a mile from the sea: now in ruins. It enjoyed immunity from taxes under the Romans (Diodorus, Cicero). The inhabitants were called *Halesini* (Cicero, Pliny); also *Alesini*, and *Alasini*.

ALESHAM, a small neat town in Norfolk. It is 15 miles N. of Norwich, and 121 N. E. by N. of London. E. Long. 0. 30. N. Lat. 52. 53. The town consists of about 400 pretty good houses; but the streets are narrow, though well paved.

ALESIA, (anc. geog.) called *Alexia* by Livy and others; a town of the Mandubii, a people of Celtic Gaul; situated, according to Cæsar, on a very high hill, whose foot was washed on two sides by two rivers.

the town was of such antiquity, that Diodorus Siculus relates it was built by Hercules. It is supposed to be the city of *Alise*, in the duchy of Burgundy, not far from Dijon.

ALET, a town of France, in Lower Languedoc, with a bishop's see. It is remarkable for its baths, and for the grains of gold and silver found in the stream which runs from the Pyrenean mountains, at the foot of which it stands. It is seated on the river Aude, 15 miles S. of Carcassone, and 37 N. W. of Narbonne. E. Long. 2. 5. N. Lat. 42. 59.

ALETRIS, in botany, a genus of the monogynia order, belonging to the hexandria class of plants, and in the natural method ranking under the 10th order, *Coronariæ*. The characters are: The *corolla* is monopetalous, funnel-shaped, hexangular, much corrugated, semiquinquefid, and persistent; the *stamina* consist of six subulated filaments, the length of the corolla, and inserted into the base of the divisions of the corolla; the antheræ are oblong and erect: The *pistillum* has an ovate germen; the stylus subulated, and the length of the stamina; the stigma is trifid: The *pericarpium* is an ovate capsule, triquetrous, pointed, and triocular: The *seeds* are numerous. Of this genus botanical writers enumerate five

*Species*. 1. The *farinosa*, a native of Virginia, and other parts of North America. 2. The *capensis*, a native of the Cape of Good Hope. 3. The *hyacinthoides*, or Guinea aloe. 4. The *zeylanica*, or Ceylon aloe. 5. The *fragrans*, or tree-aloe, a native of Africa. Of these only the first is so hardy as to outlive the winter in Britain, unless placed in a stove; and even this requires to be sheltered under a frame. The flowers appear in June or July, of a whitish green colour. The third and fifth produce fine spikes of white flowers; those of the third kind appearing in July, of the fifth in March or April. By proper management the last kind becomes a stately plant, rising to the height of 12 or 14 feet; the flowers open wide in the evening, and perfume the air of the stove. They send out one or two heads, or tufts, towards their tops, which may be cut off; and after they have lain a week in the stove to heal the wounded parts, they may be planted for increase. The other species seldom or never flower in Britain, nor does their appearance otherwise merit notice.

ALETUM, or ALETA, (anc. geog.), a town of Celtic Gaul, now extinct. From its ruins arose St Malo, in Brittany, at the distance of a mile. Its ruins are called *Guich Aleth* in the British.

ALEUROMANCY, the same with what was otherwise called *alphetomantia*, and *crithomanthia*, and means an ancient kind of divination performed by means of meal or flour.

ALEXANDER THE GREAT, king of Macedonia. His father Philip laid the plan of that extensive empire, which his son afterwards executed.—Philip, having made himself master of Greece, began to cast his eyes upon Persia, with a view to retaliate upon that haughty empire the injuries of former times. It was the popular topic of the day. But this prince was cut off in the midst of his enterprize. Such, however, was the influence of Alexander in the assembly of the Grecian states, that he was created general of their combined forces in the room of his father. Having made every

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Alexander. needful preparation, at the head of a veteran army he invaded Asia. The lieutenants of Darius, who was then king of Persia, opposed him at the river Granicus, where Alexander obtained a complete victory, after which he pursued his march through Asia. At Issus, near Scanderoon, he was met by Darius in person, at the head of a prodigious army. Here he obtained a second victory; and took the camp of Darius, together with his family, whom he treated with the utmost humanity. Contrary to all the maxims of war, instead of pursuing Darius, he made an excursion into Egypt; and, as far as appears, through no better motive than that of vanity. Here he was acknowledged to be the son of Jupiter Ammon. In the mean time Darius recruited his strength, and got together an army superior to what he brought into the plain of Issus. Alexander having finished his Egyptian expedition, traversed Asia, and passed the Euphrates. At Arbella, a town in Assyria, he met Darius. Here a decisive battle was fought, which put all Persia into the hands of Alexander. His ambition not being satisfied with the conquest of that vast country, he projected an expedition into India. Here he met with great opposition from Porus, a gallant prince, whom in the end he reduced. Beyond the Ganges lay a country still unsubdued. He notified it to his army, that he proposed to pass the river. But these veterans, harrassed with the fatigues, and seeing no end to their labour, mutinied, and refused to march further. The disappointed chief was therefore obliged to return. At Babylon he proposed to receive ambassadors, appoint governors, and settle his vast monarchy; but his excesses put an end to his life in the midst of his designs, and in the flower of his age.

The character of this hero is so familiar to every body, that it is almost needless labour to draw it. All the world knows, says Mr Bayle, that it was equally composed of very great virtues and very great vices. He had no mediocrity in any thing but his stature: in his other properties, whether good or bad, he was all extremes. His ambition rose even to madness. His father was not at all mistaken in supposing the bounds of Macedon too small for his son: for how could Macedon bound the ambition of a man, who reckoned the whole world too small a dominion? He wept at hearing the philosopher Anaxarchus say, that there was an infinite number of worlds: his tears were owing to his despair of conquering them all, since he had not yet been able to conquer one. Livy, in a short digression, has attempted to enquire into the events which might have happened, if Alexander, after the conquest of Asia, had brought his arms into Italy? Doubtless things might have taken a very different turn with him; and all the grand projects, which succeeded so well against an effeminate Persian monarch, might easily have miscarried if he had had to do with rough hardy Roman armies. And yet the vast aims of this mighty conqueror, if seen under another point of view, may appear to have been confined in a very narrow compass; since, as we are told, the utmost wish of that great heart, for which the whole earth was not big enough, was, after all, to be praised by the Athenians; for it is related, that the difficulties which he encountered in order to pass the Hydaspes, forced him to cry out, "O Athenians, could you believe to what dangers I

expose myself for the sake of being celebrated by you?" But Bayle affirms, that this was quite consistent with the vast unbounded extent of his ambition, as he wanted to make all future time his own, and be an object of admiration to the latest posterity; yet did not expect this from the conquests of worlds, but from books. He was perfectly in the right, says Bayle; "for if Greece had not furnished him with good writers, he would long ago have been as much forgotten as the kings who reigned in Macedon before Amphitryon."

Alexander has been praised upon the score of continency, yet his life could not surely be quite regular in that respect. Indeed the fire of his early youth appeared so cold towards women, that his mother suspected him to be impotent; and, to satisfy herself in this point, did, with the consent of Philip, procure a very handsome courtesan to lie with him, whose carresses, however, were all to no purpose. His behaviour afterwards to the Persian captives shows him to have had a great command over himself in this particular. The wife of Darius was a finished beauty; her daughters likewise were all beauties; yet this young prince, who had them in his power, not only bestowed on them all the honours due to their high rank, but managed their reputation with the utmost delicacy. They were kept as in a cloyster concealed from the world, and secured from the reach of every dishonourable (not only attack, but) imputation. He did not give the least handle to scandal, either by his visits, his looks, or his words: and for other Persian dames his prisoners, equally beautiful in face and shape, he contented himself with saying gaily, that they gave indeed much pain to his eyes. The amazon Thalestris could not obtain from him a compliance with her gallant request till after a delay of thirteen days. In the mean time, what are we to conclude from his causing his favourite mistress Pancaeste to be drawn naked by Apelles, though it is true he gave her to the painter, who fell in love with her? What of that immoderate love of boys, which Athenæus relates of him? What of that prodigious number of wives and concubines which he kept?

His excesses with regard to wine were notorious, and beyond all imagination; and he committed, when drunk, a thousand extravagancies. It was owing to wine, that he killed Clytus who saved his life, and burnt Persepolis, one of the most beautiful cities of the East: he did this last indeed at the instigation of the courtesan Thais; but this circumstance made it only the more heinous. It is generally believed, that he died by drinking immoderately: and even Plutarch, who affects to contradict it, owns that he did nothing but drink the whole day he was taken ill.

In short, to sum up the character of this prince, we cannot be of opinion, that his good qualities did in any wise compensate for his bad ones. Heroes make a noise: their actions glare, and strike the senses forcibly; while the infinite destruction and misery they occasion lies more in the shade, and out of sight. One good legislator is worth all the heroes that ever did or will exist. See MACEDON.

ALEXANDER AB ALEXANDRO, a Neapolitan lawyer, of great learning, who flourished toward the end of the 15th and beginning of the 16th century. He followed the profession of the law first at Naples, afterwards.



Alexander. afterwards at Rome: but he devoted all the time he could spare to the study of polite literature; and at length he entirely left the bar, that he might lead a more easy and agreeable life with the muses. The particulars of his life are to be gathered from his work intitled *Genialium Dierum*: We are there informed, that he lodged at Rome, in a house that was haunted; and he relates many surprising particulars about the ghost: he says also, that when he was very young, he went to the lectures of Philadelphus, who explained at Rome the Tusculan questions of Cicero; he was there also when Nicholas Perot and Domitius Calderinus read their lectures upon Martial. The particular time when he died is not known; but he was buried in the monastery of the Olivets. Tiraquea wrote a learned commentary upon his work, which was printed at Lyons in 1587, and reprinted at Leyden in 1673, with the notes of Dennis Godfrey, Christopher Colerus, and Nicholas Mercerus.

ALEXANDER (Neckham), an eminent English writer in the 12th and 13th centuries, born at St Albans in Hertfordshire. In 1215 he was made abbot of Exeter, and died in 1227. He wrote several works, which were never published; but they are to be found in manuscript in the libraries of England and other countries.

ALEXANDER (Noel) an indefatigable writer of the 17th century, born at Roan in Normandy, 1639. After finishing his studies at Roan, he entered into the order of Dominican friars, and was professed there in 1655. Soon after he went to Paris, to go through a course of philosophy and divinity in the great convent, where he distinguished himself so, that he was appointed to teach philosophy there, which he did for 12 years. Mr Colbert showed him many marks of his esteem; and being determined to omit nothing to perfect the education of his son, afterwards archbishop of Roan, he formed an assembly of the most learned persons, whose conferences upon ecclesiastical history might be of advantage to him. Father Alexander was invited to his assembly, where he exerted himself with so much genius and ability, that he gained the particular friendship of young Colbert, who showed him the utmost regard as long as he lived. These conferences gave rise to Alexander's design of writing an ecclesiastical history; for, being desired to reduce what was material in these conferences to writing, he did it with so much accuracy, that the learned men who composed this assembly, advised him to undertake a complete body of church-history. This he executed with great assiduity, collecting and digesting the materials himself, and writing even the tables with his own hand. He at last completed his work in 1686. Towards the latter part of his life, he was afflicted with the loss of his sight; a most inexpressible misfortune to one whose whole pleasure was in study, yet he bore it with great patience and resignation. He died merely of a decay of nature, 1724, in the 86th year of his age.

ALEXANDER SEVERUS, emperor of Rome, succeeded Heliogabalus about A. D. 222, when but 16 years of age. His mother's name was Mammæa, and by her advice he in a great measure regulated his conduct. He applied himself to the reformation of abuses, the state having been greatly disordered by the vicious conduct of his predecessor; he was a most strict lover of justice,

an encourager of learning and learned men, and favourable to the Christians. He made a successful expedition against the Persians; but endeavouring to reform his troops, which had grown very licentious under the late bad government, they murdered him at the instigation of Maximinus in the 29th year of his age, together with his mother, A. D. 235.

ALEXANDER VI. (Pope), had four bastards when he was cardinal, for one of which he had so great affection, that he stuck at nothing to raise him. Designing to poison some cardinals, he was poisoned himself, A. D. 1503. See BORGIA.

ALEXANDER VII. (Pope). See CRIGI.

ALEXANDER, bishop of Lincoln in the reigns of Henry I. and Stephen, was a Norman by birth, and nephew of the famous Roger, bishop of Salisbury, who first made him archdeacon of Salisbury, and afterwards, by his interest with the king, raised him to the mitre. Alexander was consecrated at Canterbury, July 22. 1123. Having received his education under his uncle the bishop of Salisbury, and been accustomed to a splendid way of living, he affected show and state more than was suitable to his character, or consistent with his fortunes. This failing excepted, he was a man of worth and honour, and every way qualified for his station. The year after his consecration, his cathedral church at Lincoln having been accidentally burnt down, he rebuilt it, and secured it against the like accident for the future by a stone roof. This prelate increased the number of prebends in his church, and augmented its revenues with several manors and estates. In imitation of the barons and some of the bishops, particularly his uncle the bishop of Salisbury, he built three castles; one at Banbury, another at Sleaford, and a third at Newark. He likewise founded two monasteries; one at Haverholm, for regular canons and nuns together, the other at Tame for white-friars. He went twice to Rome in the years 1142 and 1144. The first time, he came back in quality of the pope's legate, for the calling a synod, in which he published several wholesome and necessary canons. In August 1147, he took a third journey to the pope, who was then in France; where he fell sick through the excessive heat of the weather, and returning with great difficulty to England, he died in the 24th year of his prelacy.

ALEXANDER (William), earl of Stirling, an eminent Scots statesman and poet in the reigns of James VI. and Charles I. who, after travelling with the duke of Argyle as his tutor or companion, wrote a poetical complaint of his unsuccessful love of some beauty, under the title of *Aurora*. He then removed to the court of James VI. where he applied to the more solid parts of poetry, forming himself upon the plan of the Greek and Roman tragedians. In 1607, he published some dramatic performances, intitled *The Monarchic Tragedies*, dedicated to king James; who was so well pleased with them, as to call him his philosophical poet. After this, he is said to have written a *supplement* to complete the third part of Sir Philip Sidney's *Arcadia*; and in 1613, he produced a poem called *Doomsday, or the Great Day of Judgment*. He was made gentleman-usher to prince Charles, and master of the requests; was knighted; and obtained a grant of Nova Scotia, where he projected the settlement of a colony, but afterwards sold it to the French. In 1626, he was made secretary of state for Scotland,

Alexander Scotland; was created first viscount, and then earl, of Stirling; and died in 1640.

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ALEXANDER I. (St), whom St Irenæus reckons the fifth bishop of Rome, succeeded St Evaristus in the year 109, and died in the year 119. There is no account of his life; and the epistles which are attributed to him are suppositious.

ALEXANDER II. king of Scotland, succeeded his father William in 1213, at 16 years of age. He made an expedition into England, to oppose the tyranny of king John; who returned the visit, and was offered battle by Alexander, but refused it. He took the city of Carlisle from Henry III. which was afterwards exchanged for Berwick. Alexander died in 1249, in the 51st year of his age, and 35th of his reign; and left for his successor, his son—

ALEXANDER III. who was crowned king of Scotland in 1249. The Cummings, lords of Scotland, took arms against him; and taking him prisoner, confined him at Striveling: but he was afterwards released by his subjects. He married the daughter of Henry III. king of England; and was at length killed by a fall from his horse, on the 10th of April 1290, after having reigned 42, or according to others 37, years.

ALEXANDERS, in botany. See SMYRNIUM.

ALEXANDREA, (anc. geog.), a mountain of Myfia, on the sea-coast, forming a part of mount Ida, where Paris gave judgment on the three goddesses.

ALEXANDRETTA, by the Turks called *Scanderoon*: a town in Syria, at the extremity of the Mediterranean sea. It is the port of Aleppo, from which it is distant 28 or 30 leagues. It is now, properly speaking, nothing else but a village, without walls, in which the tombs are more numerous than the houses, and which entirely owes its existence to the road which it commands. This is the only road, in all Syria, where vessels anchor on a solid bottom, without their cables being liable to chafe: but in other respects it has many inconveniences. It is infested, during winter, by a peculiar wind, called by the French sailors *le Raguier*, which, rushing from the snowy summits of the mountains, frequently forces ships to drag their anchors several leagues: And when the snow begins to cover the mountains which surround the Gulph, tempestuous winds arise which prevent vessels from entering for three or four months together. The road also to Aleppo by the plain is infested by Curd robbers, who conceal themselves in the neighbouring rocks, and frequently attack and plunder the strongest caravans. But the worst circumstance is the extreme unwholesomeness of the air, occasioned here by stagnant waters and mephitic exhalations. It may be affirmed, that this every year carries off one-third of the crew of the vessels which remain here during the summer; nay, ships frequently lose all their men in two months. The season for this epidemic disorder is principally from May to the end of September: it is an intermitting fever of the most malignant kind; and is accompanied with obstructions of the liver, which terminate in a dropsy. To this baneful epidemic, Alexandretta, from its situation, seems to be irremediably condemned: for the plain on which the town is built is so low and flat, that the rivulets, finding no declivity, can never reach the sea. When they are swelled by the winter rains, the sea, swelled likewise by tempests, hinders their discharging

themselves into it: hence their waters, forced to spread themselves, form lakes in the plain. On the approach of the summer, the waters becoming corrupted by the heat, exhale vapours equally corrupt, and which cannot disperse, being confined by the mountains that encircle the gulph. The entrance of the bay besides lies to the west, which in those countries is the most unhealthy exposure when it corresponds with the sea. The labour necessary to remedy this would be immense, and after all insufficient; and, indeed, such an undertaking would be absolutely impossible under a government like that of the Turks. A few years ago, Mr Volney informs us, the merchants of Aleppo, disgusted with the numerous inconveniences of Alexandretta, wished to abandon that port and carry the trade to Latakia. They proposed to the Pacha of Tripoli to repair the harbour at their own expence, provided he would grant them an exemption from all duties for ten years. To induce him to comply with their request, the agent they employed talked much of the advantage which would, *in time*, result to the whole country: "But what signifies it to me what may happen *in time*," replied the Pacha? I was yesterday at Marach; tomorrow, perhaps, I shall be at Djedda: Why should I deprive myself of present advantages, which are certain, for future benefits I cannot hope to partake?" The European factors were obliged therefore to remain at Scanderoon. There are three of these factors, two for the French, and one for the English and Venetians. The only curiosity which they have to amuse strangers with, consists in six or seven marble monuments, sent from England, on which you read: *Here lies such a one, carried off in the flower of his age, by the fatal effects of a contagious air.* The sight of these is the more distressing, as the languid air, yellow complexion, livid eyes, and dropical bellies of those who show them, make it but too probable they cannot long escape the same fate. It is true, they have some resource in the village of Bailan, the pure air and excellent waters of which surprizingly restore the sick. The aga, for some years past, has applied the duties of the custom-house of Alexandretta to his own use, and rendered himself almost independent of the Pacha of Aleppo. The Turkish empire is full of such rebels, who frequently die in peaceable possession of their usurpations.

ALEXANDRIA, now *Scanderia*, by Athenæus called *Χρυσον*; a city of Lower Egypt, and for a long time its capital. This city was built by Alexander the Great, soon after the overthrow of Tyre, about 333 years before Christ. It is situated on the Mediterranean, twelve miles west of that mouth of the Nile anciently called *Canopicum*; and lies in E. Long. 30. 19. N. Lat. 31. 10.

Alexander is said to have been induced to build this city, on account of its being conveniently situated for a fine port; and so sudden was his resolution, that after he had directed where every public structure was to be placed, fixed the number of temples, and the deities to whom they should be dedicated, &c. there were no instruments at hand proper for making out the walls, according to the custom of those times. Upon this, a workman advised the king to collect what meal was among the soldiers, and to sift it in lines upon the ground, whereby the circuit of the walls would be sufficiently marked out. This advice was followed; and

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Alexandria and the new method of marking out the walls was, by Aristander, the king's soothsayer, interpreted as a preface of the city's abounding with all the necessaries of life. Nor was he deceived in his prediction; for Alexandria soon became the staple, not only for merchandise, but also for all the arts and sciences of the Greeks.

Alexandria was a league and a half long, by one-third in breadth, which made the circumference of its walls about four leagues. Lake Mareotis bathed its walls on the south, and the Mediterranean on the north. It was intersected lengthwise by straight parallel streets. This direction left a free passage to the northerly wind, which alone conveys coolness and salubrity into Egypt. A street of 2000 feet wide began at the gate of the sea, and terminated at the gate of Canopus. It was decorated by magnificent houses, by temples, and by public buildings. In this extensive range, the eye was never tired with admiring the marble, the porphyry, and the obelisks, which were destined at some future day to embellish Rome and Constantinople. This street, the handsomest in the universe, was intersected by another of the same breadth, which formed a square at their junction of half a league in circumference. From the middle of this great place, the two gates were to be seen at once, and vessels arriving under full sail from the north and from the south.

A mole of a mile in length stretched from the continent to the isle of Pharos, and divided the great harbour into two. That which is to the northward preserved its name. A dyke drawn from the island to the rock whereon was built the Pharos, secured it from the westerly winds. The other was called *Eunostos*, or the Safe Return. The former is called at present the new, the latter the old harbour: a bridge that joins the mole to the city, served for a communication between them. It was raised on lofty pillars sunk into the sea, and left a free passage for ships. The palace, which advanced beyond the promontory of *Lochias*, extended as far as the dyke, and occupied more than a quarter of the city. Each of the Ptolemies added to its magnificence. It contained within its inclosure, the museum, an asylum for learned men, groves, and buildings worthy of royal majesty, and a temple where the body of Alexander was deposited in a golden coffin. The infamous Seleucus Cibyastes violated this monument, carried off the golden coffin, and put a glass one in its place. In the great harbour was the little island of Anti-Rhodes, where stood a theatre, and a royal place of residence. Within the harbour of *Eunostos* was a smaller one, called *Kibotos*, dug by the hand of man, which communicated with Lake Mareotis by a canal. Between this canal and the palace was the admirable temple of Serapis, and that of Neptune near the great place where the market was held. Alexandria extended likewise along the southern banks of the lake. Its eastern part presented to view the gymnasium, with its porticoes of more than 600 feet long, supported by several rows of marble pillars. Without the gate of Canopus was a spacious circus for the chariot races. Beyond that, the suburb of Nicopolis ran along the sea-shore, and seemed a second Alexandria. A superb amphitheatre was built there with a race-ground, for the celebration of the quinquennialia.

Such is the description left us of Alexandria by the ancients, and above all by Strabo.

The architect employed by Alexander in this undertaking was the celebrated Dinocrates, who had acquired so much reputation by rebuilding the temple of Diana at Ephesus. The city was first rendered populous by Ptolemy Soter, one of Alexander's captains, who, after the death of the Macedonian monarch, being appointed governor of Egypt, soon assumed the title of king, and took up his residence at Alexandria, about 304 years before Christ.

In the 30th year of Ptolemy Soter's reign, he took his son Ptolemy Philadelphus partner with him in the empire; and by this prince the city of Alexandria was much embellished. In the first year of his reign the famous watch-tower of Pharos was finished. It had been begun several years before by Ptolemy Soter; and, when finished, was looked upon as one of the wonders of the world. The same year, the island of Pharos itself, originally seven furlongs distant from the continent, was joined to it by a causeway. This was the work of Dexiphanes, who completed it at the same time that his son put the last hand to the tower. The tower was a large square structure of white marble; on the top of which, fires were kept constantly burning, for the direction of sailors. The building cost 800 talents; which, if Attic, amounted to L.165,000 sterl. if Alexandrian, to twice that sum.

The architect employed in this famous structure fell upon the following contrivance to usurp the whole glory to himself.—Being ordered to engrave upon it the following inscription, "King PTOLEMY to the Gods the Saviours, for the benefit of Sailors;" instead of the king's name he substituted his own, and then filling up the hollow of the marble with mortar, wrote upon it the above mentioned inscription. In process of time, the mortar being wore off, the following inscription appeared: "SOSTRATUS the CNIDIAN, the son of DEXIPHANES, to the Gods the Saviours, for the benefit of Sailors."

This year also was remarkable for the bringing off the image of Serapis from Pontus to Alexandria. It was set up in one of the suburbs of the city called *Rhacotis*, where a temple was afterwards erected to his honour, suitable to the greatness of that stately metropolis, and called, from the god worshipped there, *Serapeum*. This structure, according to Ammianus Marcellinus, surpassed in beauty and magnificence all others in the world, except the capitol at Rome.—Within the verge of this temple was the famous Alexandrian library. It was founded by Ptolemy Soter, for the use of an academy he instituted in this city; and, by continual additions by his successors, became at last the finest library in the world, containing no fewer than 700,000 volumes. The method followed in collecting books for this library, was, to seize all those which were brought into Egypt by Greeks or other foreigners. The books were transcribed in the museum by persons appointed for that purpose; the copies were then delivered to the proprietors, and the originals laid up in the library. Ptolemy Energetes, having borrowed from the Athenians the works of Sophocles, Euripides, and Æschylus, returned them only the copies, which he caused to be transcribed in as beautiful a manner as possible; presenting the Athenians at the same time with fifteen talents (upwards of L.30000 Sterling) for the exchange.

*Alexandria* As the museum was at first in that quarter of the city called *Bruchion*, near the royal palace, the library was placed there likewise; but when it came to contain 400,000 volumes, another library, within the Serapeum, was erected, by way of supplement to it, and on that account called the *daughter* of the former. In this second library 300,000 volumes, in process of time, were deposited; and the two together contained the 700,000 volumes already mentioned. In the war carried on by Julius Cæsar against the inhabitants of this city, the library in the *Bruchion*, with the 400,000 volumes contained in it, was reduced to ashes. The library in the Serapeum, however, still remained; and here Cleopatra deposited 200,000 volumes of the Pergamean library, which Marc Antony presented her with. These, and others added from time to time, rendered the new library at Alexandria more numerous and considerable than the former; and though it was often plundered during the revolutions and troubles of the Roman empire, yet it was again and again repaired, and filled with the same number of books.

For 293 years Alexandria was held in subjection by the Ptolemies. Here is a list of these princes, with the dates of their respective reigns.

Ptolemy the son of Laagus, surnamed *Soter*, reigned 39 years, and died in the year of the world 3720. Ptolemy Philadelphus reigned 39 years, and died in 3758. Ptolemy Euergetes reigned 25 years, and died in 3783. Ptolemy Philopater reigned 17 years, and died in 3800. Ptolemy Epiphanes reigned 24 years, and died in 3824. Ptolemy Philometer reigned 37 years, and died in 3861. Ptolemy Euergetes, or Physcon, reigned 53 years, part with his brother Philometer and part alone. He died in 3888. Ptolemy Lathyrus reigned 36 years six months. He died in 3923. Cleopatra, the daughter of Lathyrus and wife of Alexander I. reigned six months. Alexander I. the nephew of Lathyrus, was established in 3924, and died in 3943. Alexander II. the son of Alexander I. was dispossessed by the Alexandrians in 3939. Ptolemy Nothus, or Auletes, the son of Lathyrus, reigned 13 years and died in 3953. Ptolemy, surnamed *Dionysius* or *Bacchus*, reigned three years eight months, and died in 3957. Cleopatra reigned from 3957, and killed herself in 3974.

This city as we have already observed, soon became extremely populous, and was embellished both by its own princes and the Romans; but, like most other noted cities of antiquity, hath been the seat of terrible massacres. About 141 years before Christ, it was almost totally depopulated by Ptolemy Physcon. That barbarous monster, without the least provocation, gave free liberty to his guards to plunder his metropolis and murder the inhabitants at their pleasure. The cruelties practised on this occasion cannot be expressed; and the few who escaped were so terrified that they fled into other countries. Upon this, Physcon, that he might not reign over empty houses, invited thither strangers from the neighbouring countries; by whom the city was re-peopled, and soon recovered its former splendor. On this occasion many learned men having been obliged to fly, proved the means of reviving learning in Greece, Asia Minor, the islands of the Archipelago, and other places, where it was almost totally lost.

*Alexandria* The new inhabitants were not treated with much more kindness by Physcon than the old ones had been; for, on their complaining of his tyrannical behaviour, he resolved on a general massacre of the young men. Accordingly, when they were one day assembled in the gymnasium, or place of their public exercises, he ordered it to be set on fire; so that they all perished, either in the flames, or by the swords of his mercenaries, whom the tyrant had placed at all the avenues.

Though Julius Cæsar was obliged to carry on a war for some time against this city, it seems not to have suffered much damage, except the burning of the library already mentioned. Before Cæsar left Alexandria, in acknowledgment of the assistance he had received from the Jews, he confirmed all their privileges there, and even engraved his decree on a pillar of brass. This, however, did not prevent the massacre of 50,000 of them in this city about the year of Christ 67.

The city of Alexandria seems to have fallen into decay soon after this, and to have forfeited many of its ancient privileges, tho' for what offence is not known; but when Adrian visited Egypt, about the year 141, it was almost totally ruined. He repaired both the public and private buildings, not only restoring the inhabitants to their ancient privileges, but heaping new favours upon them; for which they returned him their solemn thanks, and conferred upon him what honours they could while he was present; but as soon as he was gone, they published the most bitter and virulent lampoons against him.

The fickle and satirical humour of the Alexandrians was highly disliked by Adrian, though he inflicted no punishment upon them for it; but when they lampooned Caracalla, he did not let them escape so easily. That tyrant, in the year 215, when he visited their city, having become the subject of their foolish satires, ordered a general massacre by his numerous troops, who were dispersed all over the city. The inhuman orders being given, all were murdered, without distinction of age or sex; so that in one night's time the whole city floated in blood, and every house was filled with carcasses. The monster who occasioned this had retired during the night to the temple of Serapis, to implore the protection of that deity; and, not yet satiated with slaughter, commanded the massacre to be continued all the next day; so that very few of the inhabitants remained. As if even this had not been sufficient, he stripped the city of all its ancient privileges; suppressed the academy; ordered all strangers who lived there to depart; and that the few who remained might not have the satisfaction of seeing one another, he cut off all communication of one street with another, by walls built for that purpose, and guarded by troops left there.

Notwithstanding this terrible disaster, Alexandria soon recovered its former splendor, as Caracalla was murdered a short time after. It was long esteemed the first city in the world, next to Rome; and we may judge of its magnificence, and the multitude of people contained in it, from the account of Diodorus Siculus, who relates, that in his time (44 years before Christ) Alexandria had on its rolls 300,000 freemen. Towards the middle of the sixth century, Amrou *Ebn el Aas*, Omar's general, took it by storm, after a siege of

Alexandria of 14 months, and with the loss of 23,000 men. Heraclius, then emperor of Constantinople, did not send a single ship to its assistance. This prince affords an example very rare in history; he had displayed some vigour in the first year of his reign, and then suffered himself to be lulled into idleness and effeminacy. Awakened suddenly from his lethargy by the noise of the conquests of Cosroes, that scourge of the east, he put himself at the head of his armies, distinguished himself as a great captain from his very first campaign, laid waste Persia for seven years, and returned to his capital covered with laurels: he then became a theologian on the throne, lost all his energy, and amused himself the rest of his life with disputing upon Monothelism, whilst the Arabs were robbing him of the finest provinces of his empire. Deaf to the cries of the unfortunate inhabitants of Alexandria, as he had been to those of the people of Jerusalem, who defended themselves for two years, he left them a sacrifice to the fortunate ascendancy of the indefatigable Amrou. All their intrepid youth perished with their arms in their hands.

The victor, astonished at his conquest, wrote to the caliph, "I have taken the city of the west. It is of an immense extent. I cannot describe to you how many wonders it contains. There are 4000 palaces, 4000 baths, 12,000 dealers in fresh oil, 12,000 gardeners, 40,000 Jews who pay tribute, 400 comedians," &c.

At this time, according to the Arabian historians, Alexandria consisted of three cities, *viz.* *Menna*, or the port, which included Pharos, and the neighbouring parts; *Alexandria*, properly so called, where the modern Scanderia now stands; and *Nekita*, probably the Necropolis of Josephus and Strabo.

At that time John, surnamed *the grammarian*, a famous Peripatetic philosopher, being in the city, and in high favour with Amrou Ebn al Aas the Saracen general, begged of him the royal library. Amrou replied, that it was not in his power to grant such a request; but that he would write to the Khalif on that head; since, without knowing his pleasure, he dared not to dispose of a single book. He accordingly wrote to Omar, who was then Khalif, acquainting him with the request of his friend: To which the ignorant tyrant replied, That if those books contained the same doctrine with the koran, they could be of no use, since the koran contained all necessary truths; but if they contained any thing contrary to that book, they ought not to be suffered; and therefore, whatever their contents were, he ordered them to be destroyed. Pursuant to this order, they were distributed among the public baths; where, for the space of six months, they served to supply the fires of those places, of which there was an incredible number in Alexandria.

After the city was taken, Amrou thought proper to pursue the Greeks who had fled farther up the country; and therefore marched out of Alexandria, leaving but a very slender garrison in the place. The Greeks, who had before fled on board their ships, being apprised of this, returned on a sudden, surprized the town, and put all the Arabs they found therein to the sword: but Amrou, receiving advice of what had happened, suddenly returned, and drove them out of it with great slaughter; after which the Greeks were so intimidated,

that he had nothing farther to fear from them.—A few Alexandria years after, however, Amrou being deprived of his government by the khalif Othman, the Egyptians were so much displeas'd with his dismissal that they inclined to a revolt; and Constantine the Greek emperor, having received intelligence of their disaffection, began to meditate the reduction of Alexandria. For this purpose, he sent one Manuel, an eunuch, and his general, with a powerful army, to retake that place; which, by the assistance of the Greeks in the city, who kept a secret correspondence with the imperial forces while at sea, and joined them as soon as they had made a descent, he effected, without any considerable effusion of Christian blood. The khalif, now perceiving his mistake, immediately restored Amrou to his former dignity. This step was very agreeable to the natives; who having had experience of the military skill and bravery of this renowned general, and apprehending that they should be called to an account by the Greeks for their former perfidious conduct, had petitioned Othman to send him again into Egypt.—Upon Amrou's arrival, therefore, at Alexandria, the Copts or natives, with the traitor Al-Mokawkas (who had formerly betrayed to Amrou the fortrefs of Mefr) at their head, not only joined him, but supplied him with all kinds of provisions, exciting him to attack the Greeks without delay. This he did; and, after a most obstinate dispute which lasted several days, drove them into the town, where, for some time, they defended themselves with great bravery, and repelled the utmost efforts of the besiegers. This so exasperated Amrou, that he swore, "If God enabled him to conquer the Greeks, he would throw down the walls of the city, and make it as easy of access as a *bawdy-house*, which lies open to every body." Nor did he fail to execute this menace; for having taken the town by storm, he quite dismantled it, entirely demolishing the walls and fortifications. The lives of the citizens, however, were spared, at least as far as lay in the general's power; but many of them were put to the sword by the soldiers on their first entrance. In one quarter particularly, Amrou found them butchering the Alexandrians with unrelenting barbarity; to which, however, by his seasonable interposition, he put a stop, and on that spot erected a mosque, which he called the *mosque of mercy*.

From this time Alexandria never recovered its former splendor. It continued under the dominion of the khalifs till the year 924, when it was taken by the Magrebians, two years after its great church had been destroyed by fire. This church was called by the Arabs *Al Kaisaria*, or *Cæsarea*; and had formerly been a pagan temple, erected in honour of Saturn by the famous queen Cleopatra.

The city was soon after abandoned by the Magrebians; but in 928 they again made themselves masters of it: their fleet being afterwards defeated by that belonging to the khalif, *Abul Kâsem* the Magrebian general retired from Alexandria, leaving there only a garrison of 300 men; of which *Thmall*, the khalif's admiral, being apprised, he in a few days appeared before the town, and carried off the remainder of the inhabitants to an island in the Nile called *Abukair*. This was done, to prevent Abul Kâsem from meeting with any entertainment at Alexandria, in case he should think proper to return. According to Eutychius, above

Alexandria. 200,000 of the miserable inhabitants perished this year.

What contributed to raise Alexandria to such a prodigious height of splendor as it enjoyed for a long time, was its being the centre of commerce between the eastern and western parts of the world. It was with the view of becoming master of this lucrative trade, that Alexander built this city, after having extirpated the Tyrians, who formerly engrossed all the East-India traffic. Of the immense riches which that trade afforded, we may form an idea, from considering that the Romans accounted it a point of policy to oppress the Egyptians, especially the Alexandrians; and after the defeat of Zenobia, there was a single merchant of Alexandria who undertook to raise and pay an army out of the profits of his trade. The Greek emperors drew prodigious tributes from Egypt, and yet the khalifs found their subjects in so good circumstances as to screw up their revenues to three hundred millions of crowns.

Though the revolutions which happened in the government of Egypt, after it fell into the hands of the Mahometans, frequently affected this city to a very great degree; yet still the excellence of its port, and the innumerable conveniences resulting from the East-India trade, to whomsoever were masters of Egypt, preserved Alexandria from total destruction, even when in the hands of the most barbarous nations. Thus, in the 13th century, when the barbarism introduced by the Goths, &c. began to wear off from the European nations, and they acquired a taste for the elegancies of life, the old mart of Alexandria began to revive; and the port, though far from recovering its former magnificence, grew once more famous by becoming the centre of commerce; but having fallen under the dominion of the Turks, and the passage round the Cape of Good Hope being discovered by the Portuguese in 1499, a fatal blow was given to the Alexandrian commerce, and the city has since fallen into decay.

At present, the city of Alexandria is reckoned to have about 14,000 or 15,000 inhabitants; a strange collocation of different nations, as well as from various parts of the Turkish empire. They are in general given to thieving and cheating; and (like their predecessors) seditious above all others, were they not kept in awe by the severity of their government. The British and French carry on a considerable commerce with them, and have each a consul residing here. Some Venetian ships also sail thither yearly, but with French colours, and under the protection of France. The subjects of those kingdoms which keep no consul here, are subjected to a tax by the Grand Signior: But the Jews have found out the method of indemnifying themselves for this advantage; namely, by selling their commodities cheaper than other foreigners can afford. They are also favoured by the farmers of the revenue; who know, that if they do not pay some private regard to them, the Jews have it in their power to cause fewer merchandizes come into their port during the two years that their farm lasts.

The present city is a kind of peninsula situated between the two ports. That to the westward was called by the ancients the *Portus Eunostos*, now the *Old Port*, and is by far the best; Turkish vessels only are allowed to anchor there: the other, called the *New Port*, is for the Christians; at the extremity of one of the arms of which stood the famous Pharos. The New Port,

the only harbour for the Europeans, is clogged up with sand, inasmuch that in stormy weather ships are liable to bilge; and the bottom being also rocky, the cables soon chafe and part; so that one vessel driving against a second, and that against a third, they are perhaps all lost. Of this there was a fatal instance 16 or 18 years ago, when 42 vessels were dashed to pieces on the mole in a gale of wind from the north-west, and numbers have been since lost there at different times. If it be asked, Why do they not repair the New Port? the answer is, That in Turkey they destroy every thing, and repair nothing. The old harbour will be destroyed likewise, as the ballast of vessels has been continually thrown into it for the last 200 years. The spirit of the Turkish government is to ruin the labours of past ages, and destroy the hopes of future times, because the barbarity of ignorant despotism never considers to-morrow.

In time of war, Alexandria is of no importance; no fortification is to be seen; even the Farillon, with its lofty towers, cannot be defended. It has not four cannon fit for service, nor a gunner who knows how to point them. The 500 janisaries, who should form the garrison, reduced to half the number, know nothing but how to smoke a pipe. But Alexandria is a place of which the conquest would be of no value. A foreign power could not maintain itself there, as the country is without water. This must be brought from the Nile by the kalidj, or canal of 12 leagues, which conveys it thither every year at the time of the inundation. It fills the vaults or reservoirs dug under the ancient city, and this provision must serve till the next year. It is evident, therefore, that were a foreign power to take possession, the canal would be shut, and all supplies of water cut off. It is this canal alone which connects Alexandria with Egypt; for from its situation without the Delta, and the nature of the soil, it really belongs to the deserts of Africa. Its environs are sandy, flat, and sterile, without trees and without houses: where we meet with nothing but the plant which yields the kali, and a row of palm trees which follows the course of the kalidj or canal.

The city is governed like others in the same kingdom. (See EGYPT.) It hath a small garrison of soldiers, part of which are Janisaries and Assassins; who are very haughty and insolent, not only to strangers, but to the mercantile and industrious part of the people, though ever so considerable and useful. The government is so remiss in favour of these wretches, that Mr Norden informs us, one of them did not hesitate to kill a farmer of the customs, for refusing to take less of him than the duty imposed, and went off unpunished; it being a common salvo among them, that what is done cannot be undone.

The present condition of Alexandria is very despicable, being now so far ruined, that the rubbish in many places overtops the houses. The famous tower of Pharos has long since been demolished, and a castle, called *Farillon*, built in its place. The causeway which joined the island to the continent is broken down, and its place supplied by a stone bridge of several arches.

Some parts of the old walls of the city are yet standing, and present us with a masterpiece of ancient masonry. They are flanked with large towers, about 200 paces distant from each other, with small ones in the middle.

Alexandria. middle. Below are magnificent casemates, which may serve for galleries to walk in. In the lower part of the towers is a large square hall, whose roof is supported by thick columns of Thebaic stone. Above this are several rooms, over which there are platforms more than 20 paces square. The ancient reservoirs, vaulted with so much art, which extend under the whole town, are almost entire, at the end of 2000 years.

Of Cæsar's palace there remain only a few porphyry pillars, and the front, which is almost entire, and looks very beautiful. The palace of Cleopatra was built upon the walls facing the port, having a gallery on the outside, supported by several fine columns. Not far from this palace are two obelisks vulgarly called *Cleopatra's Needles*. They are of Thebaic stone, and covered with hieroglyphics. One is overturned, broken, and lying under the sand; the other is on its pedestal. These two obelisks, each of them of a single stone, are about 60 feet high, by seven feet square at the base. Towards the gate of Rosetta, are five columns of marble on the place formerly occupied by the porticoes of the Gymnasium. The rest of the colonnade, the design of which was discoverable 100 years ago by Maillet, has since been destroyed by the barbarism of the Turks.

But what most engages the attention of travellers is the Pillar of Pompey, as it is commonly called, situated at a quarter of a league from the southern gate. It is composed of red granite. The capital is Corinthian, with palm leaves, and not indented. It is nine feet high. The shaft and the upper member of the base are of one piece of 90 feet long, and 9 in diameter. The base is a square of about 15 feet on each side. This block of marble, 60 feet in circumference, rests on two layers of stone bound together with lead; which, however, has not prevented the Arabs from forcing out several of them, to search for an imaginary treasure. The whole column is 114 feet high. It is perfectly well polished, and only a little shivered on the eastern side. Nothing can equal the majesty of this monument; seen from a distance, it overtops the town, and serves as a signal for vessels. Approaching it nearer, it produces an astonishment mixed with awe. One can never be tired with admiring the beauty of the capital, the length of the shaft, nor the extraordinary simplicity of the pedestal. This last has been somewhat damaged by the instruments of travellers, who are curious to possess a reliet of this antiquity; and one of the volutes of the column was immaturely brought down about twelve years ago, by a prank of some English captains, which is thus related by Mr Irwin.

These jolly sons of Neptune had been pushing about the can on board one of the ships in the harbour, until a strange freak entered into one of their brains. The eccentricity of the thought occasioned it immediately to be adopted; and its apparent impossibility was but a spur for the putting it into execution. The boat was ordered; and with proper implements for the attempt, these enterprising heroes pushed ashore, to drink a bowl of punch on the top of Pompey's pillar! At the spot they arrived; and many contrivances were proposed to accomplish the desired point. But their labour was vain; and they began to despair of success, when the genius who struck out the frolic happily sug-

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gested the means of performing it. A man was dispatched to the city for a paper kite. The inhabitants were by this time apprized of what was going forward, and flocked in crowds to be witnesses of the address and boldness of the English. The governor of Alexandria was told that these seamen were about to pull down Pompey's pillar. But whether he gave them credit for their respect to the Roman warrior, or to the Turkish government, he left them to themselves; and politely answered, that the English were too great patriots to injure the remains of Pompey. He knew little, however, of the disposition of the people who were engaged in this undertaking. Had the Turkish empire rose in opposition, it would not perhaps at that moment have deterred them. The kite was brought, and flown so directly over the pillar, that when it fell on the other side, the string lodged upon the capital. The chief obstacle was now overcome. A two-inch rope was tied to one end of the string, and drawn over the pillar by the end to which the kite was affixed. By this rope one of the seamen ascended to the top; and in less than an hour, a kind of shroud was constructed, by which the whole company went up, and drank their punch amid the shouts of the astonished multitude. To the eye below, the capital of the pillar does not appear capable of holding more than one man upon it; but our seamen found it could contain no less than eight persons very conveniently. It is astonishing that no accident befel these madcaps, in a situation so elevated, that would have turned a landman giddy in his sober senses. The only detriment which the pillar received, was the loss of the volute beforementioned; which came down with a thundering sound, and was carried to England by one of the captains, as a present to a lady who commissioned him for a piece of the pillar. The discovery which they made amply compensated for this mischief; as without their evidence, the world would not have known at this hour, that there was originally a statue on this pillar, one foot and ancle of which are still remaining. The statue must have been of a gigantic size, to have appeared of a man's proportion at so great an height.

There are circumstances in this story which might give it an air of fiction, were it not demonstrated beyond all doubt. Besides the testimonies of many eye-witnesses, the adventurers themselves have left us a token of the fact, by the initials of their names, which are very legible in black paint just beneath the capital.

Learned men and travellers have made many fruitless attempts to discover in honour of what prince it was erected. The best informed have concluded that it could not be in honour of Pompey, since neither Strabo nor Diodorus Siculus have spoken of it. The Arabian Abulfeda, in his description of Egypt, calls it *the Pillar of Severus*. And history informs us †, that this emperor "visited the city of Alexandria: That he granted a senate to its inhabitants, who until that time, under the subjection of a single Roman magistrate, had lived without any national council, as under the reign of the Ptolemies, when the will of the prince was their only law: That he did not confine his benefactions there; he changed several laws in their favour." This column, therefore, Mr Savary concludes to have been erected by the inhabitants as a mark of their gratitude to Severus. And in a Greek inscription,

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Alexandria tion, now half effaced, but visible on the west side when the sun shines upon it, and which probably was legible in the time of Abulfeda, he supposes the name of Severus to have been preserved. He further observes, that this was not the only monument erected to him by the gratitude of the Alexandrians: for there is still seen in the midst of the ruins of Antinoe, built by Adrian, a magnificent pillar, the inscription on which is still remaining, dedicated to Alexander Severus.

On the south-west side of the city, at a mile's distance, are situated the catacombs, the ancient burial-place of Alexandria; and although they cannot be compared to those of the ancient Memphis, which the Arabs will not permit to be visited, in order to make the better market of their mummies, it is probable that, the method of embalming being the same, the form of these catacombs can only differ in their proportions.—The Baron de Tott, in describing these, observes, “that Nature not having furnished this part of Egypt with a ridge of rocks, like that which runs parallel with the Nile above Delta, the ancient inhabitants of Alexandria could only have an imitation by digging into a bed of solid rock; and thus they formed Necropolis, or the ‘City of the Dead.’ The excavation is from 30 to 40 feet wide, and 200 long and 25 deep, and is terminated by gentle declivities at each end. The two sides, cut perpendicularly, contain several openings, about 10 or 12 feet in width and height, hollowed horizontally; and which form, by their different branches, subterranean streets. One of these, which curiosity has disencumbered from the ruins and sands that render the entrance of others difficult or impossible, contains no mummies, but only the places they occupied. The order in which they were ranged is still to be seen. Niches, 20 inches square, sunk six feet horizontally, narrowed at the bottom, and separated from each other by partitions in the rock, seven or eight inches thick, divide into checkers the two walls of this subterranean vault. It is natural to suppose, from this disposition, that each mummy was introduced with the feet foremost into the cell intended for its reception; and that new streets were opened, in proportion as these dead inhabitants of Necropolis increased.” This observation, he adds, which throws a light on the catacombs of Memphis, may perhaps likewise explain the vast size and multitude, as well as the different elevations, of the pyramids in the Higher and Lower Egypt.

About 70 paces from Pompey's pillar is the khalis, or the canal of the Nile, which was dug by the ancient Egyptians, to convey the water of the Nile to Alexandria, and fill the cisterns under the city. On the side of the khalis are gardens full of orange and lemon trees, and the fields are full of caper and palm trees. On the top of a hill is a tower, on which a sentinel is always placed, to give notice, by means of a flag, of the ships that are coming into the port. From this hill may be seen the sea, the whole extent of the city, and the parts round it.

In going along the sea-coast, there is a large bason cut out of the rock that lines the shore. On the sides of this bason, two beautiful saloons are hewn out by the chissel, with benches that run across them. A canal made zig-zag, for the purpose of stopping the sand by its different windings, conveys into them the

water of the sea, as pure and transparent as crystal. Alexandria Seated on the stone bench, the water rises a little above the waist; while the feet softly repose on a fine sand. The waves of the sea are heard roaring against the rock, and foaming in the canal. The swell enters, raises you up, and leaves you; and thus alternately entering and retiring, brings a continual fresh supply of water, and a coolness which is truly delicious under a burning sky. This place is vulgarly called the *Bath of Cleopatra*. Some ruins announce that it was formerly ornamented.

Alexandria is about 50 leagues north of Cairo. E. Long. 31. 15. N. Lat. 31. 12.

ALEXANDRIA, a strong and considerable city of Italy, belonging to the Duchy of Milan, with a good castle, built in 1178 in honour of Pope Alexander III. This pope made it a bishopric, with several privileges and exemptions. Prince Eugene of Savoy took this city in 1706, after three days siege. The French took it in 1745; but the king of Sardinia, to whom it belongs by the treaty of Utrecht, retook it in 1746. The fortifications of the town are trifling, but the citadel is considerable. It is 15 miles south-east of Cassal, 35 north-by-west of Genoa, and 40 south-by-west of Milan. E. Long. 8. 40. N. Lat. 44. 53. The country about this town is called the *Alexandrin*.

ALEXANDRIA (anc. geog.), a city of Arachosia, called also *Alexandropolis*, on the river Arachotus (Stephanus, Isidorus Characenus).—Another *Alexandria* in Gedrosia, built by Leonatus, by order of Alexander (Pliny).—A third *Alexandria* in Aria, situated at the lake Arias (Ptolemy); but, according to Pliny, built by Alexander on the river Arius.—A fourth in the Bactriana (Pliny).—A fifth *Alexandria*, an inland town of Carmania (Pliny, Ptolemy, Ammian).—A sixth *Alexandria*, or *Alexandropolis*, in the Sogdiana (Isidorus Characenus).—A seventh in India, at the confluence of the Acesines and Indus (Arrian).—An eighth, called also *Alexandretta*, near the Sinus Ifficus, on the confines of Syria and Cilicia, now *Scanderoon* (see ALEXANDRETTA), the port-town to Aleppo.—A ninth *Alexandria* of Margiana, which being demolished by the barbarians, was rebuilt by Antiochus the son of Seleucus, and called *Antiochia* of Syria (Pliny); watered by the river Margus, which is divided into several channels, for the purpose of watering the country, which was called *Zotale*. The city was seventy stadia in circuit, according to Pliny; who adds, that, after the defeat of Crassus, the captives were conveyed to this place by Orodes, the king of the Parthians.—A tenth, of the Oxiana, built on the Oxus by Alexander, on the confines of Bactria (Pliny).—An eleventh, built by Alexander at the foot of mount Paropamisus, which was called *Caucasus* (Pliny, Arrian).—A twelfth *Alexandria* in Troas, called also *Troas* and *Antigonia* (Pliny).—A thirteenth on the Iaxartes, the boundary of Alexander's victories towards Scythia, and the last that he built on that side.

ALEXANDRIAN, in a particular sense, is applied to all those who professed or taught the sciences in the school of Alexandria. In this sense, Clemens is denominated *Alexandrinus*, though born at Athens. The same may be said of Apion, who was born at Oasis; and Arostarchus, by birth a Samothracian. The chief Alexandrian philosophers were, Amonius, Plotinus,



Alexandrian, tinus, Origen, Porphyry, Jamblicus, Sopater, Maximus, and Dexippus.

**ALEXANDRIAN** is more particularly understood of a college of priests, consecrated to the service of Alexander Severus after his deification. Lampridius relates, that, notwithstanding Severus was killed by Maximin, the senate prosecuted his apotheosis; and, for regularity of worship, founded an order of priests, or *sodales*, under the denomination of *Alexandrini*.

*ALEXANDRIAN Library.* See p. 389, *supra*.

*ALEXANDRIAN Manuscript*, a famous copy of the Scriptures, consisting of four volumes, in a large quarto size; which contains the whole Bible in Greek, including the Old and New Testament, with the Apocrypha, and some smaller pieces, but not quite complete. This manuscript is now preserved in the British Museum. It was sent as a present to King Charles I. from Cyrillus Lucaris, patriarch of Constantinople, by Sir Thomas Rowe, ambassador from England to the Grand Signior, about the year 1628. Cyrillus brought it with him from Alexandria, where probably it was written. In a schedule annexed to it, he gives this account: That it was written, as tradition informed them, by Thecla, a noble Egyptian lady, about 1300 years ago, not long after the council of Nice. But this high antiquity, and the authority of the tradition to which the patriarch refers, have been disputed; nor are the most accurate biblical writers agreed about its age. Grabe thinks that it might have been written before the end of the fourth century; others are of opinion, that it was not writ till near the end of the fifth century, or somewhat later.

**ALEXANDRIAN**, or *Alexandrine*, in poetry, a kind of verses consisting of twelve, or of twelve and thirteen syllables alternately; so called from a poem on the life of Alexander, written in this kind of verse by some French poet. Alexandrines are peculiar to modern poetry, and seem well adapted to epic poems. They are sometimes used by most nations of Europe; but chiefly by the French, whose tragedies are generally composed of Alexandrines.

**ALEXICACUS**, something that preserves the body from harm or mischief. The word amounts to much the same as *alexiterial*.

**ALEXICACUS**, in antiquity, was an attribute of Neptune, whom the tunny-fishers used to invoke under this appellation, that their nets might be preserved from the *ξίφιας*, or sword-fish, which used to tear them; and that he might prevent the assistance which it was pretended the dolphins used to give the tunnies on this occasion.

**ALEXIPHARMICS**, in medicine, are properly remedies for expelling or preventing the ill effects of poison: but some of the moderns having imagined, that the animal spirits, in acute distempers, were affected by a malignant poison, the term has been understood to mean medicines adapted to expel this poison by the cutaneous pores, in the form of sweat. In this sense, alexipharmics are the same as sudorifics.

**ALEXIS**, a Piedmontese. There is a book of "Secrets," which for a long time has gone under his name. It was printed at Basil 1536, in 8vo, and translated from Italian into Latin by Wecher; it has also been translated into French, and printed several times with additions. There is a preface to the piece, wherein Alexis informs us, that he was born of a noble

family; that he had from his most early years applied himself to study; that he had learned the Greek, the Latin, the Hebrew, the Chaldean, the Arabian, and several other languages; that having an extreme curiosity to be acquainted with the secrets of nature, he had collected as much as he could during his travels for 57 years: that he piqued himself upon not communicating his secrets to any person; but that when he was 82 years of age, having seen a poor man who had died of a sickness which might have been cured had he communicated his secret to the surgeon who took care of him, he was touched with such a remorse of conscience, that he lived almost like a hermit: and it was in this solitude that he ranged his secrets in such an order as to make them fit to be published. The hawkers generally carry them, with other books, to the country fairs. These, however, contain only the select remedies of Signor Alexis of Piedmont; the entire collection would make too large a volume for them.

**ALEXITERIAL**, among physicians, a term of much the same import with *alexipharmic*; though sometimes used in a synonymous sense with amulet.

**ALEYN** (Charles), an English poet in the reign of Charles I. In 1631, he published two poems on the famous victories of Cressy and Poitiers. He succeeded his father as clerk of the ordnance, and was commissary general of the artillery to the king at the battle of Edgehill. The next piece he wrote was a poem in honour of Henry VII. and the victory that gained him the crown of England. In 1639, the year before he died, he translated the history of Eurialus and Lucretia, from the Latin epistles of Æneas Sylvius.

**ALFANDIGA**, the name of the custom-house at Lisbon.

**ALFAQUES**, among the Moors, the name generally used for their clergy, or those who teach the Mahometan religion; in opposition to the Morabites, who answer to monks among Christians.

**ALFATERNA** (anc. geog.), the last town of Campania, beyond Vesuvius (Diodorus); the same with *Nocera*, which see. The inhabitants *Alfaterni* (Pliny).

**ALFDOUCH**, a name given by the Moors to a sort of vermicelli, which they make of flour and water, and are very fond of in their entertainments.

**ALFET**, in old customs, denotes a caldron full of boiling water, wherein an accused person, by way of trial or purgation, plunged his arm up to the elbow.

**ALFORD**, a town in Lincolnshire, with a market on Tuesdays for provisions and corn; and two fairs, on Whit-Tuesday, and November 8. for cattle and sheep. It is seated on a small brook that runs through the town, and is a compact place. A salt spring was discovered here in 1670, from the pigeons which flew thither in great numbers to drink the water; those birds being known to be fond of salt. It contains a purging salt, together with a portion of sea-salt. It is strongly purgative. It is recommended as cooling, cleansing, and attenuating. As a good remedy in the scurvy, jaundice, and other glandular obstructions. It also promotes urine and sweat, and therefore is good in gravelly and other disorders of the kidneys and bladder; and in complaints arising from obstructed perspiration. Alford is six miles from the sea, and 20 N. of Boston. E. Long. 0. 15. N. Lat. 53. 30.

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ALFRED, or ÆLFRED, the Great, king of England, was the fifth and youngest son of Æthelwolf king of the West Saxons, and was born at Wantage in Berkshire in 849. He distinguished himself during the reign of his brother Ethelred, in several engagements against the Danes; and upon his death succeeded to the crown, in the year 871, and the 22d of his age. At his ascending the throne he found himself involved in a dangerous war with the Danes, and placed in such circumstances of distress as called for the greatest valour, resolution, and all the other virtues with which he was adorned. The Danes had already penetrated into the heart of his kingdom; and before he had been a month upon the throne, he was obliged to take the field against those formidable enemies. After many battles gained on both sides, he was at length reduced to the greatest distress, and was entirely abandoned by his subjects. In this situation, Alfred, conceiving himself no longer a king, laid aside all marks of royalty, and took shelter in the house of one who kept his cattle. He retired afterwards to the isle of Æthelinge in Somersetshire, where he built a fort for the security of himself, his family, and the few faithful servants who repaired thither to him. When he had been about a year in this retreat, having been informed that some of his subjects had routed a great army of the Danes, killed their chiefs, and taken their magical standard (A), he issued his letters, giving notice where he was, and inviting his nobility to come and consult with him. Before they came to a final determination, Alfred, putting on the habit of a harper, went into the enemy's camp, where, without suspicion, he was every where admitted, and had the honour to play before their princes. Having thereby acquired an exact knowledge of their situation, he returned in great secrecy to his nobility, whom he ordered to their respective homes, there to draw together each man as great a force as he could; and upon a day appointed there was to be a general rendezvous at the great wood, called *Selwood*, in Wiltshire. This affair was transacted so secretly and expeditiously, that, in a little time, the king, at the head of an army, approached the Danes, before they had the least intelligence of his design. Alfred, taking advantage of the surprise and terror they were in, fell upon them, and totally defeated them at Æthendune, now Eddington. Those who escaped fled to a neighbouring castle, where they were soon besieged, and obliged to surrender at discretion.

Alfred granted them better terms than they could expect. He agreed to give up the whole kingdom of the East-Angles to such as would embrace the Christian religion, on condition they would oblige the rest of their countrymen to quit the island, and, as much as it was in their power, prevent the landing of any more foreigners. For the performance thereof he took hostages; and when, in pursuance of the treaty, Guthrum the Danish captain came, with thirty of his chief officers, to be baptized, Alfred answered for him at the font, and gave him the name of *Æthelstane*; and certain laws were drawn up between the king and Guthrum for the regulation and government of the Danes settled in England. In 884, a fresh number of Danes landed in Kent, and laid siege to Rochester; but the king coming to the relief of that city, they were obliged to abandon their design. Alfred had now great success; which was chiefly owing to his fleet, an advantage of his own creating. Having secured the sea-coasts, he fortified the rest of the kingdom with castles and walled towns; and he besieged and recovered from the Danes the city of London, which he resolved to repair, and keep as a frontier (B).

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After some years respite, Alfred was again called into the field: for a body of Danes, being worsted in the west of France, came with a fleet of 250 sail on the coast of Kent; and having landed, fixed themselves at Apple-tree: shortly after, another fleet of 80 vessels coming up the Thames, the men landed, and built a fort at Middleton. Before Alfred marched against the enemy, he obliged the Danes, settled in Northumberland and Essex, to give him hostages for their good behaviour. He then moved towards the invaders, and pitched his camp between their armies, to prevent their junction. A great body, however, moved off to Essex; and crossing the river, came to Farnham in Surry, where they were defeated by the king's forces. Mean while the Danes settled in Northumberland, in breach of treaty, and notwithstanding the hostages given, equipped two fleets; and, after plundering the northern and southern coasts, sailed to Exeter, and besieged it. The king, as soon as he received intelligence, marched against them; but before he reached Exeter, they had got possession of it. He kept them, however, blocked up on all sides; and reduced them at last to such extremities, that they were obliged to eat their horses, and were even ready to devour each other. Being at length rendered desperate, they made a general sally on the besiegers;

(A) "This (says Sir John Spelman) was a banner with the image of a raven magically wrought by the three sisters of Hinguar and Hobba, on purpose for their expedition, in revenge of their father Lodebroch's murder, made, say they, almost in an instant, being by them at once begun and finished in a noontide, and believed by the Danes to have carried great fatality with it, for which it was highly esteemed by them. It is pretended, that being carried in battle, towards good success it would always seem to clap its wings, and make as if it would fly; but towards the approach of mishap, it would hang down and not move." *Life of Alfred*, p. 61.

(B) The Danes had possessed themselves of London in the time of his father; and had held it till now as a convenient place for them to land at, and fortify themselves in; neither was it taken from them but by a close siege. However, when it came into the king's hands, it was in a miserable condition, scarce habitable, and all its fortifications ruined. The king, moved by the importance of the place, and the desire of strengthening his frontier against the Danes, restored it to its ancient splendor. And observing, that, through the confusion of the times, many, both Saxons and Danes, lived in a loose disorderly manner, without owning any government, he offered them now a comfortable establishment, if they would submit and become his subjects. This proposition was better received than he expected; for multitudes growing weary of a vagabond kind of life, joyfully accepted such an offer. *Chron. Sax.* p. 88.

Alfred. siegers; but were defeated, though with great loss on the king's side. The remainder of this body of Danes fled to Essex, into the fort they had built there, and to their ships. Before Alfred had time to recruit himself, another Danish leader, whose name was Laf, came with a great army out of Northumberland, and destroyed all before him, marching on to the city of Werheal in the west, which is supposed to be Chester, where they remained the rest of that year. The year following they invaded North-Wales; and after having plundered and destroyed every thing, they divided, one body returning to Northumberland, another into the territories of the East-Angles; from whence they proceeded to Essex, and took possession of a small island called *Merefig*. Here they did not long remain: for having parted, some sailed up the river Thames, and others up the Lea-road; where drawing up their ships, they built a fort not far from London, which proved a great check upon the citizens, who went in a body and attacked it, but were repulsed with great loss: at harvest-time the king himself was obliged to encamp with a body of troops in the neighbourhood of the city, in order to cover the reapers from the excursions of the Danes. As he was one day riding by the side of the river Lea, after some observations, he began to think that the Danish ships might be laid quite dry: this he attempted, and succeeded; so that the Danes deserted their fort and ships, and marched away to the banks of the Severn, where they built a fort, and wintered at a place called *Quatbrig* (c). Such of the Danish ships as could be got off, the Londoners carried into their own road; the rest they burnt and destroyed.

Alfred enjoyed a profound peace during the three last years of his reign, which he chiefly employed in establishing and regulating his government, for the security of himself and his successors, as well as the ease and benefit of his subjects in general. After a troublesome reign of 28 years, he died on the 28th of October A. D. 900; and was buried at Winchester, in Hyde-abbey, under a monument of porphyry.

All the historians agree in distinguishing him as one of the most valiant, wisest, and best of kings that ever reigned in England; and it is also generally allowed, that he not only digested several particular laws still in being, but that he laid the first foundation of their present happy constitution. There is great reason to believe that they are indebted to this prince for trials by juries; and the doomsday book, which is preserved in the exchequer, is thought to be no more than another edition of Alfred's book of Winchester, which contained a survey of the kingdom. It is said also, that he was the first who divided the kingdom into shires: what is ascribed to him is not a bare division of the country, but the settling a new form of judicature; for after having divided his dominions into shires, he subdivided each shire into three parts, called *trythings*. There are some remains of this ancient division in the ridings of Yorkshire, the laths of Kent, and the three

parts of Lincolnshire. Each trything was divided into hundreds or wapentakes; and these again into tythings or dwellings of ten householders: each of these householders stood engaged to the king, as a pledge for the good behaviour of his family, and all the ten were mutually pledges for each other; so that if any one of the tything was suspected of an offence, if the head boroughs or chiefs of the tything would not be security for him, he was imprisoned; and if he made his escape, the tything and hundred were fined to the king. Each shire was under the government of an earl, under whom was the reive, his deputy; since, from his office, called *shire-reive*, or *sheriff*. And so effectual were these regulations, that it is said he caused bracelets of gold to be hung up in the high ways, as a challenge to robbers, and they remained untouched.

In private life, Alfred was the most amiable man in his dominions; of so equal a temper, that he never suffered either sadness or unbecoming gaiety to enter his mind; but appeared always of a calm, yet cheerful disposition, familiar to his friends, just even to his enemies, kind and tender to all. He was a remarkable economist of his time, and Asserius has given us an account of the method he took for dividing and keeping an account of it; he caused six wax-candles to be made, each 12 inches long, and of as many ounces weight; on the candles the inches were regularly marked, and having found that one of them burnt just four hours, he committed them to the care of the keepers of his chapel, who from time to time gave him notice how the hours went: but as in windy weather the candles were wasted by the impression of the air on the flame, to remedy this inconvenience, he invented lanterns, there being then no glass in his dominions.

This prince, we are told, was twelve years of age before a master could be procured in the western kingdom to teach him the alphabet; such was the state of learning when Alfred began to reign. He had felt the misery of ignorance; and determined even to rival his contemporary Charlemagne in the encouragement of literature. He is supposed to have appointed persons to read lectures at Oxford, and is thence considered as the founder of that university. By other proper establishments, and by a general encouragement to men of abilities, he did every thing in his power to diffuse knowledge throughout his dominions. Nor was this end promoted more by his countenance and encouragement than by his own example and writings. For notwithstanding the lateness of his initiation, he had acquired extraordinary erudition; and, had he not been illustrious as a king, he would have been famous as an author. His works are, 1. *Breviarum quoddam collectum ex Legibus Trojanorum*, &c. lib. I. A Breviary collected out of the Laws of the Trojans, Greeks, Britons, Saxons and Danes, in one Book. Leland saw this book in the Saxon tongue, at Christ-Church in Hampshire. 2. *Visi-Saxonum Leges*, lib. I. The laws of the West-Saxons, in one book. Pitts tells us, that it is in Ben-

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(c) The king's contrivance is thought to have produced the meadow between Hertford and Bow; for at Hertford was the Danish fort, and from thence they made frequent excursions on the inhabitants of London. Authors are not agreed as to the method the king pursued in laying dry the Danish ships: Dugdale supposes that he did it by straitening the channel; but Henry of Huntingdon alleges, that he cut several canals, which exhausted its water.

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net. College library, at Cambridge. 3. *Instituta quædam*, lib. I. Certain Institutes, in one book. This is mentioned by Pitts, and it seems to be the second capitulation with Guthrum. 4. *Contra judices iniquos*, lib. I. An Invektive against Unjust Judges, in one book. 5. *Acta Magistratum suorum*, lib. I. Acts of his Magistrates, in one book. This is supposed to be the book of judgments mentioned by Horne; and was, in all probability, a kind of reports, intended for the use of succeeding ages. 6. *Regum fortunæ variæ*, lib. I. The various Fortunes of Kings, in one book. 7. *Dicta sapientum*, lib. I. The Sayings of Wise Men, in one book. 8. *Parabolæ et sales*, lib. I. Parables and pleasant Sayings, in one book. 9. *Collectiones chronicorum*. Collections of Chronicles. 10. *Epistolæ ad Wulfsigium Episcopum*, lib. I. Epistles to Bishop Wulfsig, in one book. 11. *Manuale meditationum*. A Manual of Meditations.—Besides these original works, he translated many authors from the Latin, &c. into the Saxon language, viz. 1. Bede's History of England, 2. Paulinus Orosinus's History of the Pagans. 3. St Gregory's Pastoral, &c. The first of these, with his prefaces to the others, together with his laws, were printed at Cambridge, 1644. His laws are likewise inserted in Spelman's Councils. 4. *Boethius de Consolatione*, lib. V. Boethius's Consolations of Philosophy, in five books. Dr Plot tells us, king Alfred translated it at Woodstock, as he found in a MS. in the Cotton Library. 5. *Æsopi fabulæ*, Æsop's Fables; which he is said to have translated from the Greek both into Latin and Saxon. 6. *Psalterium Davidicum*, lib. I. David's Psalter in one book. This was the last work the King attempted, death surprising him before he had finished it; it was completed however by another hand, and published at London in 1640, in quarto, by Sir John Spelman. Several others are mentioned by Malmſbury; and the old history of Ely asserts, that he translated the Old and New Testaments.

The life of this great king was first written by Aferius Menevensis; and first published by Archbishop Parker, in the old Saxon character, at the end of his edition of Hastingham's history, printed in 1674, fol.

ALGA, in botany, the trivial name of the lichen, fucus, and several other plants of the cryptogamia class.

ALGÆ, FLAGS; one of the seven families or natural tribes into which the whole vegetable kingdom is divided by Linnæus, in his *Philosophia Botanica*. They are defined to be plants, whose root, leaf, and stem are

all one. Under this description are comprehended all the sea-weeds, and some other aquatic plants. In the sexual system, they constitute the 3d order of the 24th class *Cryptogamia*; in Tournefort, the second genus of the second section, *Marinæ, aut fluviatiles*, of the 17th class, *Aspermæ vulgo habitæ*; and the 57th order in Linnæus's Fragments of a Natural Method. The discoveries made in this part of the vegetable kingdom are uncertain, and imperfect; and the attempts, in particular, to arrange flags by the parts of the fructification, have not been attended with great success. Dillenius has arranged this order of plants from their general habit and structure; Michelius from the parts of fructification.—Each has considerable merit.

ALGAGIOLA, a small sea-port town in the island of Corsica, fortified with walls and bastions. It was almost destroyed by the malcontents in 1731, but has since been repaired. E. Long 9. 45. N. Lat. 42. 20.

ALGAROT, in chemistry, an Arabic term for an emetic powder, prepared from regulus of antimony, dissolved in acids, and separated by repeated lotions in warm water.

ALGAROTTI (Count), a celebrated Italian, was born at Padua; but the year is not mentioned. Led by curiosity, as well as a desire of improvement, he travelled early into foreign countries; and was very young when he arrived in France in 1736. Here he composed his "Newtonian Philosophy for the Ladies;" as Fontenelle had done his Cartesian Astronomy, in the work intitled, "the Plurality of worlds." He was noticed by the king of Prussia, who gave him marks of the esteem he had for him. He died at Pisa the 23d of May, 1764; and ordered his own mansoleum, with this inscription to be fixed upon it: "Hic jacet Algarrottus, sed non omnis." He is allowed to have been a very great connoisseur in painting, sculpture, and architecture. He contributed much to the reformation of the Italian opera. His works, which are numerous, and upon a variety of subjects, abound with vivacity, elegance, and wit: a collection of them has lately been made, and printed at Leghorn.

ALGARVA, a province in the kingdom of Portugal, 67 miles in length and 20 in breadth; bounded on the W. and S. by the sea, on the E. by the river Gaudiana, and on the N. by Alenteja. It is very fertile in figs, almonds, dates, olives, and excellent wines; besides, the fishery brings in large sums. The capital town is Pharo. It contains four cities, 12 towns, 67 parishes, and 61,000 inhabitants.

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## A L G E B R A,

Definition  
and etymology.

A GENERAL method of computation, wherein signs, and symbols, commonly the letters of the alphabet, are made use of to represent numbers, or any other quantities.

This science, properly speaking, is no other than a kind of short-hand, or ready way of writing down a chain of mathematical reasoning on any subject whatever; so that it is applicable to arithmetic, geometry, astronomy, mensuration, and all kinds of solids, &c. and the great advantages derived from it appear manifestly to arise from the conciseness and perspicuity with which

every proposition on mathematical subjects can be written down in algebraic characters, greatly superior to the tedious circumlocutions which would be necessary were the reasoning to be written in words at length.

With regard to the etymology of the word *algebra* it is much contested by the critics. Menage derives it from the Arabic *algiabarat*, which signifies the restitution of any thing broken; supposing that the principal part of algebra is the consideration of broken numbers. Others rather borrow it from the Spanish, *algebrista*, a person who replaces dislocated bones; adding,

ding, that algebra has nothing to do with fraction. Some, with M. d'Herbelot, are of opinion, that algebra takes its name from Gebar, a celebrated philosopher, chemist, and mathematician, whom the Arabs call Giaber, and who is supposed to have been the inventor. Others from *gefr*, a kind of parchment made of the skin of a camel, whereon Ali and Giafer Sadek wrote, in mystic characters, the fate of Mahometanism, and the grand events that were to happen till the end of the world. But others, with more probability, derive it from *geber*; a word whence, by prefixing the article *al*, we have formed *algebra*; which is pure Arabic, and properly signifies the reduction of fractions to a whole number. However, the Arabs, it is to be observed, never use the word *algebra* alone, to express what we mean by it; but always add to it the word *macabelah*, which signifies opposition and comparison: thus *algebra al-macabelah*, is what we properly call *algebra*.

Some authors define algebra, The art of solving mathematical problems; but this is rather the idea of analysis, or the analytic art. The Arabs call it, *The art of restitution and comparison*: or, *The art of resolution and equation*. Lucas de Burgo, the first European who wrote of algebra, calls it *Regula rei et census*; that is, the rule of the root and its square; the root with them being called *res*, and the square *census*. Others call it *Specious Arithmetic*; and some, *Universal Arithmetic*.

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It is highly probable that the Indians or Arabians first invented this noble art: for it may be reasonably supposed, that the ancient Greeks were ignorant of it; because Pappus, in his mathematical collections, where he enumerates their analysis, makes no mention of any thing like it; and, besides, speaks of a local problem, begun by Euclid, and continued by Apollonius, which none of them could fully resolve; which doubtless they might easily have done, had they known any thing of algebra.

Diaphantus was the first Greek writer of algebra; who published 13 books about the year 800, though only six of them were translated into Latin, by Xylander, in 1575; and afterwards, viz. anno 1621, into Greek and Latin, by M. Buchet and Fermat, with additions of their own. This algebra of Diaphantus's only extends to the solution of arithmetical indeterminate problems.

Before this translation of Diaphantus came out, Lucas Pacciolus, or Lucas de Burgo, a Minorite friar, published at Venice, in the year 1494, an Italian treatise of algebra. This author makes mention of Leonardus Pisanus, and some others, of whom he had learned the art; but we have none of their writings. He adds, that algebra came originally from the Arabs, and never mentions Diaphantus; which makes it probable that that author was not then known in Europe. His algebra goes no farther than simple and quadratic equations.

After Pacciolus appeared Stifelius, a good author; but neither did he advance any farther.

After him came Scipio Ferreus, Cardan, Tartagliola, and some others, who reached as far as the solution of some cubic equations. Bombelli followed those, and went a little farther. At last came Nun-

nius, Ramus, Schoner, Salignac, Clavius, &c. who all of them took different courses, but none of them went beyond quadratics.

In 1590, Vieta introduced what he called his *Specious Arithmetic*, which consists in denoting the quantities, both known and unknown, by symbols or letters. He also introduced an ingenious method of extracting the roots of equations, by approximations; since greatly improved and facilitated by Raphson, Halley, Maclaurin, Simpson, and others.

Vieta was followed by Oughtred, who, in his *Clavis Mathematica*, printed in 1631, improved Vieta's method, and invented several compendious characters, to show the sums, differences, rectangles, squares, cubes, &c.

Harriot, another Englishman, cotemporary with Oughtred, left several treatises at his death; and, among the rest, an Analysis, or Algebra, which was printed in 1631, where Vieta's method is brought into a still more commodious form, and is much esteemed to this day.

In 1657, Des'Cartes published his geometry, wherein he made use of the literal calculus and the algebraic rules of Harriot; and as Oughtred in his *Clavis*, and Marin. Ghetaldus in his books of mathematical composition and resolution published in 1630, applied Vieta's arithmetic to elementary geometry, and gave the construction of simple and quadratic equations; so Des Cartes applied Harriot's Method to the higher geometry, explaining the nature of curves by equations, and adding the constructions of cubic, biquadratic, and other higher equations.

Des Cartes's rule for constructing cubic and biquadratic equations, was farther improved by Thomas Baker, in his *Clavis Geometrica Catholica*, published in 1684; and the foundation of such constructions, with the application of algebra to the quadratures of curves, questions *de maximis et minimis*, the centrobaric method of Guldinus, &c. was given by R. Slusius, in 1668; as also by Fermat in his *Opera Mathematica*, Roberval in the *Mem. de Mathem. et de Physique*, and Barrow in his *Lect. Geomet.* In 1708, algebra was applied to the laws of chance and gaming, by R. de Montmort; and since by de Moivre and James Bernouilli.

The elements of the art were compiled and published by Kersey, in 1671; wherein the specious arithmetic, and the nature of equations, are largely explained, and illustrated by a variety of examples: the whole substance of Diaphantus is here delivered, and many things added concerning mathematical composition and resolution from Ghetaldus. The like has been since done by Prestet in 1694, and by Ozanam in 1703: but these authors omit the application of algebra to geometry; which defect is supplied by Guisnec in a French treatise expressly on the subject published in 1704, and l'Hospital in his analytical treatise of the conic sections in 1707. The rules of algebra are also compendiously delivered by Sir Isaac Newton, in his *Arithmetica Universalis*, first published in 1707, which abounds in select examples, and contains several rules and methods, invented by the author.

Algebra has also been applied to the consideration and calculus of infinites; from whence a new and extensive branch of knowledge has arisen, called the *Doctrine of Fluxions*, or *Analysis of Infinites*, or the *Calculus Differentialis*.

## INTRODUCTION.

Introduction.

A QUANTITY which can be measured, and is the object of mathematics, is of two kinds, *Number* and *Extension*. The former is treated of in *Arithmetic*; the latter in *Geometry*.

Numbers are ranged in a scale, by the continued repetition of some one number, which is called the *Root*; and, in consequence of this order, they are conveniently expressed in words, and denoted by characters. The operations of arithmetic are easily derived from the established method of notation, and the most simple reasonings concerning the relations of magnitude.

Investigations by the common arithmetic are greatly limited, from the want of characters to express the quantities that are unknown, and their different relations to one another, and to such as are known. Hence letters and other convenient symbols have been introduced to supply this defect; and thus gradually has arisen the science of *Algebra*, properly called *Universal Arithmetic*.

In the common arithmetic too, the given numbers disappear in the course of the operation, so that general rules can seldom be derived from it; but, in algebra, the known quantities, as well as the unknown, may be expressed by letters, which, through the whole operation, retain their original form; and hence may be deduced, not only general canons for like cases, but the dependence of the several quantities concerned, and likewise the determination of a problem, without exhibiting which, it is not completely resolved. This general manner of expressing quantities also, and the general reasonings concerning their connections, which may be founded on it, have rendered this science not less useful in the demonstration of theorems than in the resolution of problems.

If geometrical quantities be supposed to be divided into equal parts, their relations, in respect of magnitude, or their proportions, may be expressed by numbers; one of these equal parts being denoted by the unit. Arithmetic, however, is used in expressing only the conclusions of geometrical propositions; and it is by algebra that the bounds and application of geometry have been of late so far extended.

The proper objects of mathematical science are number and extension; but mathematical inquiries may be instituted also concerning any physical quantities that are capable of being measured or expressed by numbers and extended magnitudes: And, as the application of algebra may be equally universal, it has been called *The science of quantity in general*.

## DEFINITIONS.

1. QUANTITIES which are known are generally represented by the first letters of the alphabet, as  $a, b, c$ , &c. and such as are unknown by the last letters, as  $x, y, z$ , &c.
2. The sign  $+$  (*plus*) denotes, that the quantity before which it is placed is to be added. Thus  $a+b$  denotes the sum of  $a$  and  $b$ ;  $3+5$  denotes the sum of 3 and 5, or 8. When no sign is expressed,  $+$  is understood.

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3. The sign  $-$  (*minus*) denotes, that the quantity before which it is placed is to be subtracted. Thus  $a-b$  denotes the excess of  $a$  above  $b$ ;  $6-2$  is the excess of 6 above 2, or 4. Note, These characters  $+$  and  $-$ , from their extensive use in algebra, are called *the signs*; and the one is said to be *opposite* or *contrary* to the other.
4. Quantities which have the sign  $+$  prefixed to them are called *positive* or *affirmative*; and such as have the sign  $-$  prefixed to them are called *negative*.
5. Quantities which have the same sign, either  $+$  or  $-$ , are also said to have *like signs*, and those which have different signs are said to have *unlike signs*. Thus  $+a, +b$ , have like signs, and  $+a, -c$ , are said to have unlike signs.
6. The *juxtaposition* of letters as in the same word, expresses the product of the quantities denoted by these letters. Thus  $ab$  expresses the product of  $a$  and  $b$ ;  $bcd$  expresses the continued product of  $b, c$ , and  $d$ . The sign  $\times$  also expresses the product of any two quantities between which it is placed.
7. A number prefixed to a letter is called a *numerable coefficient*, and expresses the product of the quantity by that number, or how often the quantity denoted by the letter is to be taken. When no number is prefixed, unit is understood.
8. The *quotient* of two quantities is denoted by placing the *dividend* above a small line and the *divisor* below it. Thus  $\frac{18}{3}$  is the quotient of 18 divided by 3, or 6;  $\frac{a}{b}$  is the quotient of  $a$  divided by  $b$ . This expression of a quotient is also called a *fraction*.
9. A quantity is said to be *simple*, which consists of one part or *Term*, as  $+a, -abc$ ; and a quantity is said to be *compound*, when it consists of more than one term, connected by the signs  $+$  or  $-$ . Thus  $a+b, a-b+c$ , are compound quantities. If there are two terms, it is called a *binomial*; if three, a *trinomial*, &c.
10. Simple quantities, or the terms of compound quantities, are said to be *like*, which consist of the same letter or letters, equally repeated. Thus  $+ab, -5ab$ , are like quantities; but  $+ab$ , and  $+aab$ , are unlike.
11. The equality of two quantities is expressed, by placing the sign  $=$  between them. Thus  $x+a=b-c$ , means that the sum of  $x$  and  $a$  is equal to the excess of  $b$  above  $c$ .

When quantities are considered abstractly, then  $+$  and  $-$  denote addition and subtraction only, according to Def. 2. and 3. and the terms *positive* and *negative* express the same ideas. In that case, a negative quantity by itself is unintelligible. The sign  $+$  also is unnecessary before simple quantities, or before the leading term of a compound quantity which is not negative; though, when such a quantity or term is to be added to another,  $+$  must be placed before it, to express that addition; and hence in Def. 2. it is said, that  $+$  is understood when no sign is expressed.

In geometry, however, and in certain applications of

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**Funda-mental operations.** of geometry and algebra, there may be an opposition or contrariety in the quantities, analogous to that of addition and subtraction; and the signs + and - may very conveniently be used to express that contrariety. In such cases, negative quantities are understood to exist by themselves; and the same rules take place in operations into which they enter, as are used with regard to the negative terms of abstract quantities.

terms in the quantity to be added may be united, so as to render the expression in the sum more simple.

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SECT. I. Fundamental Operations.

THE fundamental operations in algebra are the same as in common arithmetic, *Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, and Division*; and from the various combinations of these four all the others are derived.

PROB. I. To add Quantities.

Simple quantities, or the terms of compound quantities to be added together, may be *like with like signs, like with unlike signs, or they may be unlike.*

*Case 1.* To add terms that are like and have like signs.

*Rule.* Add together the coefficients, to their sum prefix the common sign, and subjoin the common letter or letters.

<i>Examp.</i>	To	5ab	3aa-ab
	Add	4ab	7aa-2ab
		Sum	4aa-5ab
		9ab	14aa-8ab.

*Case 2.* To add terms that are like, but have unlike signs.

*Rule.* Subtract the less coefficient from the greater; prefix the sign of the greater to the remainder, and subjoin the common letter or letters.

<i>Examp.</i>	-4a	+7bc	-5ab
	+7a	-3bc	+2ab
	+3a	+bc	+3ab
		+5bc	o.

*Case 3.* To add terms that are unlike.

*Rule.* Set them all down, one after another, with their signs and coefficients prefixed.

<i>Examp.</i>	2a+3b
	-5c+8
	2a+3b-5c+8

Compound quantities are added together, by uniting the several terms of which they consist, by the preceding rules.

*Examp.* The sum of  $\begin{cases} 5ab-3xy-12cd \\ 7xy-ab+15 \\ 9cd-xy-mn \end{cases}$

is  $4ab-3cd+15-mn+3xy$

The rule for case 3. may be considered as the general rule for adding all algebraical quantities whatsoever; and by the rules in the two preceding cases, the like

PROB. II. To subtract Quantities.

*General Rule.* Change the signs of the quantity to be subtracted into the contrary signs, and then add it, so changed, to the quantity from which it was to be subtracted (by Prob. I); and the sum arising by this addition is the remainder.

<i>Examp.</i>	From	+5a	7ab-16bc
	Subtract	+3a	3ab+mb
		Rem.	4ab-16bc-mb
		From	5a-7b+9c+8
		Subt.	2a-4b+9c-d
		Rem.	3a-3b*+8+d

When a positive quantity is to be subtracted, the rule is obvious from Def. 3.: In order to show it, when the negative part of a quantity is to be subtracted, let  $c-d$  be subtracted from  $a$ , the remainder, according to the rule, is  $a-c+d$ . For if  $c$  is subtracted from  $a$ , the remainder is  $a-c$  (by Def. 3.); but this is too small, because  $c$  is subtracted instead of  $c-d$ , which is less than it by  $d$ ; the remainder therefore is too small by  $d$ ; and  $d$  being added, it is  $a-c+d$ , according to the rule.

*Otherwise,* If the quantity  $d$  be added to these two quantities  $a$  and  $c-d$ , the difference will continue the same; that is, the excess of  $a$  above  $c-d$  is equal to the excess of  $a+d$  above  $c-d+d$ ; that is, to the excess of  $a+d$  above  $c$ , which plainly is  $a+d-c$ , and is therefore the remainder required.

PROB. III. To multiply Quantities.

*General Rule for the signs.* When the signs of the two terms to be multiplied are like, the sign of the product is +; but, when the signs are unlike, the sign of the product is -.

*Case 1.* To multiply two terms.

*Rule.* Find the sign of the product by the general rule; after it place the product of the numeral coefficients, and then set down all the letters one after another, as in one word.

Mult.	+a	+5b	-5ax
By	+b	-3c	-7ab
	+ab	-15bc	+35abx

The reason of this rule is derived from Def. 6. and from the nature of multiplication, which is a repeated addition of one of the quantities to be multiplied as often as there are units in the other. Hence also the letters in two terms multiplied together may be placed in any order, and therefore the order of the alphabet is generally preferred.

*Case 2.* To multiply compound quantities.

*Rule.* Multiply every term of the multiplicand by all the terms of the multiplier, one after another, according to the preceding rule, and then collect all the products into one sum; that sum is the product required.

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*Examp.* Mult.  $2a+3b$   
 By  $3ax-4by$   


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 $6ax+9abx$   
 $-8aby-12bby$   


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 Prod.  $6aax+9abx-8aby-12bby$

Mult.  $m+x$   
 By  $m-x$   


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 $mm+mx$   
 $-mx-xx$   


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 Prod.  $mm*-xx$

Mult.  $a-b$   
 By  $c-d$   


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 $ac-cb$   
 $-ad+db$   


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 Prod.  $ac-cb-ad+db$

*Of the general Rule for the Signs.*

The reason of that rule will appear by proving it, as applied to the last mentioned example of  $a-b$  multiplied by  $c-d$ , in which every case of it occurs.

Since multiplication is a repeated addition of the multiplicand as often as there are units in the multiplier, hence, if  $a-b$  is to be multiplied by  $c$ ,  $a-b$  must be added to itself as often as there are units in  $c$ , and the product therefore must be  $ca-cb$  (Prob. I.)

But this product is too great; for  $a-b$  is to be multiplied, not by  $c$ , but by  $c-d$  only, which is the excess of  $c$  above  $d$ ;  $d$  times  $a-b$  therefore, or  $da-db$ , has been taken too much; hence this quantity must be subtracted from the former part of the product, and the remainder, which (by Prob. II.) is  $ca-cb-da+db$ , will be the true product required.

Def. 12. When several quantities are multiplied together, any of them is called a *factor* of the product.

13. The products arising from the continual multiplication of the same quantity are called the *powers* of that quantity, which is the root. Thus,  $aa$ ,  $aaa$ ,  $aaaa$ , &c. are powers of the root  $a$ .

14. These powers are expressed, by placing above the root to the right hand, a figure, denoting how often the root is repeated. This figure is called an *index* or *exponent*, and from it the power is denominated. Thus,

$$\begin{array}{l}
 a \\
 aa \\
 aaa \\
 aaaa
 \end{array}
 \left. \begin{array}{l}
 \text{is called} \\
 \text{the} \\
 \text{1st} \\
 \text{2d} \\
 \text{3d} \\
 \text{4th}
 \end{array} \right\}
 \begin{array}{l}
 \text{Power of the root} \\
 a, \text{ and is other-} \\
 \text{wise expressed} \\
 \text{by}
 \end{array}
 \left. \begin{array}{l}
 a^1 \text{ or } a \\
 a^2 \\
 a^3 \\
 a^4 \text{ \&c.}
 \end{array} \right\}$$

The 2d and 3d powers are generally called the *square* and *cube*; and the 4th, 5th, and 6th, are also sometimes respectively called the *biquadrate*, *surfolid*, and *cubocube*.

*Cor.* Powers of the same root are multiplied by adding their exponents. Thus,  $a^3 \times a^2 = a^5$ , or  $aaa \times aa = aaaaa$ ,  $b^3 \times b = b^4$ .

*Scholium.*

Sometimes it is convenient to express the multiplication of quantities, by setting them down with the sign ( $\times$ ) between them, without performing the operation according to the preceding rules; thus  $a^2 \times b$  is written instead of  $a^2b$ ; and  $a-b \times c-d$  expresses the product of  $a-b$ , multiplied by  $c-d$ .

Def. 15. A *vinculum* is a line drawn over any num-

ber of terms of a compound quantity, to denote those which are understood to be affected by the particular sign connected with it.

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Thus, in the last example, it shows that the terms  $+a$  and  $-b$ , and also  $c$  and  $-d$  are all affected by the sign ( $\times$ ). Without the vinculum, the expression  $a-b \times c-d$  would mean the excess of  $a$  above  $bc$  and  $d$ ; and  $a-b \times c-d$  would mean the excess of the product of  $a-b$  by  $c$ , above  $d$ . Thus also,  $(a+b)^2$  expresses the second power of  $a+b$ , or the product of that quantity multiplied by itself; whereas  $a+b^2$  would express only the sum of  $a$  and  $b^2$ ; and so of others. By some writers a parenthesis ( $)$  is used as a vinculum, and  $(a+b)^2$  is the same thing as  $\overline{a+b}^2$ .

PROB. IV. *To divide Quantities.*

*General Rule for the signs.* If the signs of the divisor and dividend are like, the sign of the quotient is  $+$ ; if they are unlike, the sign of the quotient is  $-$ .

This rule is easily deduced from that given in Prob. III.; for, from the nature of division, the quotient must be such a quantity as, multiplied by the divisor, shall produce the dividend with its proper sign.

From Def. 8. the quotient of any two quantities may be expressed, by placing the dividend above a line and the divisor below it. But a quotient may often be expressed in a more simple and convenient form, as will appear from the following distinction of the cases.

*Case I.* When the divisor is simple, and is a factor of all the terms of the dividend. This is easily discovered by inspection; for then the coefficient of the divisor measures that of all the terms of the dividend, and all the letters of the divisor are found in every term of the dividend.

*Rule.* The letter or letters in the divisor are to be expunged out of each term in the dividend, and the coefficients of each term to be divided by the coefficient of the divisor: the quantity resulting is the quotient.

*Ex.*  $a) ab(b. 2aab) 6a^3bc-4a^2bdm (3ac-2dm.$

The reason of this is evident from the nature of division, and from Def. 6. *Note.* It is obvious from corollary to Prob. III. that powers of the same root are divided by subtracting their exponents.

Thus  $a^2)a^3 (a, a^3)a^7 (a^4. \text{ Also } a^2b) a^3b^6 (ab^3.$

*Case II.* When the divisor is simple, but not a factor of the dividend.

*Rule.* The quotient is expressed by a fraction, according to Def. 8. viz. by placing the dividend above a line and the divisor below it.

Thus the quotient of  $3ab^2$  divided by  $2mbc$  is the fraction  $\frac{3ab^2}{2mbc}$ .

Such expressions of quotients may often be reduced to a more simple form, as shall be explained in the second part of this chapter.

*Case III.* When the divisor is compound.

*Rule.*





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Cor. 1. Hence a fraction may be reduced to another of the same value, but of a more simple form, by dividing both numerator and denominator by any common measure.

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{30ax-54ay}{12ab} = \frac{5x-9y}{2b}$$

$$\frac{8ab+6ac}{4a^2} = \frac{4b+3c}{2a}$$

Cor. 2. A fraction is multiplied by any integer, by multiplying the numerator, or dividing the denominator by that integer: and conversely, a fraction is divided by any integer, by dividing the numerator, or multiplying the denominator by that integer.

PROB. I. To find the greatest common Measure of two Quantities.

I. Of pure numbers.

Rule. Divide the greater by the less: and, if there is no remainder, the less is the greatest common measure required. If there is a remainder, divide the last divisor by it; and thus proceed, continually dividing the last divisor by its remainder, till no remainder is left, and the last divisor is the greatest common measure required.

The greatest common measure of 45 and 63 is 9; the greatest common measure of 187 and 391 is 17. Thus,

$\begin{array}{r} 45 \overline{)63(1} \\ \underline{45} \\ 18 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 187 \overline{)391(2} \\ \underline{374} \\ 117 \end{array}$
$\begin{array}{r} 18 \overline{)45(2} \\ \underline{36} \\ 9 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 17 \overline{)187(11} \\ \underline{187} \\ * \end{array}$
$\begin{array}{r} 9 \overline{)18(2} \\ \underline{18} \\ 0 \end{array}$	

From the nature of this operation, it is plain that it may always be continued till there be no remainder. The rule depends on the two following principles:

1. A quantity which measures both divisor and remainder must measure the dividend.

2. A quantity which measures both divisor and dividend must also measure the remainder.

For a quantity which measures two other quantities, must also measure both their sum and difference: and, from the nature of division, the dividend consists of the divisor repeated a certain number of times, together with the remainder. By the first it appears, that the number found by this rule is a common measure; and by the second, it is plain there can be no greater common measure; for, if there were, it must necessarily measure the quantity already found less than itself, which is absurd.

When the greatest common measure of algebraical quantities is required, if either of them be simple, any common simple divisor is easily found by inspection. If they are both compound, any common simple divisor may also be found by inspection. But when the greatest compound divisor is wanted, the preceding rule is to be applied; only,

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2. The simple divisors of each of the quantities are to be taken out, the remainders in the several operations are also to be divided by their simple divisors, and the quantities are always to be ranged according to the powers of the same letter.

The simple divisors in the given quantities, or in the remainders, do not affect a compound divisor which is wanted; and hence also, to make the division succeed, any of the dividends may be multiplied by a simple quantity. Besides the simple divisors in the remainders not being found in the divisors from which they arise, can make no part of the common measure sought; and for the same reason, if in such a remainder there be any compound divisor which does not measure the divisor from which it proceeds, it may be taken out.

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$$\begin{array}{r} a^2 - b^2 \overline{) a^2 - 2ab + b^2} \quad (1 \\ \underline{a^2 - b^2} \\ -2ab + 2b^2 \text{ Remainder, which} \\ \text{divided by } -2b \text{ is } a - b \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} a^2 - b^2 \overline{) a^2 - b^2} \quad (a+b \\ \underline{a^2 - b^2} \\ * * \end{array}$$

If the quantities given are  $8a^2b^2 - 10ab^3 + 2b^4$ , and  $9a^4b - 9a^3b^2 + 3a^2b^3 - 3ab^4$ . The simple divisors being taken out, viz.  $2b^2$  out of the first, it becomes  $4a^2 - 5ab + b^2$ , and  $3ab$  out of the second, it is  $3a^3 - 3a^2b + ab^2 - b^3$ . As the latter is to be divided by the former, it must be multiplied by 4, to make the operation succeed, and then it is as follows:

$$\begin{array}{r} 4a^2 - 5ab + b^2 \overline{) 12a^3 - 12a^2b + 4ab^2 - 4b^3} \quad (3a \\ \underline{12a^3 - 15a^2b + 3ab^2} \\ 3a^2b + ab^2 - 4b^3 \end{array}$$

This remainder is to be divided by  $b$ , and the new dividend multiplied by 3, to make the division proceed. Thus,

$$\begin{array}{r} 3a^2 + ab - 4b^2 \overline{) 12a^2 - 15ab + 3b^2} \quad (4 \\ \underline{12a^2 + 4ab - 16b^2} \\ -19ab + 19b^2 \end{array}$$

and this remainder, divided by  $-19b$ , gives  $a - b$ , which being made a divisor, divides  $3a^2 + ab - 4b^2$  without a remainder, and therefore  $a - b$  is the greatest compound divisor: but there is a simple divisor  $b$ , and therefore  $a - b \times b$  is the greatest common measure required.

PROB. II. To reduce a Fraction to its lowest Terms.

Rule. Divide both numerator and denominator by their greatest common measure, which may be found by Prob. I.

Thus,  $\frac{75abc}{125bcx} = \frac{3a}{5x}$ ,  $25bc$  being the greatest common measure,  $\frac{a^2 - b^2}{a^5 - a^3b^2} = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{a^3}$  also,

$$\frac{9a^4b - 9a^3b^2 + 3a^2b^3 - 3ab^4}{8a^2b^2 - 10ab^3 + 2b^4} = \frac{9a^3 + 3ab^2}{8ab - 2b^2}$$

the greatest common measure being  $a - b \times b$  by Prob. I.

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PROB. III. To reduce an Integer to the Form of a Fraction.

Rule. Multiply the given integer by any quantity for a numerator, and set that quantity under the product for a denominator.

$$\text{Thus, } a = \frac{ma}{m}, \quad a + b = \frac{a^2 - b^2}{a - b}.$$

Cor. Hence, in the following operations concerning fractions, an integer may be introduced; for, by this problem, it may be reduced to the form of a fraction. The denominator of an integer is generally made 1.

PROB. IV. To reduce Fractions with different Denominators to Fractions of equal Value, that shall have the same Denominator.

Rule. Multiply each numerator, separately taken into all the denominators but its own, and the products shall give the new numerators. Then multiply all the denominators into one another, and the product shall give the common denominator.

Example. Let the fractions be  $\frac{a}{b} \frac{c}{d} \frac{e}{f}$ ; they are respectively equal to  $\frac{adf}{bdf} \frac{bcf}{bdf} \frac{bde}{bdf}$ .

The reason of the operation appears from the preceding proposition; for the numerator and denominator of each fraction are multiplied by the same quantities; and the value of the fractions therefore is the same.

PROB. V. To add and subtract Fractions.

Rule. Reduce them to a common denominator, then add or subtract the numerators; and the sum or difference set over the common denominator is the sum or remainder required.

Ex. Add together  $\frac{a}{b} \frac{c}{d} \frac{e}{f}$ , the sum is  $\frac{adf + chf + bde}{bdf}$ .

From  $\frac{a}{b}$  subtr.  $\frac{c}{d}$  the difference is  $\frac{ad - bc}{bd}$ .

From the nature of division it is evident, that, when several quantities are to be divided by the same divisor, the sum of the quotients is the same with the quotient of the sum of the quantities divided by that common divisor.

In like manner; the difference of two fractions having the same denominator, is equal to the difference of the numerators divided by that common denominator.

Cor 1. By Cor. Prob. 3. integers may be reduced to the form of fractions, and hence integers and fractions may be added and subtracted by this rule. Hence also what is called a mixt quantity may be reduced into the form of a fraction by bringing the integral part into the form of a fraction, with the same denominator as the fractional part, and adding or subtracting the numerators according as the two parts are connected by the signs + or -.

$$\text{Thus, } b + \frac{c}{d} = \frac{bd + c}{d} \quad \text{and} \quad a - \frac{a^2 - b^2}{2a} = \frac{2a^2 - a^2 + b^2}{2a} = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{2a}$$

Cor. 2. A fraction, whose numerator is a compound quantity, may be distinguished into parts, by dividing the numerator into several parts, and setting each over the original denominator, and uniting the new fractions (reduced if necessary) by the signs of their numerators.

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{a^2 - 2ab + b^2}{2a} = \frac{a^2}{2a} - \frac{2ab}{2a} + \frac{b^2}{2a} = \frac{a}{2} - b + \frac{b^2}{2a}$$

PROB. VI. To multiply Fractions.

Rule. Multiply their numerators into one another, to obtain the numerator of the product; and the denominators, multiplied into one another, shall give the denominator of the product.

$$\text{Ex. } \frac{a}{b} \times \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ac}{bd} \quad \frac{a+b}{c} \times \frac{a-b}{d} = \frac{a^2 - b^2}{cd}$$

For, if  $\frac{a}{b}$  is to be multiplied by  $c$ , the product is  $\frac{ca}{b}$ ;

but if it is to be multiplied only by  $\frac{c}{d}$  the former product must be divided by  $d$ , and it becomes  $\frac{ca}{bd}$  (Cor. 2. to the preceding problem.)

Or, let  $\frac{a}{b} = m$ , and  $\frac{c}{d} = n$ . Then  $a = bm$ , and  $c = dn$ , and  $ac = bdmn$ , and  $(mn) \frac{a}{b} \times \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ac}{bd}$ .

PROB. VII. To divide Fractions.

Rule. Multiply the numerator of the dividend by the denominator of the divisor; their product shall give the numerator of the quotient. Then multiply the denominator of the dividend by the numerator of the divisor, and their product shall give the denominator.

Or, Multiply the dividend by the reciprocal of the divisor; the product will be the quotient wanted.

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{a}{b} \div \frac{c}{d} = \frac{a}{b} \times \frac{d}{c} = \frac{ad}{bc}$$

For, if  $\frac{c}{d}$  is to be divided by  $a$ , the quotient is  $\frac{c}{da}$ ;

but  $\frac{c}{d}$  is to be divided, not by  $a$ , but by  $\frac{a}{b}$ ; therefore the former quotient must be multiplied by  $b$ , and it is  $\frac{bc}{da}$ .

Or, let  $\frac{a}{b} = m$ , and  $\frac{c}{d} = n$ ; then  $a = bm$ , and  $c = dn$ ; also  $ad = bdm$  and  $bc = bdn$ ; therefore  $\left(\frac{bdn}{bdm}\right) \frac{n}{m} = \frac{bc}{ad}$ .

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By these problems, the four fundamental operations may be performed, when any terms of the original quantities, or of those which arise in the course of the operation, are fractional.

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Example.

Mult.  $\frac{a^2}{2x} - \frac{3ax}{2b}$

By  $\frac{ab}{3x} - 4x$

Prod.  $\frac{a^3b}{6x^2} - \frac{a^2}{2} - 2a^2 + \frac{6ax^2}{b}$

$a+x) a^2 + x^2 (a-x + \frac{2x^2}{a} - \frac{2x^3}{a^2}, \&c.$   
 $\underline{a^2 + ax}$

$\underline{-ax + x^2}$   
 $\underline{-ax - x^2}$

$\underline{2x^2}$   
 $\underline{2x^2 + 2x^3}$   
 $\underline{\phantom{2x^2} a}$

$\underline{\frac{2x^3}{a}}$

$\underline{\frac{2x^3}{a} - \frac{2x^4}{a^2}}$

$\underline{+ \frac{2x^4}{a^2}, \&c.}$

This quotient becomes a series, of which the law of continuation is obvious, without any farther operation.

In such cases, when we arrive at a remainder of one term, it is commonly set down with the divisor below it, after the other terms of the quotient, which then becomes a mixed quantity. Thus the last quotient is also expressed by  $a-x + \frac{2x^2}{a+x}$

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By the preceding operations quantities of the same kind may be compared together.

The relation arising from this comparison is called *ratio* or *proportion*, and is of two kinds. If we consider the difference of the two quantities, it is called *arithmetical proportion*: and if we consider their quotient, it is called *geometrical proportion*. This last being most generally useful, is commonly called simply *proportion*.

I. Of Arithmetical Proportion.

*Definition.* When of four quantities the difference of the first and second is equal to the difference of the third and fourth, the quantities are called *arithmetical proportionals*.

*Cor.* Three quantities may be arithmetically proportional, by supposing the two middle terms of the four to be equal.

*Prop.* In four quantities arithmetically proportional, the sum of the extremes is equal to the sum of the means.

Let the four be  $a, b, c, d$ . Therefore from Def.  $a-b=c-d$ ; to these add  $b+d$  and  $a+d=b+c$ .

*Cor. 1.* Of four arithmetical proportionals, any three being given, the fourth may be found.

Thus, let  $a, b, c$ , be the 1st, 2d, and 4th terms, and let  $x$  be the 3d which is sought.

Then by def.  $a+c=b+x$ , and  $x=a+c-b$ .

*Cor. 2.* If three quantities be arithmetical proportionals, the sum of the extremes is double of the middle term; and hence, of three such proportionals, any two being given, the third may be found.

2. Of Geometrical Proportion.

*Definition.* If of four quantities, the quotient of the first and second is equal to the quotient of the third and fourth, these quantities are said to be in *geometrical proportion*. They are also called *proportionals*. Thus, if  $a, b, c, d$ , are the four quantities, then

$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$ . and their ratio is thus denoted  $a : b :: c : d$ .

*Cor.* Three quantities may be geometrical proportionals, viz. by supposing the two middle terms of the four to be equal. If the quantities are  $a, b, c$ , then  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{b}{c}$ , and the proportion is expressed thus,  $a : b : c$ .

*Prop. I.* The product of the extremes of four quantities geometrically proportional is equal to the product of the means; and conversely.

Let  $a : b :: c : d$ .

Then by Def.  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$

and multiplying both by  $bd$ ,  $ad=bc$ .

If  $ad=bc$ , then dividing by  $bd$ ,  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$ , that is,  $a : b :: c : d$ .

*Cor. 1.* The product of the extremes of three quantities, geometrically proportioned, is equal to the square of the middle term.

*Cor. 2.* Of four quantities geometrically proportional, any three being given, the fourth may be found.

*Ex.* Let  $a, b, c$ , be the three first; to find the 4th, let it be  $x$ , then  $a : b :: c : x$ , and by this proposition,

$ax=bc$

and dividing both by  $a$ ,  $x = \frac{bc}{a}$ .

This coincides with the Rule of Three in arithmetic, and may be considered as a demonstration of it. In applying the rule to any particular case, it is only to be observed, that the quantities must be so connected and so arranged, that they be proportional, according to the preceding definition.

*Cor. 3.* Of three geometrical proportionals, any two being given, the third may be found.

*Prop. II.* If four quantities be geometrically proportional, then if any equimultiples whatever be taken of the first and third, and also any equimultiples whatever of the second and fourth; if the multiple of the first be greater than that of the second, the multiple of the third will be greater than that of the fourth; and if equal, equal; and if less, less.

For, let  $a, b, c, d$ , be the four proportionals. Of the

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the first and third,  $ma$  and  $mc$  may represent any equimultiples whatever, and also  $nb$ ,  $nd$ , may represent any equimultiples of the second and fourth. Since  $a : b :: c : d$ ,  $ad=bc$ ; and hence multiplying by  $mn$ ,  $mnad=mnbc$ , and therefore (Conv. Prop. 1.)  $ma : nb :: mc : nd$ ; and from the definition of proportionals, it is plain, that if  $ma$  is greater than  $nb$ ,  $mc$  must be greater than  $nd$ ; and if equal, equal; and if less, less.

*Prop. III.* If four quantities are proportionals, they will also be proportionals when taken alternately or inversely, or by composition, or by division, or by conversion. See Def. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. of Book V. of Euclid, Simson's edition.

By Prop. II. they will also be proportionals according to Def. 5. Book V. of Euclid; and therefore this proposition is demonstrated by propositions 16, B. 18, 17, E, of the same book.

Otherwise algebraically.

Let  $a : b :: c : d$ , and therefore  $ad=bc$ .

- Altern.  $a : c :: b : d$
- Invert.  $b : a :: d : c$
- Divid.  $a-b : b :: c-d : d$
- Comp.  $a+b : b :: c+d : d$
- Convert.  $a : a-b :: c : c-d$ .

For since  $ad=bc$ , it is obvious, that in each of these cases the product of the extremes is equal to the product of the means; the quantities are therefore proportionals. (Prop. 1.)

*Prop. IV.* If four numbers be proportionals, according to Def. 5. B. V. of Euclid, they will be geometrically proportional, according to the preceding definition.

1<sup>st</sup>, Let the four numbers be integers, and let them be  $a, b, c, d$ . Then if  $b$  times  $a$  and  $b$  times  $c$  be taken, and also  $a$  times  $b$  and  $a$  times  $d$ , since  $ba$  the multiple of the first is equal to  $ab$  the multiple of the second,  $bc$  the multiple of the third, must be equal to  $ad$  the multiple of the fourth. And since  $bc=ad$ , by Prop. 1.  $a, b, c$ , and  $d$ , must be geometrical proportionals.

2<sup>dly</sup>, If any of the numbers be fractional, all the four being multiplied by the denominators of the fractions, they continue proportionals, according to Def. 5. B. V. Euclid (by Prop. 4. of that book); and the four integer quantities produced being such proportionals, they will be geometrical proportionals, by the first part of this Prop.; and therefore, being reduced by division to their original form, they manifestly will remain proportionals, according to the algebraical definition.

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SECT. I. Of Equations in general, and of the Solution of simple Equations.

Definitions.

1. AN Equation may in general be defined to be a proposition asserting the equality of two quantities;

and is expressed by placing the sign  $=$  between them.

2. When a quantity stands alone upon one side of an equation, the quantities on the other side are said to be a *value* of it. Thus in the equation  $x=b+y-d$ ,  $x$  stands alone on one side, and  $b+y-d$  is a value of it.
3. When an unknown quantity is made to stand alone on one side of an equation, and there are only known quantities on the other, that equation is said to be *resolved*; and the value of the unknown quantity is called a *root* of the equation.
4. Equations containing only one unknown quantity and its powers, are divided into *orders*, according to the highest power of the unknown quantity to be found in any of its terms.

If the highest power of the unknown quantity in any term be the  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1<sup>st</sup>, \\ 2<sup>d</sup>, \\ 3<sup>d</sup>, \&c. \end{array} \right\}$  The Equation is called  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Simple,} \\ \text{Quadrat,} \\ \text{Cubic, \&c.} \end{array} \right\}$

But the exponents of the unknown quantity are supposed to be integers, and the equation is supposed to be cleared of fractions, in which the unknown quantity, or any of its powers, enter the denominators.

Thus,  $x+a=\frac{3x-b}{c}$  is a simple equation;  $3x-\frac{5}{2x}=12$ ,

when cleared of the fraction by multiplying both sides by  $2x$ , becomes  $6x^2-5=24x$ , a quadratic.  $x^3-2x^4=x^6-20$  is an equation of the sixth order, &c.

As the general relations of quantity which may be treated of in algebra, are almost universally either that of equality, or such as may be reduced to that of equality, the doctrine of equations becomes one of the chief branches of the science.

The most common and useful application of algebra is in the investigation of quantities that are unknown, from certain given relations to each other, and to such as are known; and hence it has been called the *analytical art*. The equations employed for expressing these relations must therefore contain one or more unknown quantities; and the principal business of this art will be, the deducing equations containing only one unknown quantity, and resolving them.

The solution of the different orders of equations will be successively explained. The preliminary rules in the following section are useful in all orders, and are alone sufficient for the solution of simple equations.

§ 1. Of simple Equations, and their Resolution.

Simple equations are resolved by the four fundamental operations already explained; and the application of them to this purpose is contained in the following rules.

*Rule 1.* Any quantity may be transposed from one side of an equation to the other, by changing its sign.

Thus, if  $3x-10=2x+5$

Then,  $3x-2x=10+5$  or  $x=15$

Thus also,  $5x+b=a+2x$

By transp.  $3x=a-b$ .

This rule is obvious from prob. 1. and 2.; for it is equivalent to adding equal quantities to both sides of the equation, or to subtracting equal quantities from both sides.

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Cor. The signs of all the terms of an equation may be changed into the contrary signs, and it will continue to be true.

Rule 2. Any quantity by which the unknown quantity is multiplied may be taken away, by dividing all the other quantities of the equation by it.

Thus, if  $ax=b$   
 $x=\frac{b}{a}$   
 Also, if  $mx+nb=am$   
 $x+\frac{nb}{m}=a$

For if equal quantities are divided by the same quantity, the quotients are equal.

Rule 3. If a term of an equation is fractional, its denominator may be taken away, by multiplying all the other terms by it.

Thus, if  $\frac{x}{a}=b+c$       Also, if  $a-\frac{b}{x}=c$   
 $x=ab+ac$                        $ax-b=cx$   
 And by transf.  $ax-cx=b$   
 And by div.  $x=\frac{b}{a-c}$

For if all the terms of the equation are multiplied by the same quantity, it remains a true proposition.

Corollary to the three last Rules.

If any quantity be found on both sides of the equation, with the same sign, it may be taken away from both. (Rule 1.)

Also, if all the terms in the equation are multiplied or divided by the same quantity, it may be taken out of them all. (Rule 2. and 3.)

Ex. If  $3x+a=a+b$ , then  $3x=b$ .  
 If  $2ax+3ab=ma+a^2$ , then  $2x+3b=m+a$ .  
 If  $\frac{x}{3}-\frac{4}{3}=\frac{16}{3}$ , then  $x-4=16$ .

Any simple equation may be resolved by these rules in the following manner. 1<sup>st</sup>, Any fractions may be taken away by R. 3. 2<sup>dly</sup>, All the terms including the unknown quantity, may be brought to one side of the equation, and the known terms to the other, by R. 1. 3<sup>dly</sup>, If the unknown quantity is multiplied by any known quantity, it may be made to stand alone by R. 2. and the equation will then be resolved. Def. 3.

Examples of simple Equations resolved by these Rules.

I.  
 If  $3x+5=x+9$   
 R. 1.  $2x=4$   
 R. 2.  $x=\frac{4}{2}=2$

II.  
 If  $5x-\frac{5x}{2}+12=\frac{4x}{3}+26$   
 R. 1.  $5x-\frac{5x}{2}-\frac{4x}{3}=14$   
 R. 3.  $30x-15x-8x=84$

Or  $7x=84$   
 R. 2.  $x=\frac{84}{7}=12$

III.

If  $\frac{5}{x}+\frac{9}{4}=16$   
 R. 3.  $\frac{20}{x}+9=64$   
 R. 3.  $20+9x=64x$   
 R. 1.  $20=55x$   
 R. 2.  $x=\frac{20}{55}=\frac{4}{11}$

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§ 2. Solution of Questions producing simple Equations.

From the resolution of equations we obtain the resolution of a variety of useful problems, both in pure mathematics and physics, and also in the practical arts founded upon these sciences. In this place, we consider the application of it to those questions where the quantities are expressed by numbers, and their magnitude alone is to be considered.

When an equation, containing only one unknown quantity, is deduced from the question by the following rules, it is sometimes called a *final equation*. If it be simple, it may be resolved by the preceding rules; but if it be of a superior order, it must be resolved by the rules afterwards to be explained. The examples in this chapter are so contrived, that the final equation may be simple.

The rules given in this section for the solution of questions, though they contain a reference to simple equations only, are to be considered as general, and as applicable to questions which produce equations of any order.

General Rule. The unknown quantities in the question proposed must be expressed by letters, and the relations of the known and unknown quantities contained in it, or the conditions of it, as they are called, must be expressed by equations. These equations being resolved by the rules of this science, will give the answer of the question.

For example, if the question is concerning two numbers, they may be called  $x$  and  $y$ , and the conditions from which they are to be investigated must be expressed by equations.

Thus, if it be required that the sum of two numbers sought be 60, that condition is expressed thus  $x+y=60$   
 If their difference must be 24, then  $x-y=24$   
 If their product is 1640, then  $xy=1640$   
 If their quotient must be 6, then  $\frac{x}{y}=6$   
 If their ratio is as 3 to 2, then  $x:y::3:2$ , and therefore  $2x=3y$

These are some of the relations which are most easily expressed. Many others occur which are less obvious; but as they cannot be described in particular rules, the algebraical expression of them is best explained by examples, and must be acquired by experience.

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A distinct conception of the nature of the question ; and of the relations of the several quantities to which it refers, will generally lead to the proper method of stating it, which in effect may be considered only as a translation from common language into that of algebra.

*Case I.* When there is only one unknown quantity to be found.

*Rule.* An equation involving the unknown quantity must be deduced from the question (by the general rule). This equation being resolved by the rules of the last section, will give the answer.

It is obvious, that, when there is only one unknown quantity, there must be only one independent equation contained in the question ; for any other would be unnecessary, and might be contradictory to the former.

*Exampl. 1.* To find a number, to which if there be

Let his first stock be

Of which he spends the first year L. 100, and there remains

This remainder is increased by a third of itself

The second year he spends L. 100, and there remains

He increases the remainder by one-third of it

The third year he spends L. 100, and there remains

He increases it by one-third

But at the end of the third year his stock is doubled ; therefore

By R. 3.

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By R. 2.

Therefore his stock was L. 1480 ; which being tried, answers the conditions of the question.

*Case II.* When there are two unknown quantities.

*Rule.* Two independent equations involving the two unknown quantities, must be derived from the question. A value of one of the unknown quantities must be derived from each of the equations : and these two values being put equal to each other, a new equation will arise, involving only one unknown quantity, and may therefore be resolved by the preceding rule.

Two equations must be deduced from the question ; for, from one including two unknown quantities, it is plain, a known value of either of them cannot be obtained, more than two equations would be unnecessary ; and if any third condition were assumed at pleasure, most probably it would be inconsistent with the other two, and a question containing three such conditions would be absurd.

It is to be observed, however, that the two conditions, and hence the two equations expressing them, must be independent ; that is, the one must not be deducible from the other by any algebraical reasoning : for, otherwise, there would in effect be only one equa-

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added a half, a third part, and a fourth part of it- Of Equations. self, the sum will be 50.

Let it be  $z$  : then half of it is  $\frac{z}{2}$ , a third of it is  $\frac{z}{3}$ , &c.

Therefore,  $z + \frac{z}{2} + \frac{z}{3} + \frac{z}{4} = 50$

$$24z + 12z + 8z + 6z = 1200$$

$$50z = 1200$$

$$z = 24.$$

If the operation be more complicated, it may be useful to register the several steps of it, as in the following

*Exampl. 2.* A trader allows L. 100 per annum for the expences of his family, and augments yearly that part of his stock which is not so expended by a third of it ; at the end of three years his original stock was doubled. What had he at first ?

1	$z$	
2	$z - 100$	
3	$z - 100 + \frac{z - 100}{3} = \frac{4z - 400}{3}$	
4	$\frac{4z - 400}{3} - 100 = \frac{4z - 700}{3}$	
5	$\frac{4z - 700}{3} + \frac{4z - 700}{9} = \frac{16z - 2800}{9}$	
6	$\frac{16z - 2800}{9} - 100 = \frac{16z - 3700}{9}$	
7	$\frac{16z - 3700}{9} + \frac{16z - 3700}{27} = \frac{64z - 14800}{27}$	
8	$\frac{64z - 14800}{27} = 2z$	
9	$64z - 14800 = 54z$	
10	$10z = 14800$	
11	$z = 1480$	

tion, under two different forms, from which no solution can be derived.

*Exampl. 3.* Two persons, A and B, were talking of their ages: says A to B, Seven years ago I was just three times as old as you were, and seven years hence I shall be just twice as old as you will be. I demand their present ages.

1	Let the ages of A and B be respectively	$x$ and $y$
2	Seven years ago they were	$x - 7$ and $y - 7$
3	Seven years hence they will be	$x + 7$ and $y + 7$
4	Therefore by Quest. 1. and 2.	$x - 7 = 3 \times y - 7 = 3y - 21$
5	Also by Quest. 2. and 3.	$x + 7 = 2 \times y + 7 = 2y + 14$
6	By 4. and transp.	$x = 3y - 14$
7	By 5. and transp.	$x = 2y + 7$
8	By 6. and 7.	$3y - 14 = 2y + 7$
9	Transp. and 8.	$y = 21$
10	By 9. and 6. or 7.	$x = 49$

The ages of A and B then are 49 and 21, which answer the conditions.

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The operation might have been a little shortened by subtracting the 4th from 5th, and thus  $14 = -y + 35$ ; and hence  $y = 21$ . therefore (by 6th)  $x = (3y - 14) = 49$ .

*Examp. 4.* A gentleman distributing money among some poor people, found he wanted 10s. to be able to give 5s. to each; therefore he gives each 4s. only, and finds he has 5s. left.—To find the number of shillings and poor people.

If any question such as this, in which there are two quantities sought, can be resolved by means of one letter, the solution is in general more simple than when two are employed. There must be, however, two independent conditions; one of which is used in the notation of one of the unknown quantities, and the other gives an equation.

Let the number of poor be  $z$   
 The number of shillings will be  $5z - 10$   
 The number of shillings is also  $4z + 5$   
 By 2. and 3.  $45z - 10 = 4z + 5$   
 Transp.  $5z = 15$ .

The number of poor therefore is 3, and the number of shillings is  $(4z + 5) = 65$ , which answer the conditions.

*Examp. 5.* A courier sets out from a certain place, and travels at the rate of 7 miles in 5 hours; and 8 hours after, another sets out from the same place, and travels the same road, at the rate of 5 miles in 3 hours; I demand how long and how far the first must travel before he is overtaken by the second?

Let the number of hours which the first travelled be  $y$   
 Then the second travelled  $y - 8$   
 The first travelled seven miles in 5 hours, and therefore in  $y$  hours  $(5:7::y:\frac{7y}{5})$  miles  
 In like manner the second travelled in  $y - 8$  hours  $(3:5::y-8:\frac{5y-40}{3})$  miles  
 But they both travelled the same number of miles; therefore by 3. and 4.  
 $\frac{5y-40}{3} = \frac{7y}{5}$   
 Mult.  $25y - 200 = 21y$   
 Transp.  $4y = 200$   
 Divid.  $y = 50$

The first then travelled 50 hours, the second  $(y - 8) = 42$  hours.

The miles travelled by each  $(\frac{7y}{5} = \frac{5y-40}{3}) = 70$

*Case III.* When there are three or more unknown quantities.

*Rule.* When there are three unknown quantities, there must be three independent equations arising from the question; and from each of these a value of one of the unknown quantities must be obtained. By comparing these three values, two equations will arise, involving only two unknown quantities, which may therefore be resolved by the rule for Case 2.

In like manner may the rule be extended to such questions as contain four or more unknown quantities; and hence it may be inferred, That, when just as many

independent equations may be derived from a question as there are unknown quantities in it, these quantities may be found by the resolution of equations.

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*Examp. 6.* To find three numbers, so that the first, with half the other two, the second with one third of the other two, and the third with one fourth of the other two, may each be equal to 34.

Let the numbers be  $x, y, z$ , and the equations are

	1	$x + \frac{y+z}{2} = 34$
	2	$y + \frac{x+z}{3} = 34$
	3	$z + \frac{x+y}{4} = 34$
From the 1st	4	$x = \frac{68 - y - z}{2}$
From the 2d	5	$x = 102 - 3y - z$
From the 3d	6	$x = 136 - 4z - y$
From 4th and 5th	7	$68 - y - z = 102 - 3y - z$
	8	$y = \frac{136 - z}{5}$
7th reduced	9	$y = \frac{3z - 34}{2}$
5=6, and reduced	10	$3z - 34 = 136 - z$
8 and 9	11	$15z - 170 = 272 - 2z$
10th reduced	12	$17z = 442$ or $z = 26$
By 8 and 5	13	$y = 22$ and $x = 10$

*Examp. 7.* To find a number consisting of three places, whose digits are in arithmetical proportion; if this number be divided by the sum of its digits, the quotient will be 48; and if from the number be subtracted 198, the digits will be inverted.

Let the 3 digits be	1	$x, y, z$
Then the number is	2	$100x + 10y + z$
If the digits be inverted, it is	3	$100z + 10y + x$
The digits are in ar. prop. therefore	4	$x + z = 2y$
By question	5	$\frac{100x + 10y + z}{x + y + z} = 48$
By question	6	$100x + 10y + z - 198 = 100z + 10y + x$
From 6 and transf.	7	$99x = 99z + 198$
Divid. by 99	8	$x = z + 2$
From 4	9	$x = 2y - z$
8 and 9	10	$2y - z = z + 2$
Transp.	11	$y = z + 1$
Mult. 5.	12	$100x + 10y + z = 48x + 48y + 48z$
Transp.	13	$52x = 38y + 47z$
8 and 11 substit. for $x$ and $y$	14	$52z + 104 = 38z + 38 + 47z$
Transp.	15	$33z = 66$
Divid.	16	$z = 2$ $y = (z + 1) = 3$ $x = (z + 2) = 4$

The number then is 432, which succeeds upon trial.

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It sometimes happens, that all the unknown quantities, when there are more than two, are not in all the equations expressing the conditions; and therefore the preceding rule cannot be literally followed. The solution, however, will be obtained by such substitutions as are used in Ex. 7. and 9. or by similar operations, which need not be particularly described.

part, the given quantities (being numbers) disappear in the last conclusion, so that no general rules for like cases can be deduced from them. But if letters are used to denote the known quantities, as well as the unknown, a general solution may be obtained, because, during the whole course of the operation, they retain their original form. Hence also the connection of the quantities will appear in such a manner as to discover the necessary limitations of the data, when there are any, which is essential to the perfect solution of a problem. From this method, too, it is easy to derive a synthetical demonstration of the solution.

*Corollary to the preceding Rules.*

It appears that, in every question, there must be as many independent equations as unknown quantities; if there are not, then the question is called *indeterminate*, because it may admit of an infinite number of answers; since the equations wanting may be assumed at pleasure. There may be other circumstances, however, to limit the answers to one, or a precise number, and which, at the same time, cannot be directly expressed by equations. Such are these; that the numbers must be integers, squares, cubes, and many others. The solution of such problems, which are also called *diophantine*, shall be considered afterwards.

When letters, or any other such symbols, are employed to express all the quantities, the algebra is sometimes called *specious* or *literal*.

*Examp. 8.* To find two numbers, of which the sum and difference are given.

Let  $s$  be the given sum, and  $d$  the given difference. Also, let  $x$  and  $y$  be the two numbers sought.

*Scholium.*

On many occasions, by particular contrivances, the operations by the preceding rules may be much abridged. This however, must be left to the skill and practice of the learner. A few examples are the following.

1. It is often easy to employ fewer letters than there are unknown quantities, by expressing some of them from a simple relation to others contained in the conditions of the question. Thus the solution becomes more easy and elegant. (See Ex. 4, 5.)

2. Sometimes it is convenient to express by letters, not the unknown quantities themselves, but some other quantities connected with them, as their sum, difference, &c. from which they may be easily derived. (See Ex. 1. of chap. 5.)

In the operation also, circumstances will suggest a more easy road than that pointed out by the general rules. Two of the original equations may be added together, or may be subtracted; sometimes they must be previously multiplied by some quantity, to render such addition or subtraction effectual, in exterminating one of the unknown quantities, or otherwise promoting the solution. Substitutions may be made of the values of quantities, in place of quantities themselves, and various other such contrivances may be used, which will render the solution much less complicated. (See Ex. 3. 7. and 9.)

$$\begin{aligned} x+y &= s \\ x-y &= d \\ \text{Whence } \left\{ \begin{aligned} x &= s-y \\ x &= d+y \end{aligned} \right. \\ d+y &= s-y \\ 2y &= s-d \\ y &= \frac{s-d}{2} \\ \text{And } x &= \frac{s+d}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, let the given sum be 100, and the difference 24. Then  $x = \left( \frac{s+d}{2} = \frac{124}{2} = 62 \right)$  &  $y = \left( \frac{s-d}{2} = \frac{76}{2} = 38 \right)$ .

In the same manner may the canon be applied to any other values of  $s$  and  $d$ . By reversing the steps in the operation, it is easy to show, that if  $x = \frac{s+d}{2}$  and  $y = \frac{s-d}{2}$ , the sum of  $x$  and  $y$  must be  $s$ , and their difference  $d$ .

*Examp. 9.* If A and B together can perform a piece of work in the time  $a$ , A and C together in the time  $b$ , and B and C together in the time  $c$ , in what time will each of them perform it alone?

Let A perform the work in the time  $x$ . B in  $y$ , and C in  $z$ ; then as the work is the same in all cases, it may be represented by unity.

SECT. II. *General Solution of Problems.*

In the solutions of the questions in the preceding

By the question

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 1(x : 1 :: a : \frac{a}{x} = \\ 2(y : 1 :: a : \frac{a}{y} = \\ 3(x : 1 :: b : \frac{b}{x} = \\ 4(z : 1 :: b : \frac{b}{z} = \\ 5(y : 1 :: c : \frac{c}{y} = \\ 6(z : 1 :: c : \frac{c}{z} = \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} A \text{ in } a \text{ days} \\ B \text{ in } a \text{ days} \\ A \text{ in } b \text{ days} \\ C \text{ in } b \text{ days} \\ B \text{ in } c \text{ days} \\ C \text{ in } c \text{ days} \end{array} \text{ to the work performed by}$$

$$7 \frac{a}{x} + \frac{a}{y} = 1 \text{ and } ay + ax = xy$$

$$8 \frac{b}{x} + \frac{b}{z} = 1 \text{ and } bz + bx = xz$$

$$9 \frac{c}{y} + \frac{c}{z} = 1 \text{ and } cz + cy = zy$$

Mult. 7th by  $\frac{bc}{xy}$  10  $\frac{abc}{x} + \frac{abc}{y} = bc$

Mult. 8th by  $\frac{ac}{xz}$  11  $\frac{abc}{x} + \frac{abc}{z} = ac$

Mult. 9th by  $\frac{ab}{zy}$  12  $\frac{abc}{y} + \frac{abc}{z} = ab$

Add 10th, 11th, 12th, 13  $\frac{2abc}{x} + \frac{2abc}{y} + \frac{2abc}{z} = bc + ac + ab$

From 13th subtr. twice 10th 14  $\frac{2abc}{z} = ac + ab - bc \& z = \frac{2abc}{ac + ab - bc}$

From 13th subtr. twice 11th 15  $\frac{2abc}{y} = bc + ab - ac \& y = \frac{2abc}{bc + ab - ac}$

From 13th subtr. twice 12th 16  $\frac{2abc}{x} = bc + ac - ab \& x = \frac{2abc}{bc + ac - ab}$

Example in numbers. Let  $a = 8$  days,  $b = 9$  days, and  $c = 10$ : then  $x = 14\frac{34}{49}$ ,  $y = 17\frac{23}{41}$ , and  $z = 23\frac{7}{31}$ .

It appears likewise that  $a, b, c$ , must be such, that the product of any two of them must be less than the sum of these two multiplied by the third. This is necessary to give positive values of  $x, y$ , and  $z$ , which alone can take place in this question. Besides, if  $x, y$ , and  $z$  be assumed as any known numbers whatever, and if values of  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be deduced from steps 7th, 8th and 9th of the preceding operation, it will appear, that  $a, b$ , and  $c$  will have the property required in the limitation here mentioned.

If  $a, b$ , and  $c$  were such, that any of the quantities,  $x, y$ , or  $z$ , became equal to 0, it implies that one of the agents did nothing in the work. If the values of any of these quantities be negative, the only supposition which could give them any meaning would be, that some of the agents, instead of promoting the work, either obstructed it, or undid it to a certain extent.

Examp. 10. In question 5th, let the first courier travel  $p$  miles in  $q$  hours; the second  $r$  miles in  $s$  hours; let the interval between their setting out be  $a$ ,

Then by working as formerly,

$$a = \frac{gra}{qr - ps}$$

If particular values be inserted for these letters, a particular solution will be obtained for that case. Let them denote the numbers in Example 5.

$$\text{Then } x = \left( \frac{gra}{qr - ps} = \frac{5 \times 5 \times 8}{5 \times 5 - 7 \times 3} = \frac{200}{4} = 50 \right)$$

Here it is obvious, that  $qr$  must be greater than  $ps$ , else the problem is impossible; for then the value of  $x$  would either be infinite or negative. This limitation appears also from the nature of the question, as the second courier must travel at a greater rate than the first, in order to overtake him. For the rate of the first courier is to the rate of the second as  $\frac{p}{q}$  to  $\frac{r}{s}$ , that is, as  $ps$  to  $qr$ ; and therefore  $qr$  must be greater than  $ps$ .

Scholium.

Sometimes when there are many known quantities in a general solution, it may simplify the operation to express certain combinations of them by new letters, still to be considered as known.

CHAP. IV.

Of Involution and Evolution.

In order to resolve equations of the higher orders, it is necessary to premise the rules of *Involution* and *Evolution*.

LEMMA.

The reciprocals of the powers of a quantity may be expressed by that quantity, with negative exponents of the same denomination. That is, the series  $a, 1, \frac{1}{a}, \frac{1}{a^2}, \frac{1}{a^3}, \frac{1}{a^m}$ , &c. may be expressed by  $a^1, a^0, a^{-1}, a^{-2}, a^{-3}, a^{-m}$ , &c.

For the rule for dividing the powers of the same root was to subtract the exponents; if then the index of the divisor be greater than that of the dividend, the index of the quotient must be negative.

Thus,  $\frac{a^2}{a^3} = a^{2-3} = a^{-1}$ . Also,  $\frac{a^2}{a^3} = \frac{1}{a^1}$ .

$\frac{a^m}{a^m} = a^{m-m} = a^0$ . And,  $\frac{a^m}{a^m} = 1$ . and so on of others.

Cor. 1. Hence any quantity which multiplies either the numerator or denominator of a fraction, may be transposed from the one to the other, by changing the sign of its index.

Thus,  $\frac{x}{y^2} = xy^{-2}$ . And  $\frac{a^2 x}{y^3} = \frac{a^2}{y^3 x^{-1}}$ , &c.

Cor. 2. From this notation, it is evident that these *negative powers*, as they are called, are multiplied by adding, and divided by subtracting their exponents.

Thus,  $a^{-2} \times a^{-3} = a^{-5}$ .

Or,  $\frac{1}{a^2} \times \frac{1}{a^3} = \frac{1}{a^5} = a^{-5}$ .

$\frac{a^{-1}}{a^{-3}} = a^2$  Or,  $\frac{1}{a^3} \div \frac{1}{a^4} = \frac{a^1}{a^1} = a^0$

## I. Of Involution.

To find any power of any quantity is the business of involution.

Case 1. When the quantity is simple,

Rule. Multiply the exponents of the letters by the index of the power required, and raise the coefficient to the same power.

Thus, the 2d power of  $a$  is  $a^1 \times 2 = a^2$ .

The 3d power of  $2a^2$  is  $8a^2 \times 3 = 8a^6$ .

The 3d power of  $3ab^2$  is  $27a^3 \times 3b^2 \times 3 = 27a^3b^6$ .

For the multiplication would be performed by the continued addition of the exponents; and this multiplication of them is equivalent. The same rule holds also when the signs of the exponents are negative.

Rule for the signs. If the sign of the given quantity is +, all its powers must be positive. If the sign is -, then all its powers whose exponents are even numbers are positive; and all its powers whose exponents are odd numbers are negative.

This is obvious from the rule for the signs in multiplication.

The last part of it implies the most extensive use of the signs +, and -, by supposing that a negative quantity may exist by itself.

Case 2. When the quantity is compound.

Rule. The powers must be found by a continual multiplication of it by itself.

Thus, the square of  $x + \frac{a}{2}$  is found by multiplying it into itself. The product is  $x^2 + ax + \frac{a^2}{4}$ . The cube of  $x + \frac{a}{2}$  is got by multiplying the square already found by the root, &c.

Fractions are raised to any power, by raising both numerator and denominator to that power, as is evident from the rule for multiplying fractions in Chap. I. § 2.

The involution of compound quantities is rendered much easier by the binomial theorem; for which see Chap. VI.

Note. The square of a binomial consists of the squares of the two parts, and twice the product of the two parts.

## II. Of Evolution.

Evolution is the reverse of involution, and by it powers are resolved into their roots.

Def. The root of any quantity is expressed by placing before it  $\sqrt{\quad}$  (called a radical sign) with a small figure above it, denoting the denomination of that root.

Thus, the square root of  $a$ , is  $\sqrt[2]{a}$  or  $\sqrt{a}$ .

The cube root of  $bc$ , is  $\sqrt[3]{bc}$ .

The 4th root of  $a^4b^4x^4$ , is  $\sqrt[4]{a^4b^4x^4}$ .

The  $m$ th root of  $c^m - dx$ , is  $\sqrt[m]{c^m - dx}$ .

## General Rule for the Signs.

1. The root of any positive power may be either positive or negative, if it is denominated by an even number; if the root is denominated by an odd number, it is positive only.
2. If the power is negative, the root also is negative, when it is denominated by an odd number.
3. If the power is negative, and the denomination of the root even, then no root can be assigned.

This rule is easily deduced from that given in involution and supposes the same extensive use of the signs + and -. If it is applied to abstract quantities in which a contrariety cannot be supposed, any root of a positive quantity must be positive only; and any root of a negative quantity, like itself, is unintelligible.

In the last case, though no root can be assigned, yet sometimes it is convenient to set the radical sign before the negative quantity, and then it is called an *impossible* or *imaginary* root.

The root of a positive power, denominated by an even number, has often the sign  $\pm$  before it denoting that it may have either + or -.

The radical sign may be employed to express any root of any quantity whatever; but sometimes the root may be accurately found by the following rules; and when it cannot, it may often be more conveniently expressed by the methods now to be explained.

Case I. When the quantity is simple.

Rule. Divide the exponents of the letters by the index of the root required, and prefix the root of the numeral coefficient.

1. The exponents of the letters may be multiples of the index of the root, and the root of the coefficient may be extracted.

Thus, the square root of  $a^4 = a^{\frac{4}{2}} = \pm a^2$ .

$$\sqrt[3]{27a^6} = 3a^{\frac{6}{3}} = 3a^2.$$

$$\sqrt[4]{a^4b^4x^4} = a^{\frac{4}{4}}b^{\frac{4}{4}}x^{\frac{4}{4}} = \pm ab^1x^1.$$

2. The exponents of the letters may not be multiples of the index of the root, and then they become fractions; and when the root of the coefficient cannot be extracted, it may also be expressed by a fractional exponent, its original index being understood to be 1.

Thus,  $\sqrt{16a^3b^2} = 4a^{\frac{3}{2}}b$ .

$$\sqrt[3]{7ax^3} = 7^{\frac{1}{3}}a^{\frac{1}{3}}x = \sqrt[3]{7} \times a^{\frac{1}{3}}x.$$

As evolution is the reverse of involution, the reason of the rule is evident.

The root of any fraction is found by extracting that root out of both numerator and denominator.

Case II. When the quantity is compound.

1. To extract the square root.

Rule. 1. The given quantity is to be ranged according to the powers of the letters, as in division.

Thus,

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Thus, in the example  $a^2+2ab+b^2$ , the quantities are ranged in this manner.

2. The square root is to be extracted out of the first term (by preceding rules), which gives the first part of the root sought. Subtract its square from the given quantity, and divide the first term of the remainder by double the part already found, and the quotient is the second term of the root.

Thus, in this example, the remainder is  $2ab+b^2$ ; and  $2ab$  being divided by  $2a$ , the double of the part found, gives  $+b$  for the second part of the root.

3. Add this second part to double of the first, and multiply their sum by the second part: Subtract the product from the last remainder, and if nothing remain, the square root is obtained. But, if there is a remainder, it must be divided by the double of the parts already found, and the quotient would give the third part of the root, and so on.

In the last example, it is obvious, that  $a+b$  is the square root sought.

The entire operation is as follows.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 a^2+2ab+b^2 \quad (a+b \\
 \underline{a^2} \\
 2a+b \quad +2ab+b^2 \\
 \times b \quad \underline{2ab+b^2} \\
 * \\
 x^4-ax^2+\frac{a^2}{4} \left( x^2-\frac{a}{2} \right. \\
 \underline{x^4} \\
 2x^2-\frac{a}{2} \quad -ax^2+\frac{a^2}{4} \\
 \times \frac{a}{2} \quad \underline{-ax^2+\frac{a^2}{4}} \\
 *
 \end{array}$$

The reason of this rule appears from the composition of a square.

2. To extract any other root.

*Rule.* Range the quantity according to the dimensions of its letters; and extract the said root out of the first term, and that shall be the first member of the root required. Then raise this root to a dimension lower by unit than the number that denominates the root required, and multiply the power that arises by that number itself. Divide the second term of the given quantity by the product, and the quotient shall give the second member of the root required.—In like manner are the other parts to be found, by considering those already got as making one term.

Thus, the fifth root of

$$\begin{array}{r}
 a^5+5a^4b+10a^3b^2+10a^2b^3+5ab^4+b^5 \quad (a+b \\
 \underline{a^5} \\
 5a^4 \quad ) \quad 5a^4b
 \end{array}$$

And  $a+b$  raised to the 5th power is the given quantity, and therefore it is the root sought.

In evolution it will often happen, that the operation will not terminate, and the root will be expressed by a series.

Thus the square root of  $a^2+x^2$  becomes a series.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 a^2+x^2 \left( a+\frac{x^2}{2a}-\frac{x^4}{8a^3}+\frac{x^6}{16a^5}, \&c. \right. \\
 \underline{a^2} \\
 2a+\frac{x^2}{2a} \quad ) \quad *+x^2 \\
 \times \frac{x^2}{2a} \quad \underline{-x^2+\frac{x^4}{4a^2}} \\
 2a+\frac{x^2}{a}-\frac{x^4}{8a^3} \quad ) \quad *-\frac{x^4}{4a^2} \\
 \times -\frac{x^4}{8a^3} \quad \underline{-\frac{x^4}{4a^2}+\frac{x^6}{8a^4}-\frac{x^8}{64a^6}} \\
 *+\frac{x^6}{8a^4}-\frac{x^8}{64a^6},
 \end{array}$$

The extraction of roots by series is much facilitated by the binomial theorem (Chap. vi. Sect. 3.). By similar rules, founded on the same principles, are the roots of numbers to be extracted.

III. Of Surds.

*Def.* Quantities with fractional exponents are called *surds* or *imperfect powers*.

Such quantities are also called *irrational*; in opposition to others with integral exponents, which are called *rational*.

Surds may be expressed either by the fractional exponents, or by the radical sign, the denominator of the fraction being its index; and hence the orders of surds are denominated from this index.

In the following operations, however, it is generally convenient to use the notation by the fractional exponents.

$$a^{\frac{5}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{a} \cdot \sqrt[3]{4ab^2} = 2ba^{\frac{2}{3}}. \quad \sqrt[4]{a^3b^2} = a^{\frac{3}{4}}b^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

The operations concerning surds depends on the following principle: If the numerator and denominator of a fractional exponent be both multiplied or both divided by the same quantity, the value of the power is

the same. Thus  $a^{\frac{m}{n}} = a^{\frac{mc}{nc}}$ : for let  $a^{\frac{m}{n}} = nb$ ; then  $a^{\frac{m}{n}} = b^n$ , and  $a^{\frac{mc}{nc}} = b^{nc}$ , and extracting the root  $nc$ ,  $a^{\frac{m}{n}} = \sqrt[nc]{b^{nc}} = b^{\frac{nc}{nc}} = b = a^{\frac{m}{n}}$ .

*Lem.* A rational quantity may be put into the form of a surd, by reducing the index to the form of a fraction of the same value.

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{Thus, } a = a^{\frac{2}{2}} = \sqrt{a^2} \\
 a^2 b = a^{\frac{6}{3}} b^{\frac{3}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{a^6 b^3}.
 \end{array}$$

PROB. I. To reduce surds of different denominations to others of the same value and of the same denomination.  
*Rule.*

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*Rule.* Reduce the fractional exponents to others of the same value and having the same common denominator.

Ex.  $\sqrt{a}, \sqrt[3]{b^2}$  or  $a^{\frac{1}{2}}, b^{\frac{2}{3}}$

but  $a^{\frac{1}{2}} = a^{\frac{3}{6}}$  and  $b^{\frac{2}{3}} = b^{\frac{4}{6}}$ .

therefore  $\sqrt[6]{a^3}$  and  $\sqrt[6]{b^4}$  are respectively equal to  $\sqrt{a^3}$  and  $\sqrt{b^4}$

PROB. II. To multiply and divide surds.

1. When they are surds of the same rational quantity, add and subtract their exponents.

Thus,  $a^{\frac{1}{3}} \times a^{\frac{2}{3}} = a^{\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3}} = a^{\frac{3}{3}} = a^1 = \sqrt{a^2}$

$\frac{\sqrt{a^2 - b^2}}{\sqrt{a^2 - b^2}} = \frac{a^{\frac{1}{2}} - b^{\frac{1}{2}}}{a^{\frac{1}{2}} - b^{\frac{1}{2}}} = a^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}} - b^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}} = a^0 - b^0 = 1$

2. If they are surds of different rational quantities, let them be brought to others of the same denomination, if already they are not, by prob. 1. Then, by multiplying or dividing these rational quantities, their product or quotient may be set under the common radical sign.

Thus,  $\sqrt[m]{a} \times \sqrt[n]{b} = a^{\frac{1}{m}} b^{\frac{1}{n}} = \sqrt[mn]{a^n b^m}$

$\frac{\sqrt{a^2 - b^2}}{\sqrt{a + b}} = \sqrt{\frac{a^2 - b^2}{a + b}} = \sqrt{a - b}$

$\frac{\sqrt[4]{a^3 b^2}}{\sqrt[3]{a^2 b}} = \frac{a^{\frac{3}{4}} b^{\frac{2}{4}}}{a^{\frac{2}{3}} b^{\frac{1}{3}}} = a^{\frac{3}{4} - \frac{2}{3}} b^{\frac{2}{4} - \frac{1}{3}} = a^{\frac{1}{12}} b^{\frac{1}{6}}$

$a^{\frac{1}{12}} b^{\frac{1}{6}} = \sqrt[12]{a b^2}$

If the surds have any rational coefficients, their product or quotient must be prefixed. Thus,

$a\sqrt{m} \times b\sqrt{n} = ab\sqrt{mn}$ . It is often convenient, in the operations of this problem, not to bring the surds of simple quantities to the same denomination, but to express their product or quotient without the radical sign, in the same manner as if they were rational quantities. Thus, the product in Ex. 1. may be  $a^{\frac{1}{m}} b^{\frac{1}{n}}$ , and the quotient in Ex. 3.  $a^{\frac{1}{12}} b^{\frac{1}{6}}$

*Cor.* If a rational coefficient be prefixed to a radical sign, it may be reduced to the form of a surd by the lemma, and multiplied by this problem; and conversely, if the quantity under the radical sign be divisible by a perfect power of the same denomination, it may be taken out, and its root prefixed as a coefficient.

$a\sqrt{b} = \sqrt{a^2 b}; 2\sqrt{a} = \sqrt{4a}$

Conv.  $\sqrt{a^2 b^3} = ab\sqrt{b}; \sqrt{4a^2 - 8a^2 b} = 2a\sqrt{1 - 2b}$

Even when the quantity under the radical sign is not divisible by a perfect power, it may be useful sometimes to divide surds into their component factors, by reversing the operation of this problem.

Thus  $\sqrt{ab} = \sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{b}, \sqrt[3]{a^2 b - b x^2} = \sqrt[3]{ba - bx}$   
 $\times^3 \sqrt{a+x} = b^{\frac{1}{3}} \times^3 \sqrt{a-x} \times^3 \sqrt{a+x}$

PROB. III. To involve or evolve Surds.

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This is performed by the same rules as in other quantities, by multiplying or dividing their exponents by the index of the power or root required.

The notation by negative exponents, mentioned in the lemma at the beginning of this chapter, is applicable to fractional exponents, in the same manner as to integers.

*Scholium.*

The application of the rules of this chapter to the resolving of equations, shall be explained in the succeeding chapters, which treat of the solution of the different classes of them; but some examples of their use in preparing equations for a solution are the following.

If a member of an equation be a surd root, then the equation may be freed from any surd, by bringing that member first to stand alone upon one side of the equation, and then taking away the radical sign from it, and raising the other side to the power denominated by the index of that surd.

This operation becomes a necessary step towards the solution of an equation, when any of the unknown quantities are under the radical sign.

Example. If  $3\sqrt{x^2 - a^2} + 2y = a + y$

Then  $3\sqrt{x^2 - a^2} = a - y$

and  $9 \times x^2 - a^2 = a^2 - 2ay + y^2$

If the unknown quantity be found only under the radical sign, and only of the first dimension, the equation will become simple, and may be resolved by the preceding rules.

Thus, if  $3\sqrt{4x + 16} + 5 = 9$

Then  $3\sqrt{4x + 16} = 4$

And  $4x + 16 = 16$

$4x = 0$

And  $x = 0$

If  $m\sqrt{a^2 x - b^2 x} = a$

Then  $a^2 x - b^2 x = a^{\frac{2m}{m}}$

$x = \frac{a^{\frac{2m}{m}}}{a^2 - b^2}$

If the unknown quantity in a final equation has fractional exponents, by means of the preceding rules a new equation may be substituted, in which the exponents of the unknown quantity are integers.

Thus, if  $x^{\frac{1}{2}} + 3x^{\frac{3}{2}} = 10$ , by reducing the surds to the same denomination, it becomes  $x^{\frac{3}{2}} + 3x^{\frac{3}{2}} = 10$ ;

and if  $z = x^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , then  $z^3 + 3z^3 = 10$ ; and if this equation be resolved from a value of  $z$ , a value of  $x$  may be got by the rules of the next chapter. Thus also, if

$x + 2x^{\frac{1}{2}} - 3x^{\frac{3}{2}} = 100$ . If  $x^{\frac{1}{2}} = z$ , this equation becomes  $z^6 + 2z^3 - 3z^3 = 100$ .

In general, if  $x^{\frac{p}{q}} + x^{\frac{m}{n}} = a$ , by reducing the surds

to the same denomination  $x^{\frac{pn}{nq}} + x^{\frac{qm}{nq}} = a$ , and if

$\frac{1}{z^{\frac{1}{nq}}}$ , then the equation is  $z^{pn} + z^{qm} = a$ , in which

the

Equations. the exponents of  $z$  are integers; and  $z$  being found,  $x$  is to be found from the equation  $x \frac{1}{qn} =$

$$x^2 = \frac{b^3 - a^2}{a}$$

$$x = \sqrt{\frac{b^3 - a^2}{a}}$$

$$x^m = \frac{b-c}{a-1}$$

$$x = \sqrt[m]{\frac{b-c}{a-1}}$$

Equations

CHAP. V.

EQUATIONS were divided into orders according to the highest index of the unknown quantity in any term. (chap. 3.)

Equations are either *pure* or *adfected*.

Def. 1. A *pure equation* is that in which only one power of the unknown quantity is found.

2. An *adfected equation*, is that in which different powers of the unknown quantity are found in the several terms.

Thus,  $a^2 + ax = b^3$ ,  $ax^2 - b^2 = m + x^2$  are pure equations.

And  $x^2 - ax = b^2$ ,  $x^3 + x^2 = 17$  are adfected.

1. Solution of pure Equations.

Rule. Make the power of the unknown quantity to stand alone by the rules formerly given, and then extract the root of the same denomination out of both sides, which will give the value of the unknown quantity.

EXAMPLES.

If  $a^2 + ax^2 = b^3$                        $ax^m - b = x^m - c$   
 $ax^2 = b^3 - a^2$                                $ax^m - x^m = b - c$

Then by Ex. 8. chap. 3.

The proportionals are - - -  
 Mult. by 2 and still - - -  
 From the three first - - -  
 From the three last - - -  
 3d added to 4th - - -  
 4th subtr. from 3d - - -  
 6th reduced - - -  
 7th subtr. for  $z$  in 5th - - -  
 Transp. and divide 8th by  $\frac{2}{b}$   
 In numbers - - -

$$1 \quad \frac{a+z}{2} : \frac{b+y}{2} :: \frac{b-y}{2} : \frac{a-z}{2}$$

$$2 \quad a+z : b+y :: b-y : a-z$$

$$3 \quad ab - ay + bz - zy = b^2 + 2by + y^2$$

$$4 \quad ab + ay - bz - zy = b^2 - 2by + y^2$$

$$5 \quad 2ab - 2zy = 2b^2 + 2y^2$$

$$6 \quad 2bz - 2ay = 4by$$

$$7 \quad z = \frac{2by + ay}{b}$$

$$8 \quad 2ab - 2 \times \frac{2by^2 + ay^2}{b} = 2b^2 + 2y^2$$

$$9 \quad ab^2 - b^3 = 3by^2 + ay^2$$

$$10 \quad \frac{ab^2 - b^3}{3b + a} = y^2 \text{ and } y = \sqrt{\frac{ab^2 - b^3}{3b + a}}$$

$$11 \quad y = \sqrt{\frac{ab^2 - b^3}{3b + a}} = b \sqrt{\frac{a-b}{3b+a}} = 24 \sqrt{\frac{32}{128}} = 12$$

$$12 \quad z = \frac{2+a}{b} \times y = 52$$

Hence the four proportionals are 54, 18, 6, 2; and it appears that  $b$  must not be greater than  $a$ , otherwise the root becomes impossible, and the problem would also be impossible; which limitation might be deduced also from prop. 25. V. of Euclid.

2. Solution of adfected Quadratic Equations.

Adfected equations of different orders are resolved by different rules, successively to be explained.

An adfected quadratic equation (commonly called a quadratic) involves the unknown quantity itself, and also its square: It may be resolved by the following

The index of the power may also be fractional; as in the last example  $m$  may be any number whatever. Let  $m = \frac{1}{2}$ , then as before,

$$x^m = x^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{b-c}{a-1}$$

$$\text{And } x = \frac{b-c}{a-1} \Big|_2 = \frac{b^2 - 2bc + c^2}{a^2 - 2a + 1}$$

Sometimes different powers of the unknown quantity are found in the equation, yet the several terms may form on one side a perfect power, of which the root being extracted, the equation will become simple.

Thus, if  $x^3 - 12x^2 + 48x = 98$ , it is easy to observe that  $x^3 - 12x^2 + 48x - 64 = 34$ ; forming a complete cube, of which the root being extracted,  $x - 4 = \sqrt[3]{34}$ . And  $x = 4 + \sqrt[3]{34}$ .

Examp. 1. To find four continued proportionals, of which the sum of the extremes is 56, and the sum of the means 24.

To resolve the question in general terms, let the sum of the extremes be  $a$ , the sum of the means  $b$ , and let the difference of the extremes be called  $z$ , and the difference of the means  $y$ .

- Rule. 1. Transpose all the terms involving the unknown quantity to one side; and the known terms to the other; and so that the term containing the square of the unknown quantity may be positive.
2. If the square of the unknown quantity is multiplied by any coefficient, all the terms of the equation are to be divided by it, so that the coefficient of the square of the unknown quantity may be 1.
3. Add to both sides the square of half the coefficient of the unknown quantity itself, and the side of the equation involving the unknown quantity will be a complete square.
4. Extract

Equations. 4. Extract the square root from both sides of the equation, by which it becomes simple, and by transposing the above mentioned half coefficient, a value of the unknown quantity is obtained in known terms, and therefore the equation is resolved.

The reason of this rule is manifest from the composition of the square of a binomial, for it consists of the squares of the two parts, and twice the product of the two parts. (Note, at the end of Chap. IV.)

The different forms of quadratic equations, expressed in general terms, being reduced by the first and second parts of the rule, are these;

1.  $x^2 + ax = b^2$
2.  $x^2 - ax = b^2$
3.  $x^2 - ax = -b^2$

Case 1.  $x^2 + ax = b^2$

$$x^2 + ax + \frac{a^2}{4} = b^2 + \frac{a^2}{4}$$

$$x + \frac{a}{2} = \pm \sqrt{b^2 + \frac{a^2}{4}}$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{b^2 + \frac{a^2}{4}} - \frac{a}{2}$$

Case 2.  $x^2 - ax = b^2$

$$x^2 - ax + \frac{a^2}{4} = b^2 + \frac{a^2}{4}$$

$$x - \frac{a}{2} = \pm \sqrt{b^2 + \frac{a^2}{4}}$$

$$x = \frac{a}{2} \pm \sqrt{b^2 + \frac{a^2}{4}}$$

Case 3.  $x^2 - ax = -b^2$

$$x^2 - ax + \frac{a^2}{4} = \frac{a^2}{4} - b^2$$

$$x - \frac{a}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{4} - b^2}$$

$$x = \frac{a}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{4} - b^2}$$

Of these cases it may be observed,

1. That if it be supposed, that the square root of a positive quantity may be either positive or negative, according to the most extensive use of the signs, every quadratic equation will have two roots, except such of the third form, whose roots become impossible.

2. It is obvious, that, in the two first forms, one of the roots must be positive, and the other negative.

3. In the third form, if  $\frac{a^2}{4}$ , or the square of half the coefficient of the unknown quantity, be greater than  $b^2$ , the known quantity, the two roots will be positive.

If  $\frac{a^2}{4}$  be equal to  $b^2$ , the two roots then become equal.

But if in this third case;  $\frac{a^2}{4}$  is less than  $b^2$ , the quantity under the radical sign becomes negative, and the two roots are therefore impossible. This may be easily shown to arise from an impossible supposition in the original equation.

4. If the equation, however, express the relation of magnitudes abstractly considered, where a contrariety cannot be supposed to take place, the negative roots cannot be of use, or rather there are no such roots;

Equations. for then a negative quantity by itself is unintelligible, and therefore the square root of a positive quantity must be positive only. Hence, in the two first cases, there will be only one root; but in the third, there will be two. For in this third case,  $x^2 - ax = -b^2$ , or  $ax - x^2 = b^2$ , it is obvious that  $x$  may be either greater or less than  $\frac{1}{2}a$ , and yet  $ax$  may be positive; and hence  $a - x \times x = ax - x^2$  may also be positive, and may be equal to a positive given quantity  $b^2$ : therefore the square root of  $x^2 - ax + \frac{1}{4}a^2$  may be either  $x - \frac{1}{2}a$  or  $\frac{1}{2}a - x$ , and both these quantities also positive.

Let then  $x - \frac{a}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{4} - b^2}$  and  $x = \frac{a}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{4} - b^2}$ . Also let  $\frac{a}{2} - x = \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{4} - b^2}$ ; and hence  $x = \frac{a}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{4} - b^2}$ , and these are the same two positive roots as were obtained by the general rule.

The general rule is usually employed, even in questions where negative numbers cannot take place, and then the negative roots of the two first forms are neglected. Sometimes even only one of the positive roots of the third case can be used, and the other may be excluded by a particular condition in the question. When an impossible root arises in the solution of a question, and if it be resolved in general terms, the necessary limitation of the data will be discovered.

When a question can be so stated as to produce a pure equation, it is generally to be preferred to an affected. Thus the question in the preceding section, by the most obvious notation, would produce an affected equation.

2. Solution of Questions producing Quadratic Equations.

The expression of the conditions of the question by equations, or the stating of it, and the reduction likewise of these equations, till we arrive at a quadratic equation, involving only one unknown quantity and its square, are effected by the same rules which were given for the solution of simple equations in Chap. III.

Exampl. 2. One lays out a certain sum of money in goods, which he sold again for L.24, and gained as much per cent. as the goods cost him: I demand what they cost him?

If the money laid out be	}	1	$y$
The gain will be		2	$24 - y$
But this gain is	}	3	$\frac{2400 - 100y}{y}$ per cent.
( $y:24-y::100:$ )		4	$y = \frac{2400 - 100y}{y}$
Therefore by question,	}	5	$y^2 + 100y = 2400$
And by mult. and tr.		6	$y^2 + 100y + 50^2 = 2400 + 2500 = 4900$
Completing the square	}	7	$y + 50 = \pm \sqrt{4900} = 70$
Extr. the root		8	$y = \pm 70 - 50 = 20 \text{ or } -120.$
Transp.			

The answer is 20l. which succeeds. The other root, -120, has no place in this example, a negative number being here unintelligible.

Any quadratic equation may be resolved also by the general canons at the beginning of this section. That

Equations. arising from this question, (No. 5.) belongs to Case I. and  $a = 100$ ,  $b^2 = 2400$ ; therefore,

$$y = \left( -\frac{a}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{4} + b^2} \right) - \frac{100}{2}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{100^2}{4} + 2400} = 20 \text{ or } -120 \text{ as before.}$$

Examp. 3. What two numbers are those, whose difference is 15, and half of whose product is equal to the cube of the lesser?

Let the lesser number be	1	$x$
The greater is	2	$x + 15$
By question	3	$\frac{x^2 + 15x}{2} = x^3$
Divide by $x$ and mult. by 2	4	$x + 15 = 2x^2$
	5	$x^2 - \frac{x}{2} = \frac{15}{2}$
4th prepared	6	$x^2 - \frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{16} = \frac{15}{2} + \frac{1}{16} = \frac{121}{16}$
Complete square	7	$x - \frac{1}{4} = \pm \frac{11}{4}$
Ext. $\sqrt{\phantom{x}}$	8	$x = 3 \text{ or } -\frac{5}{2}$
Transp.		

The numbers therefore are 3 and 18, which answer the conditions. This is an example of Case 2d, and the negative root is neglected.

A solution, indeed, may be represented by means of the negative root  $-\frac{5}{2}$ ; for then the other number is  $(x + 15) = -\frac{5}{2} + 15 = \frac{25}{2}$ . And  $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{25}{2} \times -\frac{5}{2}$ , is equal to

the cube of  $-\frac{5}{2}$ . Such a solution, though useless, and even absurd, it is plain must correspond to the conditions, if those rules with regard to the signs be used in the application of it, by which it was itself deduced. The same observation may be extended even to impossible roots; which being assumed as the answer of a question, must, by reversing the steps of the investigation, correspond to the original equations, by which the conditions of that question were expressed.

Examp. 4. To find two numbers whose sum is 100, and whose product is 2059.

Let the given sum  $100 = a$ , the product  $2059 = b$ , and let one of the numbers sought be  $x$ , the other will be  $a - x$ . Their product is  $ax - x^2$ .

Therefore by question	1	$ax - x^2 = b \text{ or } x^2 - ax = -b$
Complete the square	2	$x^2 - ax + \frac{a^2}{4} = \frac{a^2}{4} - b$
Ext. $\sqrt{\phantom{x}}$	3	$x - \frac{a}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{4} - b}$
Transp.	4	$x = \frac{a}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{4} - b}$
And the other number	5	$a - x = \frac{a}{2} \mp \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{4} - b}$

By inserting numbers,  $x = 71$  or  $29$  and  $a - x = 29$  or  $71$ , so that the two numbers sought are 71 and 29.

Here it is to be observed, that  $b$  must not be greater than  $\frac{a^2}{4}$ , else the roots of the equation must be impossible; that is, the given product must not be greater than the square of half the given sum of the numbers sought. This limitation can easily be shown from other principles; for the greatest possible product of two parts, into which any number may be divided, is when each of them is a half of it. If  $b$  be equal to  $\frac{a^2}{4}$ , there is only one solution, and  $x = \frac{a}{2}$ , also  $a - x = \frac{a}{2}$ .

Examp. 5. There are three numbers in continual geometrical proportion: The sum of the first and second is 10, and the difference of the second and third is 24. What are the numbers?

Let the first be	1	$z$
The second will be	2	$10 - z$
And the third	3	$34 - z$
Since $z : 10 - z :$	4	$z^2 - 20z + 100 = 34z - z^2$
$34 - z$		
Transp.	5	$2z^2 - 54z = -100$
Divid.	6	$z^2 - 27z = -50$
Compl. the square	7	$z^2 - 27z + \frac{27^2}{4} = \frac{729}{4} - 50 = \frac{529}{4}$
Extract the $\sqrt{\phantom{x}}$	8	$z - \frac{27}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{529}{4}} = \pm \frac{23}{2}$
Transp.	9	$z = \frac{27}{2} \pm \frac{23}{2} = 25 \text{ or } 2.$

But though there are two positive roots in this equation, yet one of them only can here be of use, the other being excluded by a condition in the question. For as the sum of the first and second is 10, 25 cannot be one of them: 2 therefore is the first, and the proportionals will be 2, 8, 32.

This restriction will also appear from the explanation given of the third form, to which this equation belongs.

For  $z$  may be less than  $\frac{27}{2}$ , but from the first condition of the question it cannot be greater; hence the quantity  $z^2 - 27z + \frac{27^2}{4}$  can have only one square root, viz.

$\frac{27}{2} - z$ ; and this being put equal to  $\sqrt{\frac{529}{4}}$ , we have

by transposition  $z = \frac{27}{2} - \frac{23}{2} = 2$ , which gives the only

just solution of the question.

From the other root indeed, a solution of the question may be represented by means of a negative quantity. If the first then be 25, the three proportionals will be 25, -15, 9. These also must answer the conditions, according to the rules given for negative quantities, though such a solution has no proper meaning.

Besides, it is to be observed, that if the following question be proposed, 'To find three numbers in geometrical proportion, so that the difference of the 1st and



Equations and 2d may be 10, and the sum of the 2d and 3d may be 24, the equation in step 6th will be produced; for, if the 1st be  $z$ , the 2d is  $z-10$ , and the 3d  $34-z$ , and therefore  $34z-z^2=z^2-20z+100$ , the very same equation as in step 4th. In this question it is plain that the root 25 only can be useful, and the three proportionals are 25, 15, 9.

But the necessary limitations of such a problem are properly to be derived from a general notation. Let the sum of the two first proportionals be  $a$ , and the difference of the two last  $b$ . If  $a$  is not greater than  $b$ , the first term must be the least; but if  $a$  be greater than  $b$ , the first term must be either the greatest or the least.

When the first term is the least, the proper notation of the three terms is  $z, a-z, a+b-z$ , and the equation when ordered is  $z^2 - \frac{3a+b}{2}z = -\frac{a^2}{2}$ . If the first term be the greatest, and then  $a$  is greater than  $b$ , the notation of the terms is  $z, a-z, a-b-z$ , and the corresponding equation is  $z^2 - \frac{3a-bz}{2} = -\frac{a^2}{2}$ .

Of the first of these equations it may be observed, that whatever be the value of  $a$  and  $b$ , the square of  $\frac{3a+b}{4}$ , viz, of half the coefficient of  $z$ , is greater than  $\frac{a^2}{2}$ , and therefore the roots are always possible. If the square be completed, and the roots extracted, they become  $z = \frac{3a+b}{4} \pm \frac{\sqrt{3a+b)^2 - 8a^2}}{4}$ , and  $\frac{3a+b}{4}z = \frac{\sqrt{3a+b)^2 - 8a^2}}{4}$ .

But in this case  $z$  is the least of the three terms, and therefore  $a$  is greater than  $2z$ , or  $\frac{a}{2}$  is greater than  $z$ ; much more then is  $\frac{3a+b}{4}$  greater than  $z$ ; and therefore the second root only can be admitted, and  $z = \frac{3a+b - \sqrt{3a+b)^2 - 8a^2}}{4}$  is the only proper solution.

In the second equation, since  $a$  is greater than  $b$ ,  $\frac{3a-b}{2}$  must be always positive, and therefore the equation is necessarily of the third form. But the roots are possible only when  $\left(\frac{3a-b}{4}\right)^2$  is not less than  $\frac{a^2}{2}$ , that is when  $a^2 + b^2$  is not less than  $6ab$ , or when  $a-b$  is not less than  $2\sqrt{ab}$ . When the roots are possible,  $z$  may be either greater or less than  $\frac{3a-a}{4}$ , and hence each root gives a proper solution; therefore,  $z = \frac{3a-b \pm \sqrt{3a-b)^2 - 8a^2}}{4}$ .

Ex. Let  $a=40$  and  $b=6$ . The first term in this case may be assumed either as the greatest or the least. And, first, if  $z$  be the greatest, the roots of the equation will be possible, since  $(a^2+b^2=) 1636$  is greater than  $(6ab=) 1440$ . The two values of  $z$  are 32 and 25, and the proportionals are either 32, 8, 2, or 25, 15, 9. 2dly, If  $z$  be assumed the least of the pr

Equations. tionals, the two roots of the equation are possible, but one of them only can be applied; which is 17.635 nearly; and the three proportionals are 17.635, 22.365, and 28.365, nearly, the roots of the equation being incommensurate.

In like manner may the limitations of the other question above mentioned be ascertained.

Though the preceding questions have been so contrived that the answers may be integers, yet in practice it will most commonly happen that they must be surds. When in any question the root of a number which is not a perfect square is to be extracted, it may be continued in decimals, by the common arithmetical rule, to any degree of accuracy which the nature of the subject may require.

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An equation, in the terms of which two powers only of the unknown quantity are found, and such that the index of the one is double that of the other, may, by the preceding rules, be reduced to a pure equation, and may therefore be resolved by § 1. of this chapter.

Such an equation may generally be represented thus;

$$x^{2m} \pm ax^m = \pm b^n$$

Let  $x^m = z$ , then  $z^2 \pm az = \pm b^n$

$$\text{And } x^m (=z) = \pm \frac{a}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{4} \pm b^n}$$

$$\text{Therefore } x = \sqrt[m]{\pm \frac{a}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{4} \pm b^n}}$$

Exampl. 15. To find two numbers, of which the product is 100, and the difference of their square roots 3.

Let the less be $x$ ,	1	100
the greater is	1	$\frac{100}{x}$
By question	2	$\frac{10}{\sqrt{x}} - \sqrt{x} = 3$
	3	$10 - x = 3\sqrt{x} = 3x^{\frac{1}{2}}$
	4	$x + 3x^{\frac{1}{2}} = 10$
	5	$x + 3x^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{9}{4} = 10 + \frac{9}{4} = \frac{49}{4}$
	6	$x^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{3}{2} = \frac{7}{2}$ and $x^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2$ or $-5$
	7	$x = 4$ or $x = 25$

If  $x=4$ , the other number is 25; and this is the proper solution, for  $x$  was supposed to be the least. In this case, indeed, the negative root of the equation being applied according to the rules for negative quantities, gives a positive answer to the question; and if  $x=25$ , the other number is 4.

The same would have been got, by substituting in the general theorem  $m=\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $a=3$ , and  $b^n=10$ ; or, if the less number had been called  $x^2$ , the equation would not have had fractional exponents.

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Of Indeterminate Problems.

It was formerly observed (Chap. III.), that if there are more unknown quantities in a question than equa-

Indeterminate Problems. — tions by which their relations are expressed, it is indetermined; or it may admit of an infinite number of answers. Other circumstances, however, may limit the number in a certain manner; and these are various, according to the nature of the problem. The contrivances by which such problems are resolved are so very different in different cases, that they cannot be comprehended in general rules.

*Examp. 1.* To divide a given square number into two parts, each of which shall be a square number.

There are two quantities sought in this question, and there is only one equation expressing their relation; but it is required also that they may be rational, which circumstance cannot be expressed by any equation: another condition therefore must be assumed, in such a manner as to obtain a solution in rational numbers.

Let the given square be  $a^2$ ; let one of the squares sought be  $x^2$ , the other is  $a^2 - x^2$ . Let  $rx - a$  also be a side of this last square, therefore

$$\begin{aligned} r^2 x^2 - 2rxa + a^2 &= a^2 - x^2 \\ r^2 x^2 + x^2 &= 2rxa \\ r^2 x + x &= 2ra \end{aligned}$$

By transp.  
Divide by  $x$

Therefore

$$x = \frac{2ra}{r^2 + 1}$$

$$\text{And } rx - a \left( = \frac{2r^2 a}{r^2 + 1} - a \right) = \frac{r^2 a - a}{r^2 + 1}$$

Let  $r$  therefore be assumed at pleasure, and  $\frac{2ra}{r^2 + 1}$ ,  $\frac{r^2 a - a}{r^2 + 1}$  which must always be rational, will be the sides of the two squares required.

Thus, if  $a^2 = 100$ ; then if  $r = 3$ , the sides of the two squares are 6 and 8, for  $36 + 64 = 100$ .

Also let  $a^2 = 64$ . Then if  $r = 2$ , the sides of the squares are  $\frac{32}{5}$  and  $\frac{24}{5}$ ; and  $\frac{1024}{25} + \frac{576}{25} = \frac{1600}{25} = 64$ .

The reason of the assumption of  $rx - a$  as a side of the square  $a^2 - x^2$ , is that being squared and put equal to this last, the equation manifestly will be simple, and the root of such an equation is always rational.

*Examp. 2.* To find two square numbers whose difference is given.

Let  $x^2$  and  $y^2$  be the square numbers, and  $a$  their difference.

$$\text{Put } \frac{z+v}{2} = x, \text{ and } \frac{z-v}{2} = y$$

$$\frac{z^2 + 2zv + v^2}{4} = x^2$$

$$\frac{z^2 - 2zv + v^2}{4} = y^2$$

$$zv = (x^2 - y^2) = a.$$

If  $x$  and  $y$  are required only to be rational, then take  $v$  at pleasure, and  $z = \frac{a}{v}$ , whence  $x$  and  $y$  are known.

But if  $x$  and  $y$  are required to be whole numbers, take for  $z$  and  $v$  any two factors that produce  $a$ , and are both even or both odd numbers. And this is possible only where  $a$  is either an odd number greater than

1, or a number divisible by 4. Then  $\frac{z+v}{2}$  and  $\frac{z-v}{2}$  are the numbers sought. Indeterminate Problems.

For the product of two odd numbers is odd, and that of two even numbers is divisible by 4. Also, if  $z$  and  $v$  are both odd or both even,  $\frac{z+v}{2}$  and  $\frac{z-v}{2}$  must be integers.

*Ex. 1.* If  $a = 27$ , take  $v = 1$ , then  $z = 27$ ; and the squares are 196 and 169. Or  $z$  may be 9 and  $v = 3$ , and then the squares are 36 and 9.

2. If  $a = 12$ , take  $v = 2$ , and  $z = 6$ ; and the squares are 16 and 4.

*Examp. 3.* To find a sum of money in pounds and shillings, whose half is just its reverse.

*Note.* The reverse of a sum of money, as 8l. 12s. is 12l. 8s.

Let  $x$  be the pounds and  $y$  the shillings.

The sum required is  $20x + y$

Its reverse is  $20y + x$

$$\text{Therefore } \frac{20x + y}{2} = 20y + x$$

$$20x + y = 40y + 2x$$

$$18x = 39y$$

$$x : y :: (39 : 18 ::) 13 : 6$$

In this equation there are two unknown quantities; and, in general, any two numbers of which the proportion is that of 13 to 6 will agree to it.

But, from the nature of this question, 13 and 6 are the only two that can give the proper answer, viz. 13l. 6s. for its reverse 6l. 13s. is just its half.

The ratio of  $x$  and  $y$  is expressed in the lowest integral terms by 13 and 6; any other expression of it, as the next greater 26 and 12, will not satisfy the problem, as 12l. 26s. is not a proper notation of money in pounds and shillings.

C H A P. VII.

*Demonstration of Theorems by Algebra.*

ALGEBRA may be employed for the demonstration of theorems, with regard to all those quantities concerning which it may be used as an analysis; and from the general method of notation and reasoning, it possesses the same advantages in the one as in the other. The three first sections of this chapter contain some of the most simple properties of series which are of frequent use; and the last, miscellaneous examples of the properties of algebraical quantities and numbers.

I. *Of Arithmetical Series.*

*Def.* When a number of quantities increase or decrease by the same common difference, they form an arithmetical series.

Thus,  $a, a+b, a+2b, a+3b, \&c. x, x-b, x-2b, \&c.$

Also, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, &c. and 8, 6, 4, 2, &c.

*Prop.* In an arithmetical series, the sum of the first and

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and last terms is equal to the sum of any two intermediate terms equally distant from the extremes.

Let the first term be  $a$ , the last  $x$ , and  $b$  the common difference; then  $a+b$  will be the second, and  $x-b$  the last but one, &c.

Thus,  $a, a+b, a+2b, a+3b, a+4b, \&c.$   
 $x, x-b, x-2b, x-3b, x-4b, \&c.$

It is plain, that the terms in the same perpendicular rank are equally distant from the extremes; and that the sum of any two in it is  $a+x$ , the sum of the first and last.

Cor. 1. Hence the sum of all the terms of an arithmetical series is equal to the sum of the first and last, taken half as often as there are terms.

Therefore, if  $n$  be the number of terms, and  $s$  the sum of the series;  $s = \frac{a+x}{2} \times n$ . If  $a = 0$ , then  $s = \frac{nx}{2}$ .

Cor. 2. The same notation being understood, since any term in the series consists of  $a$ , the first term, together with  $b$  taken as often as the number of terms preceding it, it follows, that  $x = a + n-1 \times b$ , and hence  $s = \frac{2a + n-1 \times b \times n}{2}$ ; or by multiplication,  $s = \frac{2an + n^2 b - nb}{2}$ . Therefore from the first term, the common difference, and number of terms being given, the sum may be found.

Ex. Required the sum of 50 terms of the series 2, 4, 6, 8, &c.

$$s = \frac{2 \times 2 \times 50 + 50^2 \times 2 - 50 \times 2}{2} = \frac{5100}{2} = 2550$$

Cor. 3. Of the first term, common difference, sum and number of terms, any three being given, the fourth may be found by resolving the preceding equation;  $a, b, s$ , and  $n$ , being successively considered as the unknown quantity. In the three first cases the equation is simple, and in the last it is quadratic.

II. Of Geometrical Series.

Def. When a number of quantities increase by the same multiplier, or decrease by the same divisor, they form a geometrical series. This common multiplier or divisor is called the *common ratio*.

Thus,  $a, ar, ar^2, \&c.$   $a, \frac{a}{r}, \frac{a}{r^2}, \frac{a}{r^3}, \&c.$

1, 2, 4, 8, &c.

Prop. I. The product of the extremes in a geometrical series is equal to the product of any two terms, equally distant from the extremes.

Let  $a$  be the first term,  $y$  the last,  $r$  the common ratio: then the series is,

$$a, ar, ar^2, ar^3, ar^4, \&c.$$

$$y, \frac{y}{r}, \frac{y}{r^2}, \frac{y}{r^3}, \frac{y}{r^4}, \&c.$$

It is obvious, that any term in the upper rank is equally distant from the beginning as that below it

from the end; and the product of any two such is equal to  $ay$ , the product of the first and last.

Prop. II. The sum of a geometrical series wanting the first term, is equal to the sum of all but the last term multiplied by the common ratio.

For, assuming the preceding notation of a series, it is plain, that

$$ar + ar^2 + ar^3, \&c. \dots + \frac{y}{r^3} + \frac{y}{r^2} + \frac{y}{r} + y =$$


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$$= r \times a + ar + ar^2 \&c. \dots + \frac{y}{r^4} + \frac{y}{r^3} + \frac{y}{r^2} + \frac{y}{r}$$

Cor. 1. Therefore  $s$  being the sum of the series,

$$s - y \times r = s - a. \text{ And } s = \frac{yr - a}{r - 1}$$

Hence  $s$  can be found from  $a, y$ , and  $r$ ; and any three of the four being given, the fourth may be found.

Cor. 2. Since the exponent of  $r$  in any term is equal to the number of terms preceding it; hence in the last term its exponent will be  $n-1$ ; the last term, therefore,  $y = ar^{n-1}$ , and  $s = \frac{ar^n - a}{r - 1} = a \times \frac{r^n - 1}{r - 1}$ . Hence

of these four,  $s, a, r, n$ , any three being given, the fourth may be found by the solution of equations. If  $n$  is not a small number, the cases of this problem will be most conveniently resolved by logarithms; and of such solutions there are examples in the appendix to this part.

Cor. 3. If the series decreases, and the number of terms is infinite; then, according to this notation,  $a$  the least term will be 0, and  $s = \frac{yr}{r-1}$ , a finite sum.

Ex. Required the sum of the series 1,  $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \&c.$  to infinity.

Here  $y = 1$ , and  $r = 2$ . Therefore  $s = \frac{1 \times 2}{2 - 1} = 2$ .

What are called in arithmetic *repeating* and *circulating decimals*, are truly geometrical decreasing serieses, and therefore may be summed by this rule.

Thus  $.333, \&c. = \frac{3}{10} + \frac{3}{100} +, \&c.$  is a geometrical series in which  $y = \frac{3}{10}$  and  $r = 10$ ; therefore  $s = \frac{yr}{r-1}$ .

$$= \frac{3 \times 10}{10 \times 10 - 1} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Thus, also,  $.2424, \&c. = \frac{8}{33}$ , for here  $y = \frac{24}{100}$  and

$$r = 100; \text{ therefore } s = \frac{24 \times 100}{100 \times 100 - 1} = \frac{24}{99} = \frac{8}{33}$$

III. Of Infinite Series.

It was observed (Chap. I. and IV.), that in many cases, if the division and evolution of compound quantities be actually performed, the quotients and roots can only be expressed by a series of terms, which may be continued *ad infinitum*. By comparing a few of the first terms, the law of the progression of such a series,

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ties will frequently be discovered, by which it may be continued without any farther operation. When this cannot be done, the work is much facilitated by several methods; the chief of which is that by the binomial theorem.

**THEOREM.** Any binomial (as  $a+b$ ) may be raised to any power ( $m$ ) by the following rules.

1. From inspecting a table of the powers of a binomial obtained by multiplication, it appears that the terms without their coefficients are  $a^m, a^{m-1}b, a^{m-2}b^2, a^{m-3}b^3, \&c.$

2. The coefficients of these terms will be found by the following rule.

Divide the exponent of  $a$  in any term by the exponent of  $b$  increased by 1, and the quotient multiplied by the coefficient of that term will give the coefficient of the next following term.

This rule is found, upon trial in the table of powers, to hold univervally. The coefficient of the first terms is always 1, and by applying the general rule now proposed, the coefficients of the terms in order will be as follows:  $1, m, m \times \frac{m-1}{2}, m \times \frac{m-1}{2} \times \frac{m-2}{3}, \&c.$  They may be more conveniently expressed thus:  $1, Am, B \times \frac{m-1}{2}, C \times \frac{m-2}{3}, D \times \frac{m-3}{4}, \&c.$  the capitals denoting the preceding coefficient. Hence  $(a+b)^n = a^m + A m a^{m-1} b + B \times \frac{m-1}{2} a^{m-2} b^2 + C \times \frac{m-2}{3} a^{m-3} b^3, \&c.$  This is the celebrated binomial theorem. It is deduced here by induction only; but it may be rigidly demonstrated, though upon principles which do not belong to this place.

*Cor. 1.* As  $m$  may denote any number, integral or fractional, positive or negative; hence the division, involution, and evolution, of a binomial, may be performed by this theorem.

*Ex. 1.* Let  $m = \frac{1}{2}$ , then  $(a+b)^{\frac{1}{2}} = a^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{2} a^{-\frac{1}{2}} b + \frac{1}{2} \times -\frac{1}{4} \times a^{-\frac{3}{2}} b^2 +, \&c.$  This being applied to the extraction of the square root of  $a^2+x^2$  (by inserting  $a^2$  for  $a$  and  $x^2$  for  $b$ ), the same series results as formerly (Chap. IV.)

*Ex. 2.* If  $\frac{1}{1-r}$  is to be turned into an infinite series, since  $\frac{1}{1-r} = 1 \times \frac{1}{1-r} = 1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots$ , let  $a=1, b=-r$ , and  $m=-1$ ; and the same series will arise as was obtained by Division (Chap. I.).

In like manner  $\frac{r^2}{\sqrt{2rz-z^2}} (= r^2 \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2rz-z^2}})^{-\frac{1}{2}}$  may be expressed by an infinite series, by supposing  $a=2rz, b=-z^2$ , and  $m=-\frac{1}{2}$ , and then multiplying that series by  $r^2$ .

*Cor. 2.* This theorem is useful also in discovering the law of an infinite series produced by division or evolution. Thus, the series expressing the square root

or  $a^2+x^2$ , consists of  $a$  together with a series of fractions; in the numerators of which are the even powers of  $x$ , and in the denominators the odd powers of  $a$ . The numeral coefficients of the terms of the whole series, as deduced by the theorem, will be:  $1, +\frac{1}{2 \times 1},$

$-\frac{1 \times 1}{2.2 \times 1.2}, +\frac{1 \times 1.3}{2.2.2 \times 1.2.3}, -\frac{1 \times 1.3.5}{2.2.2.2 \times 1.2.3.4}, \&c.$  the point being used (as it often is) to express the product of the numbers between which it is placed. The law of continuation is obvious; and the series may be carried on to any number of terms, without using the theorem. Hence also the coefficient of the  $n$ th term is  $\frac{1 \times 1.3.5 \&c. \dots (n-2 \text{ terms})}{2^{n-1} \times 1.2.3.4 \&c. (n-1)}$ ; and it is  $+$  if  $n$  is an even number, and  $-$  if  $n$  is odd.

*Note.* If the binomial is  $a+b$ , the signs of the terms of any power are all positive; if it is  $a-b$ , the alternate terms are negative, beginning at the second. This theorem may be applied to quantities which consist of more than two parts, by supposing them distinguished into two, and then substituting for the powers of these compound parts their values, to be obtained also, if required, from the theorem. Thus,  $(a+b+c)^2 = a^2+b^2+c^2.$

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An infinite series may itself be multiplied or divided by another; it may be involved or evolved; and various other operations may be performed upon it which are necessary in the higher parts of algebra. The methods for finding the sum depend upon other principles.

IV. Properties of Numbers.

**THEOR. I.** The sum of two quantities multiplied by their difference is equal to the difference of their squares.

Let the quantities be represented by  $a$  and  $b$ , then  $a+b \times a-b = a^2-b^2$ , as appears by performing the operation.

*Cor.* If  $a$  and  $b$  be any two quantities of which the sum may be denoted by  $s$ , the difference by  $d$ , and their product by  $p$ , then the following propositions will be true.

- 1.  $a^2+b^2 = s^2 - 2p$
- 2.  $a^2-b^2 = sd$
- 3.  $a^3+b^3 = s^3 - 3ps$
- 4.  $a^3-b^3 = s^2 d - dp$
- 5.  $a^4+b^4 = s^4 - 4ps^2 + 2p^2$
- 6.  $a^4-b^4 = s^3 d - 2sdp, \&c.$

It is unnecessary to express these propositions in words, and the demonstrations are very easy, by raising  $a+b$  to certain powers, and making proper substitutions.

**THEOR. II.** The sum of any number of terms ( $n$ ) of the odd numbers 1, 3, 5, &c. beginning with 1, is equal to the square of that number ( $n$ ).

In the rule for summing an arithmetical series, let  $a=1, b=2$ , and  $n=n$ , and the sum of this series will be  $s = \frac{2an+n^2b-nb-2n^2}{2} = n^2$ . Q. E. D.

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**THEOR. III.** *The difference of any two square numbers is equal to the sum of the two roots, together with twice the sum of the numbers in the natural scale between the two roots.*

Let the one number be  $p$ , and the other  $p+n$ , the intermediate numbers are  $p+1, p+2 \dots \&c. p+n-1$ . The difference of the squares of the given numbers is  $2pa+n^2$ ; the sum of the two roots is  $2p+n$ , and twice the sum of the series  $p+1+p+2 \dots \&c. p+n-1$  is (by Cor. 1. 1st Sect. of this Chap.)  $2s = 2p+n \times n - 1$ , viz. the sum of the first and last multiplied by the number of terms, and it is plain that  $2p+n+2p+n \times n - 1 = 2pn+n^2$ . Therefore, &c.

*Lem. 1.* Let  $r$  be any number, and  $n$  any integer,  $r^n - 1$  is divisible by  $r - 1$ .

The quotient will be  $r^{n-1} + r^{n-2} \dots \&c.$  till the index of  $r$  be 0, and then the last term of it will be 1; for if this series be multiplied by the divisor  $r - 1$ , it will produce the dividend  $r^n - 1$ . It will appear also by performing the division, and inserting for  $n$  any number.

*Lem. 2.* Let  $r$  be any number, and  $n$  any integer odd number,  $r^n + 1$  is divisible by  $r + 1$ . Also, if  $n$  is any even number,  $r^n - 1$  is divisible by  $r + 1$ .

The quotient in both cases is  $r^{n-1} - r^{n-2} + r^{n-3} \dots \&c.$  till the exponent of  $r$  be 0, and the last term  $r^0 = 1$ . If this series consist of an odd number of terms, and be multiplied by  $r + 1$  the divisor, the product is  $r^n + 1$  the dividend. If the series consist of an even number of terms, the product is  $r^n - 1$ ; but it is plain that the number of terms will be odd only when  $n$  is odd, and even only when  $n$  is even. The conclusion will be manifest by performing the division.

*Lem. 3.* If  $r$  is the root of an arithmetical scale, any number in that scale may be represented in the following manner,  $a, b, c, \dots \&c.$  being the coefficients or digits,  $a+br+cr^2+dr^3+er^4, \dots \&c.$

**THEOR. IV.** *If from any number in the general scale now described, the sum of its digits be subtracted, the remainder is divisible by  $r - 1$ .*

The number is  $a+br+cr^2+dr^3, \dots \&c.$  and the sum of the digits is  $a+b+c+d, \dots \&c.$  Subtracting the latter from the former, the remainder is  $br-b+cr^2-c+dr^3-d, \dots \&c. = b \times r - 1 + c \times r^2 - 1 + d \times r^3 - 1, \dots \&c.$  But (by Lem. 1.)  $r^n - 1$  is divisible by  $r - 1$ , whatever integer number  $n$  may be, and therefore any multiple of  $r^n - 1$  is also divisible by  $r - 1$ : Hence each of the terms,  $b \times r - 1, c \times r^2 - 1, \dots \&c.$  is divisible by  $r - 1$ , and therefore the whole is divisible by  $r - 1$ .

*Cor. 1.* Any number, the sum of whose digits is divisible by  $r - 1$ , is itself divisible by  $r - 1$ . Let the number be called  $N$ , and the sum of the digits  $D$ ; then by this prop.  $N - D$  is divisible by  $r - 1$ , and  $D$  is supposed to be divisible by  $r - 1$ ; therefore it is plain that  $N$  must also be divisible by  $r - 1$ .

*Cor. 2.* Any number, the sum of whose digits is divisible by an aliquot part of  $r - 1$ , is also divisible by that aliquot part. For, let  $N$  and  $D$  denote as before; and since  $N - D$  (Theor. 4.) is divisible by  $r - 1$ , it is also divisible by an aliquot part of  $r - 1$ ; but  $D$  is divisible by an aliquot part of  $r - 1$ , therefore  $N$  is also divisible by that aliquot part.

*Cor. 3.* This theorem, with the corollaries, relates to any scale whatever. It includes therefore the well known property of 9 and of 3 its aliquot part, in the decimal scale; for, since  $r = 10, r - 1 = 9$ .

**THEOR. V.** *In any number, if from the sum of the coefficients of the odd powers of  $r$  the sum of the coefficients of the even powers be subtracted, and the remainder added to the number itself, the sum will be divisible by  $r + 1$ .*

In the number  $a+br+cr^2+dr^3+er^4+fr^5, \dots \&c.$  the sum of the coefficients of the odd powers of  $r$  is  $b+d+f, \dots \&c.$  the sum of the coefficients of the even powers of  $r$  is  $a+c+e, \dots \&c.$  If the latter sum be subtracted from the former, and the remainder added to the given number, it makes  $br+b+cr^2-c+dr^3+d+er^4-e+fr^5+f, \dots \&c. = b \times r + 1 + c \times r^2 - 1 + d \times r^3 + 1 + e \times r^4 - 1 + f \times r^5 + 1, \dots \&c.$  But (by Lem. 2.)  $r+1, r^2-1, r^3+1, \dots \&c.$  are each divisible by  $r+1$ , and therefore any multiples of them are also divisible by  $r+1$ , hence the whole number is divisible by  $r+1$ .

*Cor. 1.* If the difference of the sum of the even digits, and the sum of the odd digits of any number be divisible by  $r+1$ , the number itself is divisible by  $r+1$ .

Let the sum of the even digits (that is, the coefficients of the odd powers of  $r$ ) be  $D$ , the sum of the odd digits be  $d$ , and let the number be  $N$ . Then by the theorem  $N + D - d$  is divisible by  $r + 1$ , and it is supposed that  $D - d$  is divisible by  $r + 1$ ; therefore  $N$  is divisible by  $r + 1$ .

*Cor. 2.* In like manner, if  $D - d$  is divisible by an aliquot part of  $r + 1$ ,  $N$  will be divisible by that aliquot part.

*Cor. 3.* If a number want all the odd powers of  $r$ , or if it want all the even powers of  $r$ , and if the sum of its digits be divisible by  $r + 1$ , that number is divisible by  $r + 1$ .

*Cor. 4.* In the common scale  $r + 1 = 11$ , which therefore will have the properties mentioned in this theorem, and the corollaries. Thus, in the number 64834, the sum of the even digits is 7, the sum of the odd digits is 18, and the difference is 11, a number divisible by 11, the given number therefore (Cor. 1.) is divisible by 11. Thus also, the sum of the digits of 7040308 is divisible by 11, and therefore the number is divisible by 11. (Cor. 3.)

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These theorems relate to any scale whatever, and therefore the properties of  $r - 1$  in Theor. 4. would in a scale of eight belong to seven, and those in Theor. 5. to nine. If twelve was the root of the scale, the former properties would belong to eleven, and the latter to thirteen.

#### APPENDIX to PART I:

ALGEBRA may be employed in expressing the relations of magnitude in general, and in reasoning with regard to them. It may be used in deducing not only the relations of number, but also those of extension, and hence those of every species of quantity expressible by numbers or extended magnitudes. In this appendix are mentioned some examples of its application to other parts of mathematics, to physics, and to the

Application to Geometry. the practical calculations of business. The principles and suppositions peculiar to these subjects, which are necessary in directing both the algebraical operations, and the conclusions to be drawn from them, are here assumed as just and proper.

### I. Application of Algebra to Geometry.

Algebra has been successfully applied to almost every branch of mathematics; and the principles of these branches are often advantageously introduced into algebraical calculations.

The application of it to *geometry* has been the source of great improvement in both these sciences; on account of its extent and importance it is here omitted, and the principles of it are more particularly explained in the third part of these elements.

In this place shall be given an example of the use of logarithms in resolving certain algebraical questions.

*Note.* When logarithms are used, let (*l.*) denote the logarithm of any quantity before which it is placed.

*Ex.* To find the number of terms of a geometrical series, of which the sum is 511, the first term 1, and the common ratio 2.

From sect. 2. chap. 6. it appears that  $s = \frac{ar^n - a}{r - 1}$ , and in this problem, *s*, *r*, and *a* are given, and *n* is to be found. By reducing the equation  $r^n = \frac{s \times r - 1 + a}{a}$  and from the known property of logarithms  $n + l.r = l.s \times r - 1 + a - l.a$ , and  $n = \frac{l.s \times r - 1 + a - l.a}{l.r}$ . But

here  $s = 511$ ,  $a = 1$ ,  $r = 2$ , and  $n = \frac{l.512}{l.2} =$

$$\frac{2.7092700}{0.3010300} = 9.$$

In like manner may any such equation be resolved, when the only unknown quantity is an exponent, and when it is the exponent only of one quantity.

*Ex. 2.* An equation of the following quadratic form  $a^2 - 2bx = c$  may be resolved by logarithms. If, by scholium of Chap. V.  $ax = b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - c}$ . And then *x* is discovered in the same manner as in the preceding example. Thus, let  $a = 2$ ,  $b = 10$ , and  $c = 96$  and the equation  $2x - 20 \times 2x = -96$ . If,  $2x = 10 \pm \sqrt{4} = 12$  or 8. If  $2x = 8$  then  $x = \frac{l.8}{l.2} = 3$  and  $2^6 - 20 \times 2^3 = -96$  is a true equation. If  $2x = 12$ , then  $x = \frac{l.12}{l.2} = \frac{l.0791812}{0.3010300} = 3.5849$ , and this number being inserted for *x* in the given equation, by means of logarithms, will answer the conditions.

*Ex. 3.* The sum of 2000l. has been out at interest for a certain time, and 500l. has been at interest double of that time, the whole arrear now due reckoning 4 per cent. compound interest, is 6000l. What were the times?

By the rules in the third part of this appendix for compound interest, it is plain that if  $R = 1.04$ , and the time at which the 2000l. is at interest be *x*, the arrear of it will be  $2000 \times R^x$ . The arrear of the 500l. is  $500 \times R^{2x}$ , hence  $500 \times R^{2x} + 2000 \times R^x = 6000$ . This

resolved gives  $R^x = 2$  and  $x = \frac{l.2}{l.R} = 17.67+$ , nearly, that is, 17 years and 8 months nearly, and the double is 35 years and 4 months; which answer the conditions. Application to Physics.

### II. Application of Algebra to Physics.

Physical quantities which can be divided into parts, that have proportions to each other, the same as the proportions of lines to lines, or of numbers to numbers, may be expressed by lines and numbers, and therefore by algebraical quantities. Hence these mathematical notations may be considered as the measures of such physical quantities; they may be reasoned upon according to the principles of algebra, and from such reasonings, new relations of the quantities which they represent may be discovered.

In those branches of natural philosophy, therefore, in which the circumstances of the phenomena can be properly expressed by numbers, or geometrical magnitudes, algebra may be employed, both in promoting the investigation of physical laws by experience, and also in deducing the necessary consequences of laws investigated and presumed to be just.

It is to be observed likewise, that if various hypotheses be assumed concerning physical quantities, without regard to what takes place in nature, their consequences may be demonstratively deduced, and thus a science may be established, which may be properly called *mathematical*. The use of algebra in this science, which is sometimes called *Theoretical Mechanics*, is obvious from the principles already laid down.

In conducting these inquiries, it is to be observed, that, for the sake of brevity, the language of algebraical operations is often used with regard to physical quantities themselves; though it is always to be understood, that, in strict propriety, it can be applied only to the mathematical notations of these quantities.

Before illustrating this application of algebra by examples, it may be proper to explain a method of stating the proportion of variable quantities, and reasoning with regard to it, which is of general use in natural philosophy.

#### I. Of the Proportion of variable Quantities.

Mathematical quantities are often so connected, that when the magnitude of one is varied, the magnitudes of the others are varied, according to a determined rule. Thus, if two straight lines, given in position, intersect each other; and, if a straight line, cutting both, moves parallel to itself, the two segments of the given lines between their intersection and the moving line, however varied, will always have the same proportion. Thus also, if an ordinate to the diameter of a parabola move parallel to itself, the absciss will be increased or diminished in proportion as the square of the ordinate is increased or diminished.

In like manner may algebraical quantities be connected. If *x*, *y*, *z*, &c. represent any variable quantities, while *a*, *b*, *c*, represent such as are constant or invariable, then an equation containing two or more variable quantities, with any number of constant quantities, will exhibit a relation of variable quantities, similar to those already mentioned. Thus, if  $ax = by$ , then  $x : y :: b : a$ , that is, *x* has a constant proportion to *y*, in

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Definitions.

Let there be any number of variable quantities,  $X, Y, Z, V$ , &c. connected in such a manner, that when  $X$  becomes  $x, Y, Z, V$ , &c. become respectively  $y, z, v$ , &c. And let  $a, b, c$ , &c. represent any constant quantities, whether given or unknown. Then

1. If two variable quantities  $X$  and  $Y$  are so connected, that whatever be the values of  $x$  and  $y, X : x :: Y : y$ , this proportion is expressed thus,  $X = Y$ , and  $X$  is said to be *directly as*  $Y$ , or shortly,  $X$  is said to be *as*  $Y$ .

2. If two variable quantities  $X$  and  $Y$  are so connected, that  $X : x :: y : Y$ , or  $X : x :: \frac{1}{Y} : \frac{1}{y}$ , their relation is thus expressed,  $X = \frac{1}{Y}$ ; and  $X$  is said to be *inversely*, or *reciprocally as*  $Y$ .

3. If  $X, Y, Z$ , are three variable quantities, so connected that  $X : x :: YZ : yz$ , their relation is so expressed,  $X = YZ$ , and  $X$  is said to be *directly as*  $Y$  and  $Z$ , *jointly*; or  $X$  is said to be *as*  $Y$  and  $Z$ .

4. If any number of variable quantities as  $X, Y, Z, V$ , &c. are so connected, that  $XY : xy :: \frac{YZ}{V} : \frac{yz}{v}$ ; then  $XY = \frac{YZ}{V}$ , and  $XY$  is said to be *directly as*  $YZ$ , and *inversely as*  $V$ , or more explicitly  $X$  and  $Y$  *jointly*, are *directly as*  $Y$  and  $Z$  *jointly*, and *inversely as*  $V$ .

In like manner are other combinations of variable qualities denoted and expressed.

It is to be observed also, the same definitions take place, when the variable quantities are multiplied or divided by any constant quantities. Thus, if  $aX : ax :: \frac{b}{Y} : \frac{b}{y}$  then  $aX = \frac{b}{Y}$ , &c.

5. Let the preceding notation of proportion be called a *proportional equation* (A), the equations formerly treated of being in this place, for the sake of distinction, called *absolute*.

Cor. Every absolute equation, containing more than one variable quantity, may be considered as a proportional equation; and in a proportional equation, if at any particular corresponding values of the variable quantities, the equation becomes absolute, it will be universally absolute.

Prop. 1. If one side of a proportional equation be either multiplied or divided by any constant quantity, it will continue to be true. Thus, if  $X = \frac{1}{Y}$ , then

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$X = \frac{a^2}{bY}$ . For since  $X = \frac{1}{Y}$  (Def. 3.)  $X : x :: \frac{1}{Y} : \frac{1}{y}$ , it follows, (Chap. II.) that  $X : x :: \frac{a^2}{bY} : \frac{a^2}{by}$ , therefore,

(Def. 4.)  $X = \frac{a^2}{bY}$ .

Prop. 2. If the two sides of a proportional equation be both multiplied, or both divided by the same quantity, it will continue to be true.

1<sup>st</sup>. If the quantity be constant, it is manifest from Prop. 1.

2<sup>d</sup>. If the quantity be variable, let  $X = Y$ , and  $Z$  a variable quantity, then  $XZ = YZ$ . For, since  $X = Y$ , (Def. 2.)  $X : x :: Y : y$ ; multiply the antecedents by  $Z$ , and the consequents by  $z$ , then  $XZ : xz :: YZ : yz$ , therefore (Def. 5.)  $XZ = YZ$ . In like manner, if  $X = Y, \frac{X}{Z} = \frac{Y}{Z}$ .

Cor. Any variable quantity, which is a factor of one side of a proportional equation, may be made to stand alone. Thus, if  $XY = \frac{Z}{V}$ , then  $X = \frac{Z}{VY}$ ; also,  $Z =$

$XYV$ ; and  $Y = \frac{Z}{XV}$ , and also  $V = \frac{Z}{XY}$ , &c. Hence, also, if one side of a proportional equation be divided by the other, the quotient is a constant quantity, viz. 1.

Prop. 3. If two proportional equations have a common side, the remaining two sides will form a proportional equation. Also, that common side will be *as* the sum or difference of the other two.

Thus, if  $X = Y$ , and  $Y = Z$ , then  $X = Z$ . For  $X : x :: Y : y$ , and  $Y : y :: Z : z$ , therefore multiplying these ratios,  $XY : xy :: YZ : yz$ , and by dividing antecedents and consequents,  $X : x :: Z : z$ , therefore (Def. 2.)  $X = z$ .

Likewise, if  $X = Y$ , and  $Y = Z, Y = X - Z$ . For since  $X : x :: Y : y :: Z : z$ . (Chap. II.)  $Y : y :: X - Z : x - z$ , therefore (Def. 5.)  $Y = X - Z$ .

Cor. Hence, one side of a proportional equation will be *as* the sum, or *as* the difference of the two sides; and the sum of the two sides will be *as* their difference. Thus, if  $X = Y + Z$ , then  $X = X + Y + Z$  and  $X = X - Y - Z$ , and also  $X + Y + Z = X - Y - Z$ .

Prop. 4. If the two sides of a proportional equation be respectively multiplied or divided by the two sides of any other proportional equation, the products or quotients will form a proportional equation.

Thus, if  $X = Y$ , and  $Z = V$ , then  $XZ = YV$ . For since  $X : x :: Y : y$ , and  $Z : z :: V : v$ , by multiplying these proportions (Chap. I. II.)  $XZ : xz :: YV : yv$ , therefore (Def. 5.)  $XZ = YV$ . In like manner in the case of division.

Cor. 1. The two sides of a proportional equation may be raised to any power, or any root may be extracted out of both, and the equation will continue to be true.

Thus, if  $X = Y$ , then  $X^m = Y^m$ ; for since  $X = Y, X : x$

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X : x

(A) These terms are used only with a view to give more precision to the ideas of beginners. In order to avoid the ambiguity in the meaning of the sign =, some writers employ the character  $\propto$ , to denote constant proportion; but this is seldom necessary, as the quantities compared are generally of different kinds, and the relation expressed is sufficiently obvious. See Emerson's Mathematics, vol. I.

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$X:x::Y:y$ , and therefore  $X^m:x^m::Y^m:y^m$ ; therefore  $X^m=Y^m$ . And, if  $X=Y$ , also  $X^m=Y^m$ .

*Cor. 2.* If two proportional equations have a common side, that side will be as the square root of the product of the other two. Thus if  $X=Y$ , and  $Y=Z$ , by this Prop.  $Y^2=XZ$ , and (Cor. 1.)  $Y=\sqrt{XZ}$ . Hence also, in this case,  $\sqrt{XZ}=X=Z$ ; for (Prop. 3.)  $Y=X=Z$ .

*Cor. 3.* If one side of a proportional equation be a factor of a side of another proportional equation, the remaining side of the former may be inserted in the latter, in place of that factor. Thus, if  $X=ZY$ , and  $Z=\frac{1}{V}$ , then  $X=\frac{Y}{V}$ , as appears by multiplying the two equations, and dividing by  $Z$ .

*Prop. 5.* Any proportional equation may be made absolute, by multiplying one side by a constant quantity.

Thus, if  $X=Y$ , then let two particular corresponding values of these variable quantities be assumed as constant, and let them be  $a$  and  $b$ , then  $X:a::Y:b$ , and  $Xb=aY$ , or  $X=Y\times\frac{a}{b}$ , an absolute equation.

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1. If there be two variable physical qualities, either of the same, or of different kinds, which are so connected, that when the one is increased or diminished, the other is increased or diminished in the same proportion; or, if the magnitudes of the one, in any two situations, have the same ratio to each other, as the magnitudes of the other in the corresponding situations, the relation of the mathematical measure of these quantities may be expressed by a proportional equation, according to Def. 1.

2. If two variable physical quantities be so connected, that the one increases in the same proportion as the other is diminished, and conversely; or, if the magnitudes of the one, in any two situations, be reciprocally proportional to the magnitudes of the other, in the corresponding situations, the relation of their measures may be expressed by a proportional equation, according to Def. 2.

3. If three variable physical quantities are so connected, that one of them is increased or diminished, in proportion as both the others are increased or diminished; or, if the magnitudes of one of them, in any two situations, have a ratio which is compounded of the ratios of the magnitudes of the other two, in the corresponding situations, the relation of the measures of these three may be expressed by a proportional equation, according to Def. 3.

4. In like manner may the relations of other combinations of physical quantities be expressed according to Def. 4. And when these proportional equations are obtained, by reasoning with regard to them, according to the preceding propositions, new relations of the physical quantities may be deduced.

#### 2. Examples of Physical Problems.

The use of algebra, in natural philosophy, may be properly illustrated by some examples of physical problems. The solution of such problems must be derived from known physical laws, which, though ultimately

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founded on experience, are here assumed as principles, and reasoned upon mathematically. The experiments by which the principles are ascertained admit of various degrees of accuracy; and on the degree of physical accuracy in the principles will depend the physical accuracy of the conclusions mathematically deduced from them. If the principles are inaccurate, the conclusions must, in like manner, be inaccurate; and if the limits of inaccuracy in the principles can be ascertained, the corresponding limits, in the conclusions derived from them, may likewise be calculated.

*Examp. 1.* Let a glass tube, 30 inches ( $a$ ) long, be filled with mercury, excepting 8 inches ( $b$ ); and let it be inverted as in the Toricellian experiment, so that the 8 inches of common air may rise to the top: It is required to find at what height the mercury will remain suspended, the mercury in the barometer being at that time 28 inches ( $d$ ) high.

The solution of this problem depends upon the following principles:

1. The pressure of the atmosphere is measured by the column of mercury in the barometer; and the elastic force of the air, in its natural state, which resists this pressure, is therefore measured by the same column.

2. In different states, the elastic force of the air is reciprocally as the spaces which it occupies.

3. In this experiment, the mercury which remains suspended in the tube, together with the elastic force of the air in the top of it, being a counterbalance to the pressure of the atmosphere, may therefore be expressed by the column of mercury in the barometer.

Let the mercury in the tube be  $x$  inches, the air in the top of it occupies now the space  $a-x$ ; it occupied formerly  $b$  inches, and its elastic force was  $d$  inches of mercury: Now, therefore, the force must be  $(a-x:b::d)$   $\frac{bd}{a-x}$  inches. (2.) Therefore (3.)  $x + \frac{bd}{a-x} = d$ .

This reduced, and putting  $a+d=2m$  the equation is  $x^2 - 2mx = bd - ad$ .

This resolved gives  $x = m \pm \sqrt{m^2 + bd - ad}$ .

In numbers - - -  $x = 44$  or  $14$ .

One of the roots 44 is plainly excluded in this case, and the other, 14, is the true answer. If the column of mercury  $x$ , suspended in the tube, were a counterbalance to the pressure of the atmosphere, expressed by the height of the barometer  $d$ , together with the measure of the elastic force of  $b$  inches of common air in the space  $x-a$ , that is, if  $x = d + \frac{bd}{x-a}$ , or  $x - \frac{bd}{x-a} =$

$d$ , the equation will be the same as before, and the root 44 would be the true answer. But the experiment in this question does not admit of such a supposition.

*Examp. 2.* The distance of the earth and moon ( $d$ ), and their quantities of matter ( $t, l$ ), being given, to find the point of equal attraction between them.

Let the distance of the point from the earth be  $x$ : Its distance from the moon will be therefore  $d-x$ . But gravitation is as the matter directly, and as the square of the distance inversely; therefore the earth's attraction is as  $\frac{t}{x^2}$ ; and the moon's attraction is as  $\frac{l}{(d-x)^2}$ . But these are here equal; therefore,



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$$\frac{t}{x^2} = \frac{l}{d-x} \text{ and } \frac{\sqrt{t}}{x} = \frac{\sqrt{l}}{d-x}$$

Notation.

In the following theorems let  $p$  denote any principal sum of which 1 l. is the unit,  $t$  the time during which it bears interest, of which one year shall be the unit,  $r$  the rate of interest of 1 l. for one year, and let  $s$  be the amount of the principal sum  $p$  with its interest for the time  $t$  at the rate  $r$ .

This equation reduced gives  $x = \frac{d\sqrt{t}}{\sqrt{t} + \sqrt{l}}$

Or mult. numerator and denominator by  $\sqrt{t} - \sqrt{l}$  }  $x = \frac{dt - d\sqrt{tl}}{t - l}$

In round numbers, let  $d = 60$  femidiameters of the earth,  $t = 40$ ,  $l = 1$ , then  $x = 52$  femidiameters nearly. There is another point beyond the moon at which the attractions are equal, and it would be found by putting the square root of  $(d-x)^2$  to be  $x-d$ , which in this case, would be a positive quantity; and then  $x = \frac{dt + d\sqrt{tl}}{t - l} = 72$  nearly. If the quantities had been multiplied before extracting the square roots, the affected quadratic would have given the same two roots.

*Examp. 3.* Let a stone be dropt into an empty pit; and let the time from the dropping of it to the hearing the sound from the bottom be given: To find the depth of the pit.

Let the given time be  $a$ ; let the fall of a heavy body in the 1st second of time (16. 122 feet) be  $b$ ; also, let the motion of sound in a second (1142 feet) be  $c$ .

Let the time of the stone's fall be	-	$11x$
The time in which the sound of it moves to the top is	-	$2a - x$
The descent of a falling body is as the square of the time, therefore the depth of the pit is ( $1^2 : x^2 :: b :$ )	-	$3bx^2$
The depth from the motion of sound is also	-	$4ca - cx$
Therefore 3 and 4	-	$5bx^2 = ca - cx$

This equation being resolved, gives the value of  $x$ , and from it may be got  $bx^2$  or  $ca - cx$ , the depth of the pit.

If the time is 10'', then  $x = 8.885$  nearly, and the depth is 1273 feet.

There are several circumstances in this problem which render the conclusion inaccurate.

1. The value of  $c$  and  $b$ , on which the solution is founded, are derived from experiments, which are subject to considerable inaccuracies.

2. The resistance of the air has a great effect in regarding the descent of heavy bodies, when the velocity becomes so great as is supposed in this question; and this circumstance is not regarded in the solution.

3. A small error, in making the experiment to which this question relates, produces a great error in the conclusion. This circumstance is particularly to be attended to in all physical problems; and, in the present case, without noticing the preceding imperfections, an error of half a second, in estimating the time, makes an error of above 100 feet in the expression of the depth of the pit.

### III. Of Interest and Annuities.

The application of algebra to the calculation of interests and annuities, will furnish proper examples of its use in business. Algebra cannot determine the propriety or justice of the common suppositions on which these calculations are founded, but only the necessary conclusions resulting from them.

### I. Of Simple Interest.

$s = p + ptr$ , and of these four,  $s, p, t, r$ , any three being given, the fourth may be found by resolving a simple equation.

The foundation of the canon is very obvious; for the interest of 1 l. in one year is  $r$ , for  $t$  years it is  $tr$ , and for  $p$  pounds it is  $ptr$ ; the whole amount of principal and interest must therefore be  $p + ptr = s$ .

### II. Of Compound Interest.

When the simple interest at the end of every year is supposed to be joined to the principal sum, and both to bear interest for the following year, money is said to bear compound interest. The same notation being used, let  $1+r = R$ . Then  $s = pR^t$ .

For the simple interest of 1 l. in a year is  $r$ , and the new principal sum thereof which bears interest during the second year is  $(1+r) = R$ ; the interest of  $R$  for a year is  $rR$ , and the amount of principal and interest at the end of the 2d year, is  $R + rR = R \times 1 + r = R^2$ . In like manner, at the end of the 3d year it is  $R^3$ , and at the end of  $t$  years it is  $R^t$ , and for the sum  $p$  it is  $pR^t = s$ .

*Cor. 1.* Of these four  $p, R, t, s$ , any three being given the 4th may be found. When  $t$  is not very small, the solution will be obtained most conveniently by logarithms. When  $R$  is known  $r$  may be found, and conversely.

*Ex.* If 500 l. has been at interest for 21 years, the whole arrear due, reckoning  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. compound interest, is 1260. 12 l. or 1260 l. 2s. 5d. In this case  $p = 500$ ,  $R = 1.045$  and  $t = 21$  and  $s = 1260.12$ , and any one of these may be derived by the theorem from the others being known. Thus, to find  $s$ ;  $1. R^t = t \times 1. R = 21 \times 0.0191163 = 0.4014423$ ; therefore  $R^t = 2.520242$  and  $s = (pR^t) = 500 \times 2.520242 = 1260.121$ .

*Cor. 2.* The present worth of a sum ( $s$ ) in reversion that is payable after a certain time  $t$  is found thus. Let the present worth be  $x$ , then this money improved by compound interest during  $t$  produces  $xR^t$ , which must be equal to  $s$ , and if  $xR^t = s$ ,  $x = \frac{s}{R^t}$ .

*Cor. 3.* The time in which a sum is doubled at compound interest will be found thus.  $pR^t = 2p$  and  $R^t = 2$  and  $t = \frac{l. 2}{l. R}$ ; thus, if the rate is 5 per cent.  $r = .05$  and

$$\frac{l. 2}{l. 1.05} = \frac{0.3010300}{0.0211893} = 14.2066, \text{ that is } 14 \text{ years and } 75 \text{ days nearly.}$$

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Many other suppositions might be made with regard to the improvement of money by compound interest. The interest might be supposed to be joined to the capital, and along with it to bear interest at the end of

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every month, at the end of every day, or even at the end of every instant, and suitable calculations might be formed; but these suppositions, being seldom used in practice, are omitted.

## III. Of Annuities.

An annuity is a payment made annually for a certain term of years, and the chief problem with regard to it is, 'to determine its present worth.' The supposition on which the solution proceeds is, that the money received by the seller, being improved by him in a certain manner during the continuance of the annuity, amounts to the same sum as the several payments received by the purchaser, improved in the same manner. The suppositions with regard to the improvement may be various. What is called the *method of simple interest*, in which simple interest only is reckoned upon the purchase-money, and simple interest on each annuity from the time of payment, is so manifestly unequitable, as to be universally rejected; and the supposition which is now generally admitted in practice, is the highest improvement possible on both sides, viz. by compound interest. As the taking compound interest is prohibited by law, the realizing of this supposed improvement requires punctual payment of interest, and therefore the interest in such calculations is usually made low. Even with this advantage, it can hardly be rendered effectual in its full extent; it is however universally acquiesced in, as the most proper foundation of general rules; and when peculiar circumstances require any different hypothesis, a suitable calculation may be made.

Let then the annuity be called  $a$ , and let  $p$  be the present worth of it or purchase-money,  $t$  the time of its continuance, and let the other letters denote as formerly.

The seller, by improving the price received  $p$ , at compound interest, at the time the annuity ceases, has  $pR^t$ .

The purchaser is supposed to receive the first annuity  $a$  at the end of the first year, which is improved by him for  $t-1$  years; it becomes therefore (Th. 2.)  $aR^{t-1}$ .

He receives the 2d annuity at the end of the 2d year, and when improved  $t-2$ , it becomes  $aR^{t-2}$ .

The third annuity becomes  $aR^{t-3}$ , &c.

The last annuity is simply  $a$ , therefore the whole amount of the improved annuities is the geometrical series  $a+aR+aR^2$ , &c. . .  $aR^{t-1}$ . The sum of this series, by Chap. VI. Sect. 2. is  $a \times \frac{R^t-1}{R-1} = a \times \frac{R^t-1}{r}$ .

But, from the nature of the problem,  $pR^t = a \times \frac{R^t-1}{r}$ ,

$$\text{and hence } p = a \times \frac{R^t-1}{rR^t} = a \times \left(1 - \frac{1}{R^t}\right)$$

The same conclusion results from calculating the present worth of the several annuities, considered as sums payable in reversion.

Cor. 1. Of these four  $p$ ,  $a$ ,  $R$ ,  $t$ , any three being given, the fourth may be found, by the solution of equations;  $t$  is found easily by logarithms,  $R$  or  $r$  can be

found only by resolving an affected equation of the  $t$  order.

Cor. 2. If an annuity has been unpaid for the term  $t$ , the arrear, reckoning compound interest, will be  $a \times \frac{R^t-1}{r}$ .

Cor. 3. The present worth of an annuity in reversion, that is to commence after a certain time ( $n$ ), and then to continue  $t$  years, is found by subtracting the present worth for  $n$  years from the present worth for  $n+t$  years, and then

$$p = a \times \frac{R^t-1}{rR^t} = a \times \left(1 - \frac{1}{R^t}\right)$$

Also of  $R$ ,  $t$ ,  $n$ ,  $a$ ,  $p$ , any four being given, the fifth may be found.

Cor. 4. If the annuity is to continue for ever, then  $R^t-1$  and  $R^t$  may be considered as the same; and  $p = a \times \frac{R^t-1}{rR^t} = \frac{a}{r}$ .

Cor. 5. A perpetuity in reversion (by Cor. 3.) since  $R^t-1 = R^t$ ; is  $p = \frac{a}{rR^n}$ .

Prob. When 12 years of a lease of 21 were expired, a renewal for the same term was granted for 1000l.; 8 years are now expired, and for what sum must a corresponding renewal be made, reckoning 5 per cent. compound interest?

From the first transaction the yearly profit rent must be deduced; and from this the proper fine in the second may be computed.

In the first bargain an annuity in reversion for 12 years, to commence 9 years hence, was sold for 1000l. the annuity will therefore be found by Cor. 3. in which all the quantities are given, but  $a = p \times \frac{rR^n}{1 - \frac{1}{R^t}}$ .

$$1 - \frac{1}{R^t}$$

and by inserting numbers, viz.  $p = 1000$ ,  $t = 12$ ,  $n = 9$ ,  $r = .05$ , and  $R = 1.05$ ; and working by logarithms  $a = 175.029 = 175l. - 7d.$

Next, having found  $a$ , the second renewal is made by finding the present worth of the annuity  $a$  in reversion, to commence 13 years hence, and to last 8 years. In the canon (Cor. 3.) insert for  $a$  175.029, and let  $t = 8$ ,  $n = 13$ , and  $r = .05$  as before,  $p = 599.93 = 609l. 18s. 6\frac{1}{2}d.$  The fine required.

As these computations often become troublesome, and are of frequent use, all the common cases are calculated in tables, from which the value of any annuity, for any time, at any interest, may easily be found.

It is to be observed also, that the preceding rules are computed on the supposition of the annuities being paid yearly; and therefore, if they be supposed to be paid half yearly, or quarterly, the conclusions will be somewhat different, but they may be easily calculated on the preceding principles.

The calculations of life annuities, depend partly upon the principles now explained, and partly on physical principles, from the probable duration of human life, as deduced from bills of mortality.

## P A R T II.

## Of the General Properties and Resolutions of EQUATIONS of all Orders.

## C H A P. I.

*Of the Origin and Composition of Equations; and of the Signs and Coefficients of their Terms.*

**I**N order to resolve the higher orders of equations, and to investigate their general affections, it is proper first to consider their origin from the combination of inferior equations.

As it would be impossible to exhibit particular rules for the solution of every order of equations, their number being indefinite; there is a necessity of deducing rules from their general properties, which may be equally applicable to all.

In the application of algebra to certain subjects, and especially to geometry, there may be an opposition in the quantities, analogous to that of addition and subtraction, which may therefore be expressed by the signs + and -. Hence these signs may be understood by abstraction, to denote contrariety in general; and therefore, in this method of treating of equations, negative roots are admitted as well as positive. In many cases the negative will have a proper and determinate meaning; and when the equation relates to magnitude only, where contrariety cannot be supposed to exist, these roots are neglected, as in the case of quadratic equations formerly explained. There is besides this advantage in admitting negative roots, that both the properties of equations from which their resolution is obtained, and also those which are useful in the many extensive applications of algebra, become more simple and general, and are more easily deduced.

In this general method, all the terms of any equation are brought to one side, and the equation is expressed by making them equal to 0. Therefore, if a root of the equation be inserted instead of ( $x$ ) the unknown quantity, the positive terms will be equal to the negative, and the whole must be equal to 0.

*Def.* When any equation is put into this form, the term in which ( $x$ ) the unknown quantity is of the highest power, is called the *First*; that in which the index of  $x$  is less by 1, is the *Second*, and so on, till the last into which the unknown quantity does not enter, and which is called the *Absolute* term.

*Prop. I.* If any number of equations be multiplied together, an equation will be produced, of which the dimension ( $A$ ) is equal to the sum of the dimensions of the equations multiplied.

If any number of simple equations be multiplied together, as  $x - a = 0$ ,  $x - b = 0$ ,  $x - c = 0$ , &c. it is obvious that the product will be an equation of a dimen-

sion, containing as many units as there are simple equations. In like manner, if higher equations are multiplied together, as a cubic and a quadratic, one of the fifth order is produced, and so on.

*Conversely.* An equation of any dimension is considered as compounded either of simple equations, or of others, such that the sum of their dimensions is equal to the dimension of the given one. By the resolution of equations, these inferior equations are discovered, and by investigating the component simple equations, the roots of any higher equation are found.

*Cor. 1.* Any equation admits of as many solutions, or has as many roots as there are simple equations which compose it, that is, as there are units in the dimension of it.

*Cor. 2.* And conversely, no equation can have more roots than the units in its dimension.

*Cor. 3.* Imaginary or impossible roots must enter an equation by pairs; for they arise from quadratics, in which both the roots are such.

Hence also, an equation of an even dimension may have all its roots, or any even number of them impossible, but an equation of an odd dimension must at least have one possible root.

*Cor. 4.* The roots are either positive or negative, according as the roots of the simple equations, from which they are produced, are positive or negative.

*Cor. 5.* When one root of an equation is discovered, one of the simple equations is found, from which the given one is compounded. The given equation, therefore, being divided by this simple equation, will give an equation of a dimension lower by 1. Thus any equation may be depressed as many degrees as there are roots found by any method whatever.

*Prop. II.* To explain the general properties of the signs and coefficients of the terms of an equation.

Let  $x - a = 0$ ,  $x - b = 0$ ,  $x - c = 0$ ,  $x - d = 0$ , &c. be simple equations, of which the roots are any positive quantities  $+a$ ,  $+b$ ,  $+c$ ,  $+d$ , &c. and let  $x + m = 0$ ,  $x + n = 0$ , &c. be simple equations, of which the roots are any negative quantities  $-m$ ,  $-n$ , &c. and let any number of these equations be multiplied together, as in the following table :

$$\begin{array}{r} x - a = 0 \\ \times x - b = 0 \\ \hline = x^2 - ax \\ \quad - bx + ab \\ \times x - c = 0 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{r} x - a = 0 \\ \times x - b = 0 \\ \hline = x^2 - ax \\ \quad - bx + ab \\ \times x - c = 0 \\ \hline \end{array}} \right\} = 0, \text{ a Quadratic.}$$

(A) The word *dimension*, in this treatise is used in senses some what different, but so as not to create any ambiguity. In this chapter it means either the order of an equation, or the number denoting that order, which was formerly defined to be the highest exponent of the unknown quantity in any term of the equation.

Of Equations.  $\left. \begin{array}{l} =x^3 - a \\ -b \\ -c \end{array} \right\} \times x^2 + ac \left. \begin{array}{l} +ab \\ +bc \end{array} \right\} \times x - abc = 0, \text{ a Cubic.}$   
 $\times x + m = 0$

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$\left. \begin{array}{l} =x^4 - a \\ -b \\ -c \\ +m \end{array} \right\} \times x^3 \left. \begin{array}{l} +ab \\ +ac \\ +bc \\ -am \\ -bm \\ -cm \end{array} \right\} \times x^2 \left. \begin{array}{l} -abc \\ +abm \\ +acm \\ +bcm \end{array} \right\} \times x - abcm = 0, \text{ a Biquadratic.}$   
 &c.

From this table it is plain,

1. That in a complete equation the number of terms is always greater by unit than the dimension of the equation.

2. The coefficient of the first term is 1.

The coefficient of the second term is the sum of all the roots ( $a, b, c, m$ , &c. with their signs changed.

The coefficient of the third term is the sum of all the products that can be made by multiplying any two of the roots together.

The coefficient of the fourth term is the sum of all the products which can be made by multiplying together any three of the roots with their signs changed; and so of others.

The last term is the product of all the roots, with their signs changed.

3. From induction it appears, that in any equation (the terms being regularly arranged as in the preceding example) there are as many positive roots as there are changes in the signs of the terms from + to -, and from - to +; and the remaining roots are negative. The rule also may be demonstrated.

*Note.* The impossible roots in this rule are supposed to be either positive or negative.

In this example of a numeral equation  $x^4 - 10x^3 + 35x^2 - 50x + 24 = 0$ , the roots are, +1, +2, +3, +4, and the preceding observations with regard to the signs and coefficients take place.

*Cor.* If a term of an equation is wanting, the positive and negative parts of its coefficient must then be equal. If there is no absolute term, then some of the roots must be = 0, and the equation may be depressed by dividing all the terms by the lowest power of the unknown quantity in any of them. In this case also,  $x = 0 = 0$ ,  $x = 0 = 0$ , &c. may be considered as so many of the component simple equations, by which the given equation being divided, it will be depressed so many degrees.

C H A P. II.

Of the Transformation of Equations.

THERE are certain transformations of Equations necessary towards their solution; and the most useful are contained in the following propositions.

*Prop. 1.* The affirmative roots of an equation become negative, and the negative become affirmative, by changing the signs of the alternate terms, beginning with the second.

Thus the roots of the equation  $x^4 - x^3 - 19x^2 + 49x$

$-30 = 0$  are +1, +2, +3, -5, whereas the roots of the equation  $x^4 + x^3 - 19x^2 - 49x - 30 = 0$ , are -1, -2, -3, +5.

The reason of this is derived from the composition of the coefficients of these terms, which consist of combinations of odd numbers of the roots, as explained in the preceding Chapter.

*Prop. 2.* An equation may be transformed into another that shall have its roots greater or less than the roots of the given equation by some given difference.

Let  $x$  be the unknown quantity of the equation, and  $e$  the given difference; let  $y = x \pm e$ , then  $x = y \mp e$ ; and if for  $x$  and its powers in the given equation,  $y \pm e$  and its powers be inserted, a new equation will arise, in which the unknown quantity is  $y$ , and its value will be  $x \mp e$ ; that is, its roots will differ from the roots of the given equation by  $e$ .

Let the equation proposed be  $x^3 - px^2 + qx - r = 0$ , of which the roots must be diminished by  $e$ . By inserting for  $x$  and its powers  $y + e$  and its powers, the equation required is,

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y^3 + 3ey^2 + 3e^2y + e^3 \\ -py^2 - 2pey - pe^2 \\ + qy + qe \\ -r \end{array} \right\} = 0.$$

*Cor. 1.* From this transformation, the second, or any other intermediate term, may be taken away; granting the resolution of equations.

Since the coefficients of all the terms of the transformed equation, except the first, involve the powers of  $e$  and known quantities only, by putting the coefficient of any term equal to 0, and resolving that equation, a value of  $e$  may be determined; which being substituted, will make that term to vanish.

Thus, in this example, to take away the second term, let its coefficient,  $3e - p = 0$ , and  $e = \frac{1}{3}p$ , which being substituted for  $e$ , the new equation will want the second term. And universally, the coefficient of the first term of a cubic equation being 1, and  $x$  being the unknown quantity, the second term may be taken away by supposing  $x = y \pm \frac{1}{3}p$ ,  $\pm \frac{1}{3}p$  being the coefficient of that term.

*Cor. 2.* The second term may be taken away by the solution of a simple equation, the third by the solution of a quadratic, and so on.

*Cor. 3.* If the second term of a quadratic equation be taken away, it will become a pure equation, and thus a solution of quadratics will be obtained, which coincides with the solution already given in Part I.

*Cor. 4.* The last term of the transformed equation is the same with the given equation, only having  $e$  in place of  $x$ .

*Prop. 3.* In like manner may an equation be transformed into another, of which the roots shall be equal to the roots of the given equation, multiplied or divided by a given quantity.

Let  $x$  be the unknown letter in the given equation, and  $y$  that of the equation wanted; also let  $e$  be the given quantity.

To multiply the roots let  $xe = y$ , and  $x = \frac{y}{e}$

To divide the roots let  $\frac{x}{e} = y$ , and  $x = ye$ .

Then

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Then substitute for  $x$  and its powers,  $\frac{y}{a}$  or  $ya$  and its powers, and the new equation, of which  $y$  is the unknown quantity, will have the property required.

*Cor. 1.* By this proposition an equation, in which the coefficient of the first term is any known quantity, as  $a$ , may be transformed into another, in which the coefficient of the first term shall be unit. Thus, let the equation be  $ax^3 - px^2 + qx - r = 0$ . Suppose  $y = ax$ , or  $x = \frac{y}{a}$ , and for  $x$  and its powers insert  $\frac{y}{a}$

and its powers, and the equation becomes  $\frac{y^3}{a^3} - \frac{py^2}{a^2} +$

$\frac{qy}{a} - r = 0$ , or  $y^3 - py^2 + qay - a^3r = 0$ . Also, let the

equation be  $5x^3 - 6x^2 + 7x - 30 = 0$ ; and if  $x = \frac{y}{5}$ , then

$y^3 - 6y^2 + 35y - 750 = 0$ .

*Cor. 2.* If the two transformations in Prop. 2. and 3. be both required, they may be performed either separately or together.

Thus, if it is required to transform the equation  $ax^3 - px^2 + qx - r = 0$ , into one which shall want the second term, and in which the coefficient of the first term shall be 1; let  $x = \frac{y}{a}$ , and then  $y^3 - py^2 + qay -$

$a^3r = 0$  as before; then let  $y = z + \frac{1}{3}p$ , and the new equation, of which  $z$  is the unknown quantity, will want the second term, and the coefficient of  $z^3$ , the highest term is 1. Or, if  $x = \frac{z + \frac{1}{3}p}{a}$ , the same equation as the last found will arise from one operation.

Ex. Let the equation be  $5x^3 - 6x^2 + 7x - 30 = 0$ . If  $x = \frac{y}{5}$ , then  $y^3 - 6y^2 + 35y - 750 = 0$ . And if  $y = z + 2$ ,  $z^3 + 23z - 696 = 0$ . Also, at once, let  $x = \frac{z + 2}{5}$ , and the equation properly reduced, by bringing all the terms to a common denominator, and then casting it off, will be  $z^3 + 23z - 696 = 0$ , as before.

*Cor. 3.* If there are fractions in an equation, they may be taken away, by multiplying the equation by the denominators, and by this proposition the equation may then be transformed into another, without fractions, in which the coefficient of the first term is 1. In like manner may a surd coefficient be taken away in certain cases.

*Cor. 4.* Hence also, if the coefficient of the second term of a cubic equation is not divisible by 3, the fractions thence arising in the transformed equation, wanting the second term, may be taken away by the preceding corollary. But the second term also may be taken away, so that there shall be no such fractions in the transformed equation, by supposing  $x = \frac{z + \frac{1}{3}p}{a}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}p$

being the coefficient of the second term of the given equation. And if the equation  $ax^3 - px^2 + qx - r = 0$  be given, in which  $p$  is not divisible by 3, by supposing  $x = \frac{z + \frac{1}{3}p}{a}$ , the transformed equation reduced is  $z^3 -$

$3p^2 + 9aq \cdot z - 2p^3 + 9apq - 27a^3r = 0$ ; wanting the second term, having 1 for the coefficient of the first

term, and the coefficients of the other terms being all integers the coefficients of the given equation being also supposed integers.

#### General Corollary to Prop. 1. 2. 3.

If the roots of any of these transformed equations be found by any method, the roots of the original equation, from which they were derived, will easily be found from the simple equations expressing their relation. Thus, if 8 is found to be a root of the transformed equation  $z^3 + 23z - 696 = 0$  (Cor. 2. prop. 3.)

Since  $x = \frac{z + 2}{5}$ , the corresponding root of the given

equation  $5x^3 - 6x^2 + 7x - 30 = 0$  must be  $\frac{8 + 2}{5} = 2$ . It

is to be observed also, that the reasoning in Prop. 2. and 3. and the corollaries, may be extended to any order of equations, though in them it is applied chiefly to cubics.

### C H A P. III.

#### Of the Resolution of Equations.

FROM the preceding principles and operations, rules may be derived for resolving equations of all orders.

#### I. CARDAN'S Rule for Cubic Equations.

The second term of a cubic equation being taken away, and the coefficient of the first term being made 1, (by Cor. 1. Prop. 2. and Cor. 1. Prop. 3. Chap. II.) it may be generally represented by  $x^3 + 3qx + 2r = 0$ ; the sign + in all terms denoting the addition of them, with their proper signs. Let  $x = m + n$ , and also  $mn = -q$ ; by the substitution of these values, an equation of the 6th order, but of the quadratic form, is deduced, which gives the values of  $m$  and  $n$ ; and hence,

$$(m+n) = x = \sqrt[3]{-r + \sqrt{r^2 + q^3}} + \sqrt[3]{-r - \sqrt{r^2 + q^3}};$$

$$\text{or } x = \sqrt[3]{-r + \sqrt{r^2 + q^3}} - \sqrt[3]{-r + \sqrt{r^2 + q^3}}.$$

*Cor. 1.* In the given equation, if  $3q$  is negative, and if  $r^2$  is less than  $q^3$ , this expression of the root involves impossible roots; while, at the same time, all the roots of that equation are possible. The reason is, that in this method of solution it is necessary to suppose that  $x$  the root may be divided into two parts, of which the product is  $q$ . But it is easy to show, that in this, which is called the *irreducible case*, it cannot be done.

For example, the equation (Ex. 3. Sect. 3. of this Chapter),  $x^3 - 156x + 560 = 0$ , belongs to the irreducible case, and the three roots are +4, +10, -14; and it is plain that none of these roots can be divided into two parts ( $m$  and  $n$ ), of which the product can be equal to  $(-q) = \frac{156}{3} = 52$ ; for the greatest product from the division of the greatest root -14, is  $-7 \times -7 = 49$  less than 52.

If the cube root of the compound surd can be extracted, the impossible parts balance each other, and the true root is obtained.

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arch is resolved algebraically, by a cubic equation of this form; and hence the foundation of the rule for resolving an equation belonging to this case, by a table of lines.

Cor. 2. Biquadratic equations may be reduced to cubics, and may therefore be resolved by this rule.

Some other classes of equations, too, may be resolved by particular rules, but these, and every other order of equations, are commonly resolved by the general rules, which may be equally applied to all.

II. Solution of Equations, whose Roots are commensurate.

Rule 1. All the terms of the equation being brought to one side, find all the divisors of the absolute term, and substitute them successively in the equation for the unknown quantity. That divisor which, substituted in this manner, gives the result = 0, shall be a root of the equation.

Ex. 1. 
$$\left. \begin{aligned} x^3 - 3ax^2 + 2a^2x - 2a^2b \\ - bx^2 + 3abx \end{aligned} \right\} = 0.$$

The simple literal divisors of  $-2a^2b$  are  $a, b, 2a, 2b$ , any of which may be inserted for  $x$ . Supposing  $x = +a$ , the equation becomes

$$\left. \begin{aligned} a^3 - 3a^3 + 2a^3 - 2a^2b \\ - ba^2 + 3a^2b \end{aligned} \right\} \text{which is obviously } = 0.$$

Ex. 2.  $x^3 - 2x^2 - 33x + 90 = 0.$

The divisors of 90 are 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 15, 18, 30, 45, 90.

The first of these divisors, which being inserted for  $x$  will make the result = 0, is +3; +5 is another; and it is plain the last root must be negative, and it is -6.

When 3 is discovered to be a root, the given equation may be divided by  $x-3=0$ , and the result will be a quadratic, which being resolved will give the other two roots, +5 and -6.

The reason of the rule appears from the property of the absolute term formerly defined, viz. that it is the product of all the roots.

To avoid the inconvenience of trying many divisors, this method is shortened by the following

Rule 2. Substitute in place of the unknown quantity successively three or more terms of the progression, 1, 0, -1, &c. and find all the divisors of the sums that result; then take out all the arithmetical progressions that can be found among these divisors whose common difference is 1, and the values of  $x$  will be among those terms of the progressions which are the divisors of the result arising from the substitution of  $x = 0$ . When the series increases, the roots will be negative.

Examp. Let it be required to find a root of the equation  $x^3 - x^2 - 10x + 6 = 0.$

The operation is thus;

Supposit.	Result.	Divisors.	Ar. pro.
$x = 1$	-	-	-
$x = 0$	$x^3 - x^2 - 10x + 6 =$	$\left\{ \begin{aligned} -4 \\ +6 \\ +14 \end{aligned} \right.$	$\left\{ \begin{aligned} 1, 2, 4, \\ 1, 2, 3, 6, \\ 1, 2, 7, 14, \end{aligned} \right.$
$x = -1$	-	-	-

In this example there is only one progression, 4, 3, 2; and therefore 3 is a root, and it is -3, since the series decreases.

It is evident by the rules for transforming equations (Chap. II.), that by inserting for  $x, +1 (=+e)$  the result is the absolute term of an equation of which the roots are less than the roots of the given equation by 1 (=e). Cor. 4. Prop. 2. When  $x=0$ , the result is the absolute term of the given equation. When for  $x$  is inserted  $-1 (= -e)$  the result is the absolute term of an equation whose roots exceed the roots of the given equation by 1 (=e). Hence, if the terms of the series 1, 0, -1, -2, &c. be inserted successively for  $x$ , the results will be the absolute terms of so many equations, of which the roots form an increasing arithmetical series with the difference 1. But as the commensurate roots of these equations must be among the divisors of their absolute terms, hence they must be among the arithmetical progressions found by this rule. The roots of the given equation, therefore, are to be sought for among the terms of these progressions which are divisors of the result, upon the supposition of  $x=0$ , because that result is its absolute term.

It is plain that the progressions must always be increasing, only it is to be observed, that a decreasing series with the sign + becomes increasing with the sign -. Thus, in the preceding example, -4, -3,

-2, is an increasing series, of which -3 is to be tried, and it succeeds.

If, from the substitution of three terms of the progression, 1, 0, -1, &c. there arise a number of arithmetical serieses, by substituting more terms of that progression, some of the serieses will break off, and, of course, fewer trials will be necessary.

III. Examples of Questions producing the higher Equations.

Examp. 1. It is required to divide 16l. between two persons, so that the cube of the one's share may exceed the cube of the other's by 386.

Let the greater share be  $x$  pounds,  
And the less will be  $16-x$ ;

By the question,  $x^3 - 16x^3 = 386$

And by Inv.  $2x^3 - 48x^2 + 768x - 4096 = 386$

Transp. and divide  $x^3 - 24x^2 + 384x - 2241 = 0.$

Suppos.	Results.	Divisors.
If $x = 1$ ;	- 1880	- 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 20,
$x = 0$ ;	- 2241	- 1, 3, 9, 27, 83,
$x = -1$ ;	- 2650	- 1, 2, 5, 10, 25, 53.

Where 8, 9, 10, differ by 1; therefore +9 is to be tried; and being inserted for  $x$ , the equation is = 0. The two shares then are 9 and 7 which succeed.

Since

Of Equations. Since  $x=9$ ;  $x-9=0$ , is one of the simple equations from which this cubic is produced, therefore  $x^3-24x^2+384x-2241 = x^2-15x+249=0$ . And the two roots of this quadratic are impossible.

Examp. 2. What two numbers are those whose product multiplied by the greater will produce 405, and their difference multiplied by the less 20?  
Let the greater number be  $x$ , and the less  $y$ .

Then by quest.  $\begin{cases} (xy \times x) x^2 y = 405 \\ (x-y \times y) xy - y^2 = 20 \end{cases}$

Therefore  $x = \frac{y^2+20}{y}$

And  $x^2 = \frac{y^4+40y^2+400}{y^2}$

Also  $x^2 = \frac{405}{y}$

Therefore  $\frac{y^4+40y^2+400}{y^2} = \frac{405}{y}$

Mult. and transp.  $y^4+40y^2-405y+400=0$ .

This biquadratic, resolved by divisors, gives  $y=5$ : and therefore  $x=9$ . Also  $\frac{y^4+40y^2-405y+400}{y-5} = y^3+5y^2+65y-80=0$ .

This cubic equation has one positive incommensurate root, viz. 1.114, &c. which may be found by the rule in the next section, and two impossibles. The incommensurate root  $y=1.114$ , &c. gives  $x=19.067$ , &c. and these two answer the conditions very nearly.

Examp. 3. The sum of the squares of two numbers 208, and the sum of their cubes 2240 being given, to find them.

Let the greater be  $x+y$ , and the less  $x-y$ .

Then  $(x+y)^2 + (x-y)^2 = 2x^2 + 2y^2 = 208$

Hence  $y^2 = 104 - x^2$

Also  $(x+y)^3 + (x-y)^3 = 2x^3 + 6xy^2 = 2240$

Substitute for  $y^2$  its value and  $2x^3 + 624x - 6x^3 = 2240$ .

This reduced gives  $x^3 - 156x + 560 = 0$ .

The roots of this equation are  $+10+14, -14$ . If  $x=10$ , then  $y=2$ ; and the numbers sought are 12 and 8, which give the only just solution. If  $x=4$ , then  $y^2=88$  and  $y=\sqrt{88}$ . The numbers sought are therefore  $4+\sqrt{88}$  and  $4-\sqrt{88}$ . The last is negative, but they answer the conditions. Lastly, if  $x=-14$ , then  $y^2=-92$ , hence  $y=\sqrt{-92}$ , is impossible; but still the two numbers  $-14+\sqrt{-92}$ ,  $-14-\sqrt{-92}$ , being inserted, would answer the conditions. But it has been frequently observed, that such solutions are both useless and without meaning.

IV. Solution of Equations by Approximation.

By the former rules, the roots of equations, when they are commensurate, may be obtained. These, however, more rarely occur; and when they are incommensurate, we can only find an approximate value of them, but to any degree of exactness required. There are various rules for this purpose; one of the most simple is that of Sir Isaac Newton, which shall be now explained.

Lemma. If any two numbers, being inserted for the unknown quantity ( $x$ ) in any equation, give results with opposite signs, an odd number of roots must be between these numbers.

This appears from the property of the absolute term, and from this obvious maxim, that if a number of quantities be multiplied together, and if the signs of an odd number of them be changed, the sign of the product is changed. For, when a positive quantity is inserted for  $x$ , the result is the absolute term of an equation whose roots are less than the roots of the given equation by that quantity (Prop. 2. Cor. 3. Chap. II.) If the result has the same sign as the given absolute term, then from the property of the absolute term (Prop. 2. Chap. I.) either none or an even number only of the positive roots, have had their signs changed by the transformation; but if the result has an opposite sign to that of the given absolute term, the signs of an odd number of the positive roots must have been changed. In the first case, then, the quantity substituted must have been either greater than each of an even number of the positive roots of the given equation, or less than any of them; in the second case, it must have been greater than each of an odd number of the positive roots. An odd number of the positive roots, therefore, must lie between them when they give results with opposite signs. The same observation is to be extended to the substitution of negative quantities and the negative roots.

From this lemma, by means of trials, it will not be difficult to find the nearest integer to a root of a given numeral equation. This is the first step towards the approximation; and both the manner of continuing it, and the reason of the operation, will be evident from the following example.

Let the equation be  $x^3 - 2x - 5 = 0$ .

1. Find the nearest integer to the root. In this case a root is between 2 and 3; for these numbers being inserted for  $x$ , the one gives a positive, and the other a negative, result. Either the number above the root, or that below it, may be assumed as the first value; only it will be more convenient to take that which appears to be nearest to the root, as will be manifest from the nature of the operation.

2. Suppose  $x=2+f$ , and substitute this value of  $x$  in the equation.

$$\begin{aligned} x^3 &= 8 + 12f + 6ff + f^3. \\ -2x &= -4 - 2f \\ -5 &= -5 \\ \hline x^3 - 2x - 5 &= -1 + 10f + 6f^2 + f^3 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

As  $f$  is less than unit, its powers  $f^2$  and  $f^3$  may be neglected in this first approximation, and  $10f=1$ , or  $f=0.1$  nearly, therefore  $x=2.1$  nearly.

3. As  $f=0.1$  nearly, let  $f=.1+g$ , and insert this value of  $f$  in the preceding equation.

$$\begin{aligned} f^3 &= 0.001 + 0.03g + 0.3g^2 + g^3 \\ 6f^2 &= 0.06 + 1.2g + 6g^2 \\ 10f &= 1 + 10g \\ -1 &= -1 \\ \hline f^3 + 6f^2 + 10f - 1 &= 0.061 + 11.23g + 6.3g^2 + g^3 = 0 \\ \text{and neglecting } g^2 \text{ and } g^3 \text{ as very small } & 0.61 + 11.23g = 0, \\ & 31 \end{aligned}$$

Application to Geometry.  $= 0$ , or  $g = \frac{-0.061}{11.23} = -.0054$ , hence  $f = 0.1 + g = .0946$  nearly, and  $x = 2.0946$  nearly.

4. This operation may be continued to any length, as by supposing  $g = -.0054 + b$ , and so on, and the value of  $x = 2.09455147$  nearly.

By the first operation a nearer value of  $x$  may be found thus; since  $f = .1$  nearly and  $-1 + 10f + 6f^2 + f^3 = 0$ ,  $f = \frac{1}{10 + 6f + f^2}$ , that is,  $f = \frac{1}{10 + 6 + .01} = .094$  true to the last figure, and  $x = 2.094$ .

In the same manner may the root of a pure equation be found, and this gives an easy method of approximating to the roots of numbers which are not perfect powers. Application to Geometry.

This rule is applicable to numeral equations of every order; and, by assuming a general equation, general rules may be deduced for approximating to the roots of any proposed equation. By a similar method we may approximate to the roots of literal equations, which will be expressed by infinite series.

P A R T III.

Of the Application of ALGEBRA to GEOMETRY.

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General Principles.

GEOMETRY treats both of the magnitude and position of extension, and their connections.

Algebra treats only of magnitude; therefore, of the relations which subsist in geometrical figures, those of magnitude only can be immediately expressed by algebra.

The opposite position of straight lines may indeed be expressed simply by the signs + and -. But, in order to express the various other positions of geometrical figures by algebra from the principles of geometry, some relations of magnitude must be found, which depend upon these positions, and which can be exhibited by equations: And, conversely, by the same principles may the positions of figures be inferred from the equations denoting such relations of their parts.

Though this application of algebra appears to be indirect, yet such is the simplicity of the operations, and the general nature of its theorems, that investigations, especially in the higher parts of geometry, are, generally easier and more expeditious by the algebraical method, though less elegant, than by what is purely geometrical. The connections also, and analogies of the two sciences established by this application, have given rise to many curious speculations.

Geometry has been rendered far more extensive and useful, and algebra itself has received considerable improvements.

I. Of the Algebraical Expression of Geometrical Magnitudes.

A line, whether known or unknown, is represented by a single letter: a *rectangle* is properly expressed by the product of the two letters representing its sides: and a *rectangular parallelepiped* by the product of three letters; two of which represent the sides of any of its rectangular bases, and the third the altitude.

These are the most simple expressions of geometrical magnitudes; and any other which has a known proportion to these, may in like manner be expressed algebraically. Conversely, the geometrical magnitudes, represented by such algebraical quantities, may be found, only the algebraical dimensions above the third, not having any corresponding geometrical dimensions, must be expressed by proportionals (A).

The opposite position of straight lines, it has been remarked, may be expressed by the signs + and -.

Thus, let a point A be given in the line



AP, any segment AP taken to the right hand being considered as positive, a segment Ap to the left is properly

(A) All algebraical dimensions above the third must be expressed by inferior geometrical dimensions; and though any algebraical quantities of two or three dimensions may be immediately expressed by surfaces and solids respectively, yet it is generally necessary to express them, and all superior dimensions, by lines.

If, in any geometrical investigation by algebra, each line is expressed by a single letter, and each surface or solid by an algebraical quantity of two or three dimensions respectively, then whatever legitimate operations are performed with regard to them, the terms in any equation derived will, when properly reduced, be all of the same dimension; and any such equation may be easily expressed geometrically by means of proportionals, as in the following example.

Thus, if the algebraical equation  $a^4 + b^4 = c^4 - d^4$ , is to be expressed geometrically,  $a, b, c$ , and  $d$ , being supposed to represent straight lines; let  $a : b : c : d :: a : g$ , in continual proportion, then  $a^4 : b^4 :: a : g$  and  $a^4 : a^4 + b^4 :: a : a + g$ ; then let  $a : c : b : k :: l$ , and  $a^4 : c^4 :: a : l$ ; also, let  $c : d : m : n :: p$ , and  $c^4 : d^4 :: c : p$ , or  $c^4 : c^4 - d^4 :: c : c - p$ . By combining the two former proportions (Chap. II. Part I.),  $c^4 : a^4 + b^4 :: l : a + g$ , and combining the latter with this last found,  $c^4 - d^4 : a^4 + b^4 :: c - p : l$ ; therefore  $c - p : l :: c : a + g$ , and  $c : c - p :: l : a + g$ .



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perly represented by a negative quantity. If  $a$  and  $b$  represent two lines; and if, upon the line  $AB$  from the point  $A$ ,  $AP$  be taken towards the right equal to  $a$ , it may be expressed by  $+a$ ; then  $PM$  taken to the left and equal to  $b$ , will be properly represented by  $-b$ , for  $AM$  is equal to  $a-b$ . If  $a=b$ , then  $M$  will fall upon  $A$ , and  $a-b=0$ . By the same notation, if  $b$  is greater than  $a$ ,  $M$  will fall to the left of  $A$ ; and in this case, if  $2a=b$ , and if  $Pp$  be taken equal to  $b$ , then  $(a-b=) -a$  will represent  $Ap$ , which is equal to  $a$ , and situated to the left of  $A$ . This use of the signs, however, in particular cases, may be precluded, or in some measure restrained.

The positions of geometrical figures are so various, that it is impossible to give general rules for the algebraical expression of them. The following are a few examples.

An angle is expressed by the ratio of its sine to the radius; a right angle in a triangle, by putting the squares of the two sides equal to the square of the hypotenuse; the position of points is ascertained by the perpendiculars from them on lines given in position; the position of lines by the angles which they make with given lines, or by the perpendiculars on them from given points; the similarity of triangles by the proportionality of their sides which gives an equation, &c.

These and other geometrical principles must be employed both in the demonstration of theorems and in the solution of problems. The geometrical proposition must first be expressed in the algebraical manner, and the result after the operation must be expressed geometrically.

II. *The Demonstration of Theorems.*

All propositions in which the proportions of magnitudes only are employed, also all propositions expressing the relations of the segments of a straight line, of their squares, rectangles, cubes, and parallelepipeds, are demonstrated algebraically with great ease. Such demonstrations, indeed, may in general be considered as an abridged notation of what are purely geometrical.

This is particularly the case in those propositions which may be geometrically deduced without any construction of the squares, rectangles, &c. to which they refer. From the first proposition of the second book of Euclid, the nine following may be easily derived in this manner, and they may be considered as proper examples of this most obvious application of algebra to geometry.

If certain positions are either supposed or to be inferred in a theorem, we must find, according to the preceding observations, the connection between these positions and such relations of magnitude as can be expressed and reasoned upon by algebra. The algebrai-

cal demonstrations of the 12th and 13th propositions of the 2d book of Euclid, requires only the 47th of the 1. El. The 35th and 36th of the 3d book require only the 3. III. El. and 47. I. El. Applicati-  
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From a few simple geometrical principles alone, a number of conclusions, with regard to figures, may be deduced by algebra; and to this in a great measure is owing the extensive use of this science in geometry. If other more remote geometrical principles are occasionally introduced, the algebraical calculations may be much abridged. The same is to be observed in the solution of problems; but such in general are less obvious, and more properly belong to the strict geometrical method.

III. *Of the Solution of Problems.*

Upon the same principles are geometrical problems to be resolved. The problem is supposed to be constructed, and proper algebraical notations of the known and unknown magnitudes are to be sought for, by means of which their connections may be expressed by equations. It may first be remarked, as was done in the case of theorems, that in those problems which relate to the divisions of a line and the proportions of its parts, the expression of the quantities, and the stating their relations by equations, are so easy as not to require any particular directions. But when various positions of geometrical figures and their properties are introduced, the solution requires more attention and skill. No general rules can be given on this subject, but the following observations may be of use.

1. The construction of the problem being supposed, it is often farther necessary to produce some of the lines till they meet; to draw new lines joining remarkable points; to draw lines from such points perpendicular or parallel to other lines, and such other operations as seem conducive to the finding of equations; and for this purpose, those especially are to be employed which divide the scene into triangles that are given, right angled or similar.

2. It is often convenient to denote by letters, not the quantities particularly sought, but some others from which they can easily be deduced. The same may be observed of given quantities.

3. The proper notation being made, the necessary equations are to be derived by the use of the most simple geometrical principles; such as the addition and subtraction of lines or of squares, the proportionality of lines, particularly of the sides of similar triangles, &c.

4. There must be as many independent equations as there are unknown quantities assumed in the investigation, and from these a final equation may be inferred by the Rules of Part I.

If the final equation from the problem be resolved, the roots may often be exhibited geometrically; but the geometrical construction of problems may be effected

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If any known line is assumed as  $r$ , as its powers do not appear, the terms of an equation, including any of them, may be of very different dimensions; and before it can be properly expressed by geometrical magnitudes, the deficient dimensions must be supplied by powers of the  $r$ . When an equation has been derived from geometrical relations, the line denoting  $r$  is known; and when an assumed equation is to be expressed by the relations of geometrical magnitudes, the  $r$  is to be assumed.

In this manner may any single power be expressed by a line. If it is  $x^s$ , then to  $r$ ,  $x$  find four quantities in continued proportion; so that  $r : x : m : n : p : q$ , then  $r : q :: r^s : x^s$ , or  $q = x^s$ ; and so of others.

Application to Geometry. effected also without resolving the equation, and even without deducing a final equation, by the methods afterwards to be explained.

If the final equation is simple or quadratic, the roots being obtained by the common rules, may be geometrically exhibited by the finding of proportionals, and the addition or subtraction of squares.

By inserting numbers for the known quantities, a numeral expression of the quantities sought will be obtained by resolving the equation. But in order to determine some particulars of the problem besides finding the unknown quantities of the equation, it may be farther necessary to make a simple construction; or, if it is required that every thing be expressed in numbers, to substitute a new calculation in place of that construction.

PROP. I. To divide a given straight line AB into two parts, so that the rectangle contained by the whole line and one of the parts may be equal to the square of the other part.

This is prop. 11th II. B. of Eucl.



Let C be the point of division, and let  $AB = a$ ,  $AC = x$ , and then  $CB = a - x$ . From the problem  $a^2 - ax = x^2$ ; and this equation being resolved (Chap. V. P. II.) gives  $x = \frac{a \pm \sqrt{a^2 + a^2}}{4} - \frac{a}{2}$

The quantity  $\frac{\sqrt{a^2 + a^2}}{4}$ , is the hypotenuse of a right-angled triangle, of which the two sides are  $a$  and  $\frac{a}{2}$ , and is therefore easily found;  $\frac{a}{2}$  being taken from this line, gives  $x = AC$ , which is the proper solution. But if a line AC be taken on the opposite side of A, and equal to the above-mentioned hypotenuse, together with  $\frac{a}{2}$ , it will represent the negative root  $-\frac{\sqrt{a^2 + a^2}}{4} - \frac{a}{2}$ , and will give another solution; for in this case also  $AB \times BC = AC^2$ . But C is without the line AB; and therefore, if it is not considered as making a division of AB, this negative root is rejected.

This solution coincides with what is given by Euclid. For  $\frac{\sqrt{a^2 + a^2}}{4}$  is equal (see the fig. of Prop. 11th

II. B. Eucl. Simson's edit.) to EB or EF, and therefore  $x = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 + a^2}}{4} - \frac{a}{2} = EF - EA = AF = AH$ ; and

the point H corresponds to C in the preceding figure.

Besides, if on  $(EF + EA =) CF$  (instead of  $EF - EA = FA$ ) a square be described on the opposite side of CF from AG, BA produced will meet a side of it in a point; which, if it be called K, will give  $KB \times BA = KA^2$ . K corresponds to C, and this solution will correspond with the algebraical solution by means of the negative root.

If CB had been called  $x$ , and  $AC = a - x$ , the equation would be  $ax = a^2 - 2ax + x^2$ , which gives  $x = \frac{3a \pm \sqrt{5a^2}}{2}$ , in which both roots are positive, and the

solutions derived from them coincide with the preceding. If the solution be confined to a point within the line, then one of these positive roots must be rejected, for one of the roots of the compound square from which it is derived,  $x = \frac{3a}{2}$ , a negative quantity,

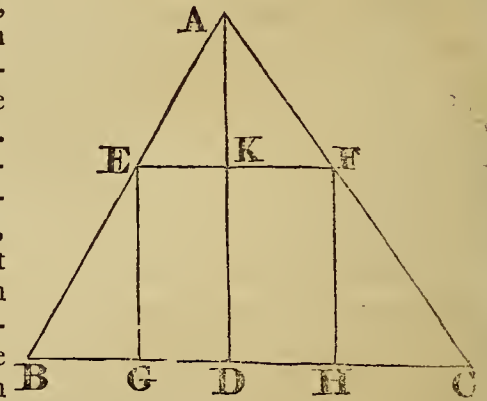
which in this strict hypothesis is not admitted. In such a problem, however, both constructions are generally received, and considered even as necessary to a complete solution of it.

If a solution in numbers be required, let  $AB = 10$ , then  $x = \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{125}}{2} - 5$ . It is plain, whatever be the value of AB, the roots of this equation are incommensurate, though they may be found, by approximation, to any degree of exactness required. In this case,  $x = 11.1803 - 5$ , nearly; that is  $AC = 6.1803$ , nearly; and  $AC = 16.1803$ , nearly.

PROB. II. In a given Triangle ABC to inscribe a square.

Suppose it to be done, and let it be EFHG. From A let AD be perpendicular on the base BC, meeting EF in K.

Let  $BC = a$ , and  $AD = p$ , both of which are given because the triangle is given. Let AK be assumed as the unknown quantity, because from it the square can easily be constructed; and let it be called  $x$ . Then  $(KD = EG =) EF = p - x$ .

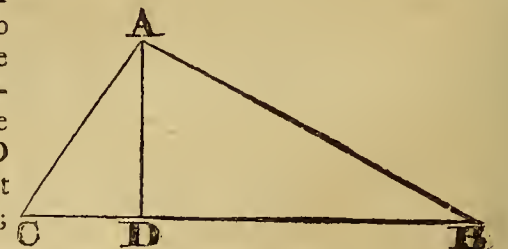


On account of the parallels EF, BC,  $AD : BC :: AK : EF$ ; that is,  $p : a :: x : p - x$ , and  $p^2 - px = ax$ , which equation being resolved, gives  $x = \frac{p^2}{p + a}$ .

Therefore  $x$  or AK is a third proportional to  $p + a$  and  $p$ , and may be found by 11. VI. El. The point K being found, the construction of the square is sufficiently obvious.

PROB. III. In the right-angled Triangle ABC, the Base BC, and the Sum of the Perpendicular and Sides BA + AC + AD being given, to find the Triangle.

Such parts of this triangle are to be found as are necessary for describing it: The perpendicular AD will be sufficient for this purpose; and let it be called  $x$ : Let  $AB +$



$AC + AD = a$ ,  $BC = b$ ; therefore  $BA + AC = a - x$   
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Let  $BA - AC$  be denoted by  $y$ , then  $BA = \frac{a+y-x}{2}$ ,  
and  $AC = \frac{a-x-y}{2}$ . But [47. I. El.]  $BC^2 = BA^2 + AC^2$ , which being expressed algebraically, becomes  
 $b^2 = \frac{(a+y-x)^2}{2} + \frac{(a-x-y)^2}{2} = \frac{a^2 - 2ax + x^2 + y^2}{2}$ . Like-  
wise from a known property of right-angled triangles,  
 $BC \times AD = BA \times AC$ ; that is,  $bx = \left(\frac{a+y-x}{2}\right) \times$   
 $\left(\frac{a-x-y}{2}\right) = \frac{a^2 - 2ax + x^2 - y^2}{4}$ . This last equation be-  
ing multiplied by 2, and added to the former, gives  
 $b^2 + 2bx = a^2 - 2ax + x^2$ , which being resolved accord-  
ing to the rules of Part I. Chap. V. gives  $x = a + b -$   
 $\sqrt{2ab + 2b^2}$ .

To construct this:  $a + b$  is the sum of the perimeter  
and perpendicular, and is given;  $\sqrt{2ab + 2b^2} =$   
 $\sqrt{a + b \times 2b}$  is a mean proportional between  $a + b$  and  
 $2b$ , and may be found; therefore, from the sum of  
the perimeter and perpendicular subtract the mean pro-  
portional between the said sum and double the base,  
and the remainder will be the perpendicular required.

From the base and perpendicular the right-angled  
triangle is easily constructed.

In numbers, let  $BA + AC + AD = 18.8 = a$ ;  $BC =$   
 $10 = b$ ; then  $AD = a + b - \sqrt{2ab + b^2} = 28.8 - \sqrt{576}$   
 $= 4.8 = x$ , and  $BA + AC = 14$ . By either of the first  
equations  $y^2 = 2b^2 + 2ax - a^2 - x^2 = 4$  and  $y = BA - AC$   
 $= 2$ ; therefore  $BA = 8$ , and  $AC = 6$ .

The geometrical expression of the roots of final equations  
arising from problems may be found without resol-  
ving them by the intersection of geometrical lines.  
Thus, the roots of a quadratic are found by the inter-  
sections of the circle and straight line, those of a  
cubic and biquadratic, by the intersections of two conic  
sections, &c.

The solution of problems may be effected also by the  
intersections of the *loci* of two intermediate equations  
without deducing a final equation. But these two last  
methods can only be understood by the doctrine of the  
*loci* of equations.

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LINES which can be mathematically treated of must  
be produced according to an uniform rule which deter-  
mines the position of every point of them.

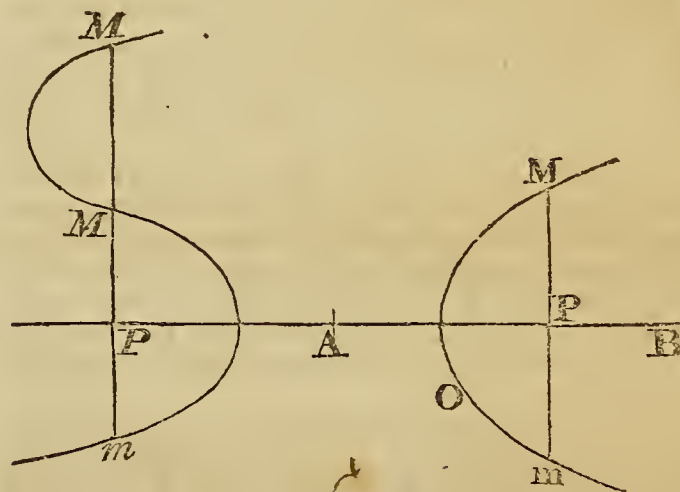
This rule constitutes the *definition* of any line from  
which all its other properties are to be derived.

A straight line has been considered as so simple as  
to be incapable of definition. The curve lines here  
treated of are supposed to be in a plane; and are de-  
fined either from the section of a solid by a plane, or  
more universally by some continued motion in a plane,

according to particular rules. Any of the properties which  
are shown to belong peculiarly to such a line, may be  
assumed also as the definition of it, from which all the  
others, and even what upon other occasions may have  
been considered as the primary definition, may be  
demonstrated. Hence lines may be defined in various  
methods, of which the most convenient is to be deter-  
mined by the purpose in view. The simplicity of a  
definition, and the ease with which the other proper-  
ties can be derived from it, generally give a prefer-  
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*Definitions.* 1. When curve lines are defined by  
equations, they are supposed to be produced by the ex-  
tremity of one straight line, as  $PM$  moving in a given  
angle along another straight line  $AB$  given in position,  
which is called the base.



2. The straight line  $PM$  moving along the other, is  
called an *Ordinate*, and is usually denoted by  $y$ .

3. The segment of the base  $AP$  between a given  
point in it  $A$ , and an ordinate  $PM$ , is called an *Absciss*  
with respect to that ordinate, and is denoted by  $x$ .  
The ordinate and absciss together are called *Co-ordi-  
nates*.

4. If the relation of the variable absciss and ordinate  
 $AP$  and  $PM$ , be expressed by an equation, which be-  
sides  $x$  and  $y$  contains only known quantities, the curve  
 $MO$  described by the extremity of the ordinate mov-  
ing along the base, is called the *Locus* of that equa-  
tion.

5. If the equation is finite, the curve is called *Al-  
gebraical* (A). It is this class only which is here con-  
sidered.

6. The *dimensions* of such equations are estimated  
from the highest sum of the exponents of  $x$  and  $y$  in any  
term.—According to this definition, the terms  $x^4, x^3y,$   
 $x^2y^2, xy^3, y^4$  are all of the same dimension.

7. Curve lines are divided into *orders* from the di-  
mensions of their equations, when freed from frac-  
tions and surds.

In these general definitions, the straight line is sup-  
posed to be comprehended, as it is the locus of simple  
equations. The loci of quadratic equations are shown

to.

(A) The terms *Geometrical* and *Algebraical*, as applied to curve lines, are used in different senses by dif-  
ferent writers; there are several other classes of curves besides what is here called algebraical, which can be  
treated of mathematically, and even by means of algebra. See Scholium at the end.

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to be the conic sections, which are hence called lines of the second order, &c.

It is sufficiently plain from the nature of an equation, containing two variable quantities, that it must determine the position of every point of the curve, defined by it in the manner now described: for if any particular known value of one of the variable quantities as  $x$  be assumed, the equation will then have one unknown quantity only, and being resolved, will give a precise number of corresponding values of  $y$ , which determine so many points of the curve.

As every point of the locus of an equation has the same general property, it must be one curve only, and from this equation all its properties may be derived. It is plain also, that any curve line defined from the motion of a point, according to a fixed rule, must either return into itself, or be extended *ad infinitum* with a continued curvature.

The equation, however, is supposed to be irreducible; because, if it is not, the locus will be a combination of inferior lines: but this combination will possess the general properties of the lines of the order of the given equation.

It is to be observed all along, that the positive values of the ordinate, as  $PM$ , being taken upwards, the negative  $Pm$  will be placed downwards, on the opposite side of the base: and if positive values of the absciss, as  $AP$ , be assumed to the right from its beginning, the negative values,  $AP$  will be upon the left, and from these the points of the curve  $M, m$ , on that side are to be determined.

In the general definition of curves it is usual to suppose the co-ordinates to be at right angles. If the locus of any equation be described, and if the absciss be assumed on another base, and the ordinate be placed at a different angle, the new equation expressing their relation, though of a different form, will be of the same order as the original equation; and likewise will have, in common with it, those properties which distinguish the equations of that particular curve.

This method of defining curves by equations may not be the fittest for a full investigation of the properties of a particular curve; but as their number is without limit, such a minute enquiry concerning all, would be not only useless, but impossible. It has this great advantage, however, that many of the general affections of all curves, and of the distinct orders, and also some of the most useful properties of particular curves, may be easily derived from it.

#### I. The Determination of the Figure of a Curve from its Equation.

The general figure of the curve may be found by substituting successively particular values of  $x$  the absciss, and finding by the resolution of these equations the corresponding values of  $y$  the ordinate, and of consequence so many points of the curve. If numeral values be substituted for  $x$ , and also certain numbers for the known letters, the resolution of the equation gives numeral expressions of the ordinates; and from these, by means of scales, a mechanical description of the curve will be obtained, which may often be useful, both in pointing out the general disposition of the figure, and also in the practical applications of geometry.

Some more general suppositions may be of use in determining the figure; but these can be suggested only from the particular form of the equation in view. By supposing  $x$  to have certain relations to the known quantities, the values of  $y$  may become more simple, and the equation may be reduced to such a form as to show the direction of the curve, and some of its obvious properties.

The following general observations may also be laid down:

1. If in any case a value of  $y$  vanishes, then the curve meets the base in a point determined by the corresponding value of  $x$ . Hence by putting  $y = 0$ , the roots of the equation, which in that situation are values of  $x$ , will give the distances on the base from the point assumed as the beginning of  $x$ , at which the curve meets it.

2. If at a particular value of  $x$ ,  $y$  becomes infinite, the curve has an infinite arc, and the ordinate at that point becomes an asymptote.

3. If when  $x$  becomes infinitely great,  $y$  vanishes, the base becomes an asymptote.

4. If any value of  $y$  becomes impossible, then so many interfections of the ordinate and curve vanish. If at any value of  $x$  all the values of  $y$  become impossible, the ordinate does not there meet the curve.

5. If two values of  $y$  become equal and have the same sign, the ordinate in that situation either touches the curve, or passes through an interfection of two of its branches, which is called a *punctum duplex*, or through an oval become infinitely little, called a *punctum conjugatum*.

In like manner is a *punctum triplex*, &c. to be determined.

The following example will illustrate this doctrine:

Let the equation be  $ay^2 - xy^2 = x^3 + bx^2$ :

$$\text{Therefore, } y^2 = \frac{x^3 + bx^2}{a - x} \text{ and } y = \pm \sqrt{\frac{x^3 + bx^2}{a - x}}$$

$$= \pm \sqrt{\frac{x+b}{a-x}} \times x.$$

Let  $AB$  be assumed as a base on which the absciss are to be taken from  $A$ , and the ordinates perpendicular to it.

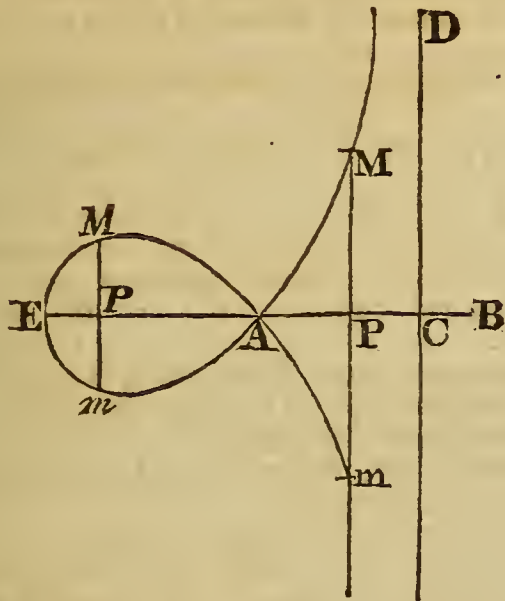
Since the two values of  $y$  are equal, but have opposite signs;  $PM$ , and  $Pm$  which represent them, must be taken equal to each other on opposite sides of  $AB$ ; and it is plain that the parts of the curve on the two sides of  $AB$ , must be every way similar and equal.

$$\text{If } x \text{ is made equal to } a, \text{ then } y = x \sqrt{\frac{x+b}{0}}$$

which is an algebraical expression for infinity; therefore if  $AC$  is taken equal to  $a$ , the perpendicular  $CD$  will become an asymptote to the curve, which will have two infinite arcs (Obs. 2.). If  $x$  is greater than  $a$ , the quantity under the radical sign becomes negative, and the values of  $y$  are impossible; that is, no part of the curve lies beyond  $CD$ . (4.)

Both branches of the curve pass through  $A$ , since  $y = 0$ , when  $x = 0$ . (1.) Let  $x$  be negative, and  $y = \pm x \sqrt{\frac{b-x}{a+x}}$ ; the values of  $y$  will be possible, if  $x$  is not greater than  $b$ ; but if  $x = b$ , then  $y = 0$ , and if  $x$  is greater

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The portion between  $A$  and  $E$  is called a *Nodus*.

If  $y$  be put  $= 0$ , then the values of  $x$  are  $0, 0, -b$ . That is, the curve passes twice through  $A$ , or  $A$  is a punctum duplex, and it passes also through  $E$  as before. (1.)

The mechanical description of curves mentioned in the beginning of this section, may be illustrated by the preceding example. For this purpose, let any numeral values of  $a$  and  $b$  be assumed; and if successive numeral values of  $x$  be inserted, corresponding numeral values of  $y$  will be obtained, by which so many points in the curve may be constructed.

Let  $AC = a = 10$ ;  $AE = b = 12$ ; and, first let  $x = 1$ , then  $y = \pm x \sqrt{\frac{x+b}{a-x}} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{13}}{3} = \pm 1.2$  nearly, which

gives the length of the ordinates when the absciss is  $1$ ; and in the same manner are the ordinates to be found when  $x$  is  $2, 3$ , or any other number. Thus, if  $x = 6$ ,

then  $y = \pm 6 \times \frac{\sqrt{18}}{2} = 12.73$  nearly; and if  $AP$  be

taken from the scale of equal parts (according to which  $AB$  and  $AE$  are supposed to be laid down) and equal to  $6$ , then  $PM, Pm$ , being taken from the same scale, each equal to  $12.73$ , will give the points of the curve

$M, m$ . In like manner, if  $x = -y, y = \pm \sqrt{\frac{3}{19}} = \pm$

$3.58$  nearly, and if  $AP = 9$ , then  $PM, Pm$ , being taken from the same scale equal to  $3.58$ , will give the points  $M, m$ . In the same manner may any number of points be found, and these being joined, will give a representation of the curve, which will be more or less just, according to the number of points found, and the accuracy of the several operations employed.

By the same methods the locus of any other equation is to be traced: Thus, by varying the former equation, the figure of its locus will be varied. If  $b = 0$ , then the points  $A$  and  $E$  coincide, the nodus vanishes, and  $A$  is called a *cuspis*.

If  $b$  is negative, then  $E$  is to the right of  $A$ , which will now be a punctum conjugatum. The rest of the curve will be between  $E$  and  $C$ , and  $CD$  becomes an asymptote.

If  $a = 0$ , then  $-xy^2 = x^3 - bx^2$  or  $y^2 = bx - x^2$ , which is an equation to the circle of which  $b = AE$  is the diameter.

### II. General Properties of Curves from their Equations.

The general properties of equations lead to the general affections of curve lines. For example,

A straight line may meet a curve in as many points as there are units in the dimension of its equation; for so many roots may that equation have. An asymptote may cut a curve line in as many points, excepting two, as it has dimensions, and no more. The same may be observed of the tangent.

Impossible roots enter an equation by pairs; therefore the interfections of the ordinate and curve must vanish by pairs.

The curves of which the number expressing the order is odd, must have at least two infinite arcs; for the absciss may be so assumed, that, for every value of it, either positive or negative, there must be at least one value of  $y$ , &c.

The properties of the coefficients of the terms of equations, mentioned Part II. Chap. I. furnish a great number of the curious and universal properties of curve lines. For example, the second term of an equation is the sum of the roots with the signs changed, and if the second term is wanting, the positive and negative roots must be equal. From this it is easy to demonstrate, "That if each of two parallel straight lines meet a curve line in as many points as it has dimensions, and if a straight line cut these two parallels, so that the sum of the segments of each on one side be equal to the sum of the segments on the other, this straight line will cut any other line parallel to these in the same manner." Analogous properties, with many other consequences from them, may be deduced from the composition of the coefficients of the other terms.

Many properties of a particular order of curves may be inferred from the properties of equations of that order. Thus, "If a straight line cut a curve of the third order in three points, and if another straight line be drawn, making a given angle with the former, and cutting the curve also in three points, the parallelopiped by the segments of one of these lines between its interfection with the other, and the points where it meets the curve, will be to the parallelopiped by the like segments of the other line in a given ratio." This depends upon the composition of the absolute term, and may be extended to curves of any order.

### III. The Subdivision of Curves.

As lines are divided into orders from the dimensions of their equations, in like manner, from the varieties of the equations of any order, may different genera and species of that order be distinguished, and from the peculiar properties of these varieties, may the affections of the particular curves be discovered.

For this purpose a complete general equation is assumed of that order, and all the varieties in the terms and coefficients which can affect the figure of the locus are enumerated.

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It was formerly observed, that the equations belonging to any one curve, may be of various forms, according to the position of the base, and the angle which the ordinate makes with it, though they be all of the same order, and have also certain properties, which distinguish them from the other equations of that order.

The locus of simple equations is a *straight line*. There are *three* species of lines of the second order, which are easily shown to be the *conic sections*, reckoning the circle and ellipse to be one. *Seventy-eight* species have been numbered of the third order: And as the superior orders become too numerous to be particularly reckoned, it is usual only to divide them into certain general classes.

A complete arrangement of the curves of any order would furnish canons, by which the species of a curve whose equation is of that order might be found.

IV: *Of the place of Curves defined from other principles in the Algebraical System.*

If a curve line be defined from the section of a solid, or from any rule different from what has been here supposed, an equation to it may be derived, by which its order and species in the algebraical system may be found. And, for this purpose, any base and any angle of the co-ordinates may be assumed, from which the equation may be most easily derived, or may be of the most simple form.

The three *Conic Sections* are of the second order, as their equations are universally quadratic; the *Cissoïd* of the ancients is of the third order, and the 42d species, according to Sir Isaac Newton's enumeration; this is the curve defined by the equation in page 439, col. 1. par. ult. when  $b=0$ . The curve delineated above in the same page, is the 41st species. When  $b$  is negative in that equation, the locus is the 43d species. The *Conchoid* of Nicomedes is of the fourth order; the *Cassinian* curve is also of the fourth order, &c.

It is to be observed, that not only the first definition of a curve may be expressed by an equation, but likewise any of those theorems called *loci*, in which some property is demonstrated to belong to every point of the curve. The expression of these propositions by equations, is sometimes difficult; no general rules can be given; and it must be left to the skill and experience of the learner.

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This method of treating curve lines by equations, besides the uses already hinted at, has many others, which do not belong to this place; such are, the finding the tangents of curves, their curvature, their areas and lengths, &c. The solution of these problems has been accomplished by means of the equations to curves, though by employing, concerning them, a method of reasoning different from what has been here explained.

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#### I. *Construction of the Loci of Equations.*

THE description of a curve, according to the definition of it, is assumed in geometry as a *postulate*.

If the properties of a particular curve are investigated, it will appear that it may be described from a

variety of data different from those assumed in the postulate, by demonstrating the dependence of the former upon the latter.

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As the definitions of a curve may be various, so also may be the postulates, and a definition is frequently chosen from the mode of description connected with it. The particular object in view, it was formerly remarked, must determine the proper choice of a definition; the simplicity of it, the ease with which the other properties of the figures may be derived from it, and sometimes even the ease with which it can be executed mechanically, may be considered as important circumstances.

In the straight line, the circle, the conic sections, and a few curves of the higher orders, the most convenient definitions, and the postulates connected with them, are generally known and received. An equation to a curve may also be assumed as a definition of it; and the description of it, according to that definition, may be considered as a postulate: but, if the geometrical construction of problems is to be investigated by means of algebra, it is often useful to deduce from the equation to a curve, those data which, from the geometrical theory of the curve, are known to be necessary to its description in the original postulate, or in any problem founded upon it. This is called *Constructing the locus* of an equation, and from this method are generally derived the most elegant constructions which can be obtained by the use of algebra. In the following section, there is an example of a problem resolved by such constructions.

Sometimes a mechanical description of a curve line defined by an equation is useful; and as the exhibition of it, by such a motion as is supposed in that definition, is rarely practicable, it generally becomes necessary to contrive some more simple motion which may in effect correspond with the other, and may describe the curve with the degree of accuracy which is wanted. Frequently, indeed, the only method which can be conveniently practised, is the finding a number of points in the curve by the resolution of numeral equations, in the manner mentioned in Sect. 1. of this Chapter, and then joining these points by the hand; and though this operation is manifestly imperfect, it is on some occasions useful.

#### II. *Solution of Problems.*

The solution of geometrical problems by algebra is much promoted, by describing the loci of the equations arising from these problems.

For this purpose, equations are to be derived, according to the methods formerly described, and then to be reduced to two, containing each the same two unknown quantities. The loci of these equations are to be described, the two unknown quantities being considered as the co-ordinates, and placed at the same angle in both. The co-ordinates at the intersection of the loci, will be common to both, and give a solution of the problem.

The simplicity of a construction obtained by this method, will depend upon a proper notation, and the choice of the equations of which the loci are to be described. These will frequently be different from what would be proper in a different method of solution.

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PROB. IV. To find a Point F in the Base of the given Triangle ABC, so that the Sum of the Squares of FE, FD drawn from it perpendicular upon the two Sides, may be equal to a given Space.

Draw BH, CG perpendicular on the two sides, and let  $FD=x$ ,  $FE=y$ ,  $BF=z$ ,  $BC=b$ ,  $BH=p$ ,  $CG=r$ , and the given space  $FD^2 + FE^2 = m^2$ .

From similar triangles  $z : x :: b : r$  and  $z = \frac{bx}{r}$ .

Also  $b - z : y :: b : p$ , and  $z = b - \frac{yb}{p}$ ;

therefore  $\frac{bx}{r} = b - \frac{yb}{p}$ . That is  $y = p - \frac{px}{r}$ , an equation to a straight line.

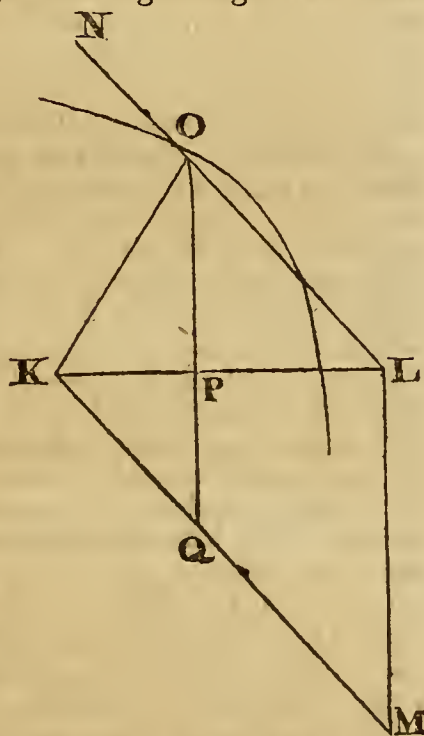
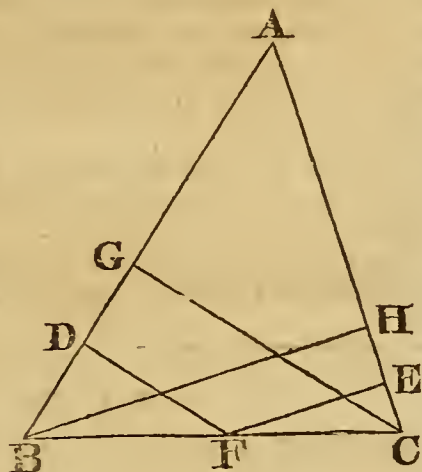
But  $x^2 + y^2 = m^2$  of which the locus is a circle, having  $m$  for the radius. By constructing these loci, their intersection will give a solution of the problem.

Let  $KL=CG (=r)$  be at right angles to  $LM=BH (=p)$  join  $KM$  to which let  $LN$  be parallel;  $LN$  is the locus of the equation  $y = p - \frac{px}{r}$ ; for let any line  $OPQ$  be drawn parallel to  $LM$ , if  $KP = x$ , then  $PQ = \frac{px}{r}$  and  $QO = LM = p$ , therefore  $PC = y = p - \frac{px}{r}$ .

About the centre  $K$ , with a distance equal to the line  $m$ , let a circle be described; that circle will be the locus of the equation  $m^2 = x^2 + y^2$ ; for it is plain that if  $OP$  be any perpendicular from the circumference upon  $KL$ ,  $KP$  being  $x$ ,  $OP$  will be  $y$ . Either of the points, therefore, in which these two loci intersect each other, as  $O$ , will give  $OP$  an ordinate in both equations,  $KP$  being the common absciss; therefore  $KP$ ,  $OP$  are the two perpendiculars required, from which the point  $F$  is easily found.

The construction might have been made on figure 1, with fewer lines. If the circle touches  $LN$ , there is only one solution which is a minimum; and if the circle does not meet  $LN$ , the problem becomes impossible.

When the circle touches  $LN$ , the radius  $m$  must be equal to the perpendicular from  $K$  on  $LN$ , or from  $L$



on  $KM$ . This perpendicular is equal to  $\frac{pr}{\sqrt{p^2+r^2}}$  or a fourth proportional to  $MK$ ,  $KL$ , and  $LM$ , and its square therefore is the least sum of the squares of the perpendiculars from a point in the base on the two sides.

It may be remarked also, that the point which gives the sum of the squares a minimum, is found by dividing the base, in the proportion of the squares of the two sides of the triangle; and this is easily demonstrated from the preceding construction.

PROB. V. Between two given Lines to find two mean Proportionals.

Let the lines be  $a$  and  $b$ , and let the two means be  $x$  and  $y$ ; therefore  $a : x : y : b$ , and hence  $ay = x^2$ , and  $bx = y^2$ , which are both equations to the parabola, and are easily constructed. The co-ordinates at the intersection of these two loci will be the means required.

If one unknown quantity only is assumed, or if it is convenient to deduce a final equation containing only one, the construction of the roots is to be obtained by the method mentioned in the next section.

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The constructions of the two preceding problems are geometrical; but it is sometimes convenient to have a practical solution, by the mechanical description either of the algebraical lines employed in the geometrical solution, or of other geometrical lines by which it can be effected. But few of these are tolerably accurate; so that, in general, by means of calculation, the practical operations are all reduced to what may be performed by a ruler and a compass.

III. Construction of Equations.

The roots of an equation, containing only one unknown quantity, may be found by the intersection of lines, the product of whose dimensions is equal to the dimension of that equation. And hence problems are resolved without an algebraical solution of the equation arising from them.

Thus cubic and biquadratic equations may be constructed by the intersections of two conic sections as the circle and parabola, which are generally assumed as being most easily described.

In order to find these constructions, a new equation is to be assumed, containing two variable quantities, one of which is the unknown quantity of the given equation, and the other by substitution is to be inserted also in the given equation; the intersection of the loci of these equations will exhibit the roots required.

Canons may be devised for the construction of particular orders, without assuming the new equation.

The final equation from prob. 5. would be  $x^3 = a^2 b$ , which being constructed according to the rules, exhibits the common geometrical solution of that problem by the circle and parabola.

If an equation be assumed, as  $ay = x^2$ , the other by substitution becomes  $xy = ab$ ; the locus of the former is a parabola, and of the latter an hyperbola, one of its asymptotes being the base, and the co-ordinates at their intersection will represent  $x$  and  $y$ ; the first of the two means is  $x$ , and in this case  $y$  is the other.

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Equations also might be assumed, so as to give a solution of this problem by other combinations of two of the conic sections, one of them not being the circle.

As geometrical magnitudes may be represented by algebra, so algebraical quantities and numbers may be represented by lines. Hence this construction of equations has sometimes been used as an easy method of approximation to the roots of numeral equations. For this purpose, the necessary straight lines must be laid down by means of a scale of equal parts, and the curve lines, on whose intersection the construction depends, must be actually described; the linear roots being measured on the scale will give the numbers required. These operations may be performed with sufficient accuracy for certain purposes; but as they depend on mechanical principles, the approximation obtained by them cannot be continued at pleasure; and hence it is

feldom used, except in finding the first step of an approximation, which is to be carried on by other methods.

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If the relation between the ordinate and absciss be fixed, but not expressible by a finite equation, the curve is called *Mechanical* (A) or *Transcendental*. This class is also sometimes defined by equations, by supposing either  $x$  or  $y$  in a finite equation to be a curve line, of which the relation to a straight line cannot be expressed in finite terms.

If the variable quantities  $x$  or  $y$  enter the exponents of any term of an equation, the locus of that equation is called an *Exponential Curve*.

Many properties of these two classes of curves may be discovered from their equations.

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**ALGEDO**, the running of a gonorrhœa stopping suddenly after it appears. When it thus stops, a pain reaches to the anus, or to the testicles, without their being swelled; and sometimes this pain reaches to the bladder; in which case there is an urging to discharge the urine, which is with difficulty passed, and in very small quantities at a time. The pain is continued to the bladder by the urethra; to the anus, by the acceleratory muscles of the penis; and to the testicles, by the vasa deferentia, and vesiculæ feminales. In this case, calomel repeated so as to purge, brings back the running, and then all difficulty from this symptom ceases.

**ALGENEB**, a fixed star, of the second magnitude, in Perseus's right side; its longitude is  $27^{\circ} 46' 12''$  of Taurus, and its latitude  $30^{\circ} 05' 28''$  north, according to Mr Flamsteed's catalogue.

**ALGEZIRA**, a town of Andalusia in Spain, with a port on the coast of the Straits of Gibraltar. By this city the Moors entered Spain in 713; and it was taken from them in 1344, after a very long siege, remarkable for being the first in which cannon were made use of. It was called *Old Gibraltar*, and is about four leagues from the New. W. Long. 5. 2. N. Lat. 36. 0.

**ALGHIER**, or **ALGIRI**, a town in Sardinia, with a bishop's see, upon the western coast of the island, between Sassari and Bosa. Though it is not large, it is well peopled, and has a commodious port. The coral fished for on this coast is in the highest esteem of any in the Mediterranean. E. Long. 8. 40. N. Lat. 41. 30.

**ALGIABARII**, a Mahometan sect of predestinarians, who attribute all the actions of men, good or evil, to the agency or influence of God. The Algiabarii stand opposed to the **ALKADARII**. They hold absolute decrees and physical premotion. For the justice of God in punishing the evil he has caused, they resolve it wholly into his absolute dominion over the creatures.

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**ALGIERS**, a kingdom of Africa, now one of the states of Barbary.—According to the latest and best computations, it extends 460 miles in length from east to west, and is very unequal in breadth; some places being scarce 40 miles broad, and others upwards of 100. It lies between Long. 1. 0 and 9. 37. W. and extends from Lat. 30. 0. to 47. 0. N.—It is bounded on the north, by the Mediterranean; on the east, by the river Zaine, the ancient Tusca, which divides it from Tunis; on the west, by the Mulvya, and the mountains of Trava, which separate it from Morocco; and on the south by the Sahara, Zaara, or Numidian desert.

The climate of Algiers is in most places so moderate, that they enjoy a constant verdure; the leaves of the trees being neither parched up by heat in summer, nor nipped by the winter's cold. They begin to bud in February; in April the fruit appears in its full bigness, and is commonly ripe in May. The soil, however, is excessively various; some places being very hot, dry, and barren, on which account they are generally suffered to lie uncultivated by the inhabitants, who are very negligent. These barren places, especially such as lie on the southern side, and are at a great distance from the sea, harbour vast numbers of wild creatures, as lions, tigers, buffaloes, wild boars, stags, porcupines, monkeys, ostriches, &c. On account of their barrenness, they have but few towns, and those thinly peopled; though some of them are so advantageously situated for trading with Bildulgerid and Negroland, as to drive a considerable traffic with them.

The Algerine kingdom made formerly a considerable part of the Mauritania Tingitania (See **MAURITANIA**), which was reduced to a Roman province by Julius Cæsar, and from him also called *Mauritania Cæsariensis*.—In the general account of Africa, it has been noticed, that the Romans were driven out of that continent by the Vandals; these by Belisarius, the Greek emperor Justinian's general; and the Greeks in their turn by the Saracens. This last revolution happened

(A) The term *Mechanical*, in this place, is used merely as the name of a particular class of curves, without implying that they have any more dependence on the principles of Mechanics or Physics than the algebraical curves which have been treated of.



<sup>1</sup> **Algiers.** happened about the middle of the seventh century ; and the Arabs continued masters of the country, divided into a great number of petty kingdoms or states, under chiefs of their own choosing, till the year 1051.

<sup>2</sup> **Abu-TeXefien** subdues the Arab princes. This year, one Abubeker-ben-Omar, or, as the Spaniards call him, *Abu-TeXefien*, an Arab of the Zinhagian tribe, being provoked at the tyranny of those despots, gathered, by the help of his marabouts or saints, a most powerful army of malcontents, in the southern provinces of Numidia and Libya. His followers were nicknamed *Marabites* or *Morabites*; by the Spaniards, *Almoravides*; probably from their being assembled principally by the saints who were also called *Morabites*. The khalif of Keycm's forces were at this time taken up with quelling other revolts in Syria, Mesopotamia, &c. and the Arabs in Spain engaged in the most bloody wars; so that Texefien having nothing to fear from them, had all the success he could wish against the Arabian cheyks or petty tyrants, whom he defeated in many battles, and at last drove them not only out of Numidia and Lybia, but out of all the western parts, reducing the whole province of Tingitania under his dominion.

Texifien was succeeded by his son Yufef, or Joseph, a brave and warlike prince. In the beginning of his reign, he laid the foundation of the city of Morocco, which he designed to make the capital of his empire. While that city was building, he sent some of his marabouts ambassadors to Tremecen (now a province of Algiers), at that time inhabited by a powerful and insolent sect of Mahometans called *Zeneti*. The design of this embassy was to bring them back to what he called the *true faith*; but the *Zeneti*, despising his offers, assembled at Amaf, or Amfa, their capital, murdered the ambassadors, and invaded Joseph's dominions with an army of 50,000 men.

<sup>3</sup> **Zeneti** destroyed. The king hearing of their infamous proceedings, speedily mustered his army, and led it by long marches into their country, destroying all with fire and sword; while the *Zeneti*, instead of opposing his progress, retired as fast as possible towards Fez, in hopes of receiving assistance from thence. In this they were miserably deceived: the Pezzans marched out against them in a hostile manner: and coming up with the unhappy *Zeneti*, encumbered with their families and baggage, and ready to expire with hunger and weariness, they cut them all to pieces, except a small number who were mostly drowned in attempting to swim across a river, and some others who in their flight perished by falling from the high adjacent rocks. In the mean time Joseph reduced their country to a mere desert: which was, however, soon peopled by a numerous colony of Fezzans, who settled there under the protection of the reigning kings. In this war it is computed that near a million of the *Zeneti*, men, women, and children, lost their lives.

The restless and ambitious temper of Joseph did not let him remain long at peace. He quickly declared war against the Pezzans, reduced them to become his tributaries, and extended his conquests all along the Mediterranean. He next attacked some Arabian cheyks who had not yet submitted to his jurisdiction; and pursued them with such fury, that neither the Lybian deserts, nor ridges of the most craggy rocks, could shelter them from his arms. He attacked them in such of

their retreats, castles, and fortresses, as were till then deemed impregnable; and at last subdued them, to the great grief of the other African nations, who were greatly annoyed by the ravages committed by his numerous forces.

Thus was founded the empire of the Morabites: which, however, was of no long duration; that race being in the 12th century driven out by Mohavedin, a marabout. This race of priests was expelled by Abdalac governor of Fez; and he, in the 13th century, stripped of his new conquests by the Sharifs of *Hascen*, the descendents of those Arabian princes whom Abu-TeXefien had formerly expelled.

The better to secure their new dominions, the Sharifs divided them into several little kingdoms or provinces; and among the rest the present kingdom of Algiers was divided into four, namely, *Tremecen*, *Tenez*, *Algiers proper*, and *Bujeyah*. The four first monarchs laid so good a foundation for a lasting balance of power between their little kingdoms, that they continued for some centuries in mutual peace and amity; but at length the king of Tremecen having ventured to violate some of their articles, Abul-Farez, king of Tenez declared war against him, and obliged him to become his tributary. This king dying soon after, and having divided his kingdom among his three sons, new discords arose; which Spain taking the advantage of, a powerful fleet and army was sent against Barbary, under the Count of Navarre, in 1505. This commander soon made himself master of the important cities of Oran, Bujeyah, and some others; which so alarmed the Algerines, that they put themselves under the protection of Selim Eutemi, a noble and warlike Arabian prince. He came to their assistance with a great number of his bravest subjects, bringing with him his wife Zaphira, and a son then about 12 years old. This however was not sufficient to prevent the Spaniards from landing a number of forces near Algiers that same year, and obliging that metropolis to become tributary to Spain. Nor could Prince Selim hinder them from building a strong fort on a small island opposite to the city, which terrified their corsairs from sailing either in or out of the harbour.

To this galling yoke the Algerines were obliged to submit till the year 1516; when hearing of the death of Ferdinand king of Spain, they sent an embassy to *Aruch Barbarossa*, who was at this time no less dreaded for his valour than his surprising success, and was then sent on a cruize with a squadron of galleys and barks. The purport of the embassy was, that he should come and free them from the Spanish yoke; for which they agreed to pay him a gratuity answerable to so great a service. Upon this Barbarossa immediately dispatched 18 galleys and 30 barks to the assistance of the Algerines; while he himself advanced towards the city with 800 Turks, 3000 Jigelites, and 2000 Moorish volunteers. Instead of taking the nearest road to Algiers, he directed his course towards *Sharshel*, where *Hassan*, another famous corsair, had settled himself. Him he surprised, and obliged to surrender; not without a previous promise of friendship; but no sooner had Barbarossa got him in his power, than he cut off his head; and obliged all Hassan's Turks to follow him in his new expedition.

On Barbarossa's approach to Algiers, he was met by prince

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<sup>4</sup> Sharifs of Hascen, who.<sup>5</sup> Algerines in danger from the Spaniards.<sup>6</sup> Invite Barbarossa.

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7  
His treachery and cruelty.

prince Eutemi, attended by all the people of that metropolis, great and small; who looked for deliverance from this abandoned villain, whom they accounted invincible. He was conducted into the city amidst the acclamations of the people, and lodged in one of the noblest apartments of prince Eutemi's palace, where he was treated with the greatest marks of distinction. Elated beyond measure with this kind reception, Barbarossa formed a design of becoming king of Algiers; and fearing some opposition from the inhabitants, on account of the excesses he suffered his soldiers to commit, murdered prince Eutemi, and caused himself to be proclaimed king; his Turks and Moors crying out as he rode along the streets, "Long live King Aruch Barbarossa, the invincible king of Algiers, the *chosen of God* to deliver the people from the oppression of the Christians; and destruction to all that shall oppose, or refuse to own him as their lawful sovereign." These last threatening words so intimidated the inhabitants, already apprehensive of a general massacre, that he was immediately acknowledged king. The unhappy princess Zaphira, it is said, poisoned herself, to avoid the brutality of this new king, whom she unsuccessfully endeavoured to stab with a dagger.

Barbarossa was no sooner seated on the throne, than he treated his subjects with such cruelty, that they used to shut up their houses and hide themselves when he appeared in public. In consequence of this, a plot was soon formed against him; but being discovered, he caused twenty of the principal conspirators to be beheaded, their bodies to be buried in a dunghill, and laid a heavy fine on those who survived. This so terrified the Algerines, that they never afterwards durst attempt any thing against either Barbarossa or his successors.

In the mean time, the son of prince Eutemi having fled to Oran, and put himself under the protection of the marquis of Gomarez, laid before that nobleman a plan for putting the city of Algiers into the hands of the king of Spain. Upon this, young Selim Eutemi was sent to Spain, to lay his plan before cardinal Ximenes; who having approved of it, sent a fleet with 10,000 land forces, under the command of *Don Francisco*, or, as others call him, *Don Diego de Vera*, to drive out the Turks, and restore the young prince. But the fleet was no sooner come within sight of land, than it was dispersed by a storm, and the greatest part of the ships dashed against the rocks. Most of the Spaniards were drowned; and the few who escaped to shore were either killed by the Turks or made slaves.

Though Barbarossa had nothing to boast on this occasion, his pride and insolence were now swelled to such a degree, that he imagined himself invincible, and that the very elements conspired to make him so. The Arabians were so much alarmed at his success, that they implored the assistance of Hamidel Abdes king of Tenez, to drive the Turks out of Algiers. That prince readily undertook to do what was in his power for this purpose, provided they agreed to settle the kingdom on himself and his descendants. This proposal being accepted, he immediately set out at the head of 10,000 Moors; and, upon his entering the Algerine dominions, was joined by all the Arabians in the country. Barbarossa engaged him, only with 1000 Turkish musketeers and 500 Granada Moors; totally defeated his numerous army; pursued him to the very gates of his

capital, which he easily made himself master of; and, having given it up to be plundered by his Turks, obliged the inhabitants to acknowledge him as their sovereign. This victory, however, was chiefly owing to the advantage which his troops had from their fire-arms: the enemy having no other weapons than arrows and javelins.

No sooner was Barbarossa become master of the kingdom of Tenez, than he received an embassy from the inhabitants of Tremecen; inviting him to come to their assistance against their then reigning prince, with whom they were dissatisfied on account of his having dethroned his nephew, and forced him to fly to Oran; offering him even the sovereignty, in case he accepted of their proposal. The king of Tremecen, not suspecting the treachery of his subjects, met the tyrant with an army of 6000 horse and 3000 foot; but Barbarossa's artillery gave him such an advantage, that the king was at length forced to retire into the capital; which he had no sooner entered, than his head was cut off, and sent to Barbarossa, with a fresh invitation to come and take possession of the kingdom. On his approach, he was met by the inhabitants, whom he received with great complaisance, and many fair promises; but beginning to tyrannize as usual, his new subjects soon convinced him that they were not so passive as the inhabitants of Algiers. Apprehending, therefore, that his reign might prove uneasy and precarious, he entered into an alliance with the king of Fez; after which, he took care to secure the rest of the cities in his new kingdom, by garrisoning them with his own troops. Some of these, however, revolted soon after; upon which he sent one of his corsairs, named *Escander*, a man no less cruel than himself, to reduce them. The Tremecenians now began to repent in good earnest of their having invited such a tyrant to their assistance; and held consultations on the most proper means of driving him away, and bringing back their lawful prince *Abuchen Men*: but their cabals being discovered, a great number of the conspirators were massacred in the most cruel manner. The prince had the good luck to escape to Oran, and was taken under the protection of the marquis of Gomarez, who sent immediate advice of it to Charles V. then lately arrived in Spain, with a powerful fleet and army. That monarch immediately ordered the young king a succour of 10,000 men, under the command of the governor of Oran; who, under the guidance of *Abuchen Men*, began his march towards Tremecen; and in their way they were joined by prince Selim, with a great number of Arabs and Moors. The first thing they resolved upon was, to attack the important fortress of *Calau*, situated between Tremecen and Algiers, and commanded by the corsair *Escander* at the head of about 300 Turks. They invested it closely on all sides, in hopes Barbarossa would come out of Tremecen to its relief, which would give the Tremecenians an opportunity of keeping him out. That tyrant, however, kept close in his capital, being embarrassed by his fears of a revolt, and the politic delays of the king of Fez, who had not sent the auxiliaries he promised. The garrison of *Calau*, in the mean time, made a brave defence; and, in a sally they made at night, cut off near 300 Spaniards. This encouraged them to venture a second time; but they were now repulsed with great loss, and *Escander* himself wounded:  
soon

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**Algiers.** soon after which, they surrendered upon honourable terms; but were all massacred by the Arabians, except 16, who clung close to the stirrups of the king, and of the Spanish general.

Barbarossa being now informed that Abuchen Men, with his Arabs, accompanied by the Spaniards, were in full march to lay siege to Tremecen, thought proper to come out, at the head of 1500 Turks and 5000 Moorish horse, in order to break his way through the enemy; but he had not proceeded far from the city, before his council advised him to return and fortify himself in it. This advice was now too late; the inhabitants being resolved to keep him out, and open their gates to their own lawful prince as soon as he appeared. In this distress Barbarossa saw no way left but to retire to the citadel, and there defend himself till he could find an opportunity of stealing out with his men and all his treasure. Here he defended himself vigorously; but his provisions failing him, he took advantage of a subterraneous back-way, which he had caused to be digged up for that purpose, and, taking his immense treasure with him, stole away as secretly as he could. His flight, however, was soon discovered; and he was so closely pursued, that to amuse, as he hoped, the enemy, he caused a great deal of his money, plate, jewels, &c. to be scattered all the way, thinking they would not fail to stop their pursuit to gather it up. This stratagem, however, failed, through the vigilance of the Spanish commander, who being himself at the head of the pursuers, obliged them to march on, till he was come up close to him on the banks of the *Huenda*, about eight leagues from Tremecen. Barbarossa had just crossed the river with his vanguard, when the Spaniards came up with his rear on the other side, and cut them all off; and then crossing the water, overtook him at a small distance from it. Here a bloody engagement ensued, in which the Turks fought like as many lions; but, being at length overpowered by numbers, they were all cut to pieces, and Barbarossa among the rest, in the 44th year of his age, and four years after he had raised himself to the royal title of *Figel* of the adjacent country; two years after he had acquired the sovereignty of Algiers, and scarce a twelvemonth after the reduction of Tremecen. His head was carried to Tremecen, on the point of a spear; and Abuchen Men proclaimed king, to the joy of all the inhabitants. A few days after the fight, the king of Fez made his appearance at the head of 20,000 horse, near the field of battle; but hearing of Barbarossa's defeat and death, marched off with all possible speed, to avoid being attacked by the enemy.

**8**  
Barbarossa  
defeated  
and killed  
by the Spaniards.

The news of Barbarossa's death spread the utmost consternation among the Turks at Algiers; however, they caused his brother Hayradin to be immediately proclaimed king. The Spanish commander now sent back the emperor's forces, without making any attempt upon Algiers; by which he lost the opportunity of driving the Turks out of that country; while Hayradin, justly dreading the consequences of the tyranny of his officers, sought the protection of the Grand Signior. This was readily granted, and himself appointed bashaw or viceroy of Algiers; by which means he received such considerable reinforcements, that the unhappy Algerines durst not make the least complaint; and such numbers of Turks resorted to him, that he

was not only capable of keeping the Moors and Arabs in subjection at home, but of annoying the Christians at sea. His first step was to take the Spanish fort abovementioned, which was a great nuisance to his metropolis. The Spaniards held out to the last extremity; but being all slain or wounded, Hayradin easily became master of the place.

Hayradin next set about building a strong mole for the safety of his ships. In this he employed 30,000 Christian slaves, whom he obliged to work without intermission for three years; in which time the work was completed. He then caused the fort he had taken from the Spaniards to be repaired, and placed a strong garrison in it, to prevent any foreign vessels from entering the harbour without giving an account of themselves. By these two important works, Hayradin soon became dreaded not only by the Arabs and Moors, but also by the maritime Christian powers, especially the Spaniards. The viceroy failed not to acquaint the Grand Signior with his success, and obtained from him a fresh supply of money, by which he was enabled to build a stronger fort, and to erect batteries on all places that might favour the landing of an enemy. All these have since received greater improvements from time to time, as often as there was occasion for them.

In the mean time the Sultan, either out of a sense of the great services Hayradin had done, or perhaps out of jealousy lest he should make himself independent, raised Hayradin to the dignity of bashaw of the empire, and appointed Hassan Aga, a Sardinian renegade, an intrepid warrior, and an experienced officer, to succeed him as bashaw of Algiers. Hassan had no sooner taken possession of his new government, than he began to pursue his ravages on the Spanish coast with greater fury than ever; extending them to the ecclesiastical state, and other parts of Italy. But Pope Paul III. being alarmed at this, exhorted the emperor Charles V. to send a powerful fleet to suppress these frequent and cruel piracies; and, that nothing might be wanting to render the enterprise successful, a bull was published by his holiness, wherein a plenary absolution of sins, and the crown of martyrdom, was promised to all those who either fell in battle or were made slaves. The emperor on his part needed no spur; and therefore set sail at the head of a powerful fleet consisting of 120 ships and 20 galleys, having on board 30,000 chosen troops, an immense quantity of money, arms, ammunition, &c. In this expedition many young nobility and gentry attended as volunteers, and among these many knights of Malta, so remarkable for their valour against the enemies of Christianity. Even ladies of birth and character attended Charles in his expedition, and the wives and daughters of the officers and soldiers followed them with a design to settle in Barbary after the conquest was finished. All these meeting with a favourable wind, soon appeared before Algiers; every ship displaying the Spanish colours on the stern, and another at the head, with a crucifix to serve them for a pilot.

By this prodigious armament, the Algerines were thrown into the utmost consternation. The city was surrounded only by a wall with scarce any outworks. The whole garrison consisted of 800 Turks and 6000 Moors, without fire-arms, and poorly disciplined and accoutred; the rest of their forces being dispersed in:

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10  
He takes  
the Spanish  
fort.

11  
Succeeded  
by Hassan  
Aga.

12  
Charles  
Vth's ex-  
pedition  
against Al-  
giers.

13  
Algiers in  
great con-  
sternation.

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Algiers. the other provinces of the kingdom, to levy the usual tribute on the Arabs and Moors. The Spaniards landed without opposition, and immediately built a fort, under the canon of which they encamped, and diverted the course of a spring which supplied the city with water. Being now reduced to the utmost distress, Hassan received a summons to surrender at discretion, on pain of being put to the sword with all the garrison. The herald was ordered to extol the vast power of the emperor both by sea and land, and to exhort him to return to the Christian religion. But to this Hassan only replied, that he must be a madman who would pretend to advise an enemy, and that the advised must still act more madly who would take counsel of such an adviser. He was, however, on the point of surrendering the city, when advice was brought him that the forces belonging to the western government were in full march towards the place; upon which it was resolved to defend it to the utmost. Charles, in the mean time, resolving upon a general assault, kept a constant firing upon the town; which, from the weak defence made by the garrison, he looked upon as already in his hands. But while the *douwan*, or Algerine senate, were deliberating on the most proper means of obtaining an honourable capitulation, a mad prophet, attended by a multitude of people, entered the assembly, and foretold the speedy destruction of the Spaniards before the end of the moon, exhorting the inhabitants to hold out till that time. This prediction was soon accomplished in a very surprising and unexpected manner: for, on the 28th of October 1541, a dreadful storm of wind, rain, and hail, arose from the north, accompanied with violent shocks of earthquakes, and a dismal and universal darkness both by sea and land; so that the sun, moon, and elements, seemed to combine together for the destruction of the Spaniards. In that one night, some say in less than half an hour, 86 ships and 15 galleys were destroyed, with all their crews and military stores; by which the army on shore was deprived of all means of subsisting in these parts. Their camp also, which spread itself along the plain under the fort, was laid quite under water by the torrents which descended from the neighbouring hills. Many of the troops, by trying to remove into some better situation, were cut in pieces by the Moors and Arabs; while several galleys, and other vessels, endeavouring to gain some neighbouring creek along the coasts, were immediately plundered, and their crews massacred by the inhabitants.

14  
Prevented by a mad prophet from surrendering.

15  
Spanish fleet destroyed by a storm.

16  
Siege of Algiers raised

The next morning Charles beheld the sea covered with the fragments of so many ships, and the bodies of men, horses, and other creatures, swimming on the waves; at which he was so disheartened, that abandoning his tents, artillery, and all his heavy baggage, to the enemy, he marched at the head of his army, though in no small disorder, towards cape *Malabux*, in order to reembark in those few vessels which had outweathered the storm. But Hassan, who had caused his motions to be watched, allowed him just time to get to the shore, when he sallied out and attacked the Spaniards in the midst of their hurry and confusion to get into their ships, killing great numbers, and bringing away a still greater number of captives; after which he returned in triumph to Algiers, where he celebrated with great rejoicings his happy deliverance from such distress and danger.

Soon after this, the prophet *Yusef*, who had foretold the destruction of the Spaniards, was not only declared the deliverer of his country, but had a considerable gratuity decreed him, with the liberty of exercising his prophetic function unmolested. It was not long, however, before the marabouts, and some interpreters of the law, made a strong opposition against him; remonstrating to the bashaw, how ridiculous and scandalous it was to their nation, to ascribe the deliverance of it to a poor fortune-teller, which had been obtained by the fervent prayers of an eminent saint of their own profession. But though the bashaw and his *douwan* seemed, out of policy, to give into this last notion, yet the impression which *Yusef's* predictions and their late accomplishments had made upon the minds of the common people, proved too strong to be eradicated; and the spirit of divination and conjuring has since got into such credit among them, that not only their great statesmen, but their priests, marabouts, and *santons*, have applied themselves to that study, and dignified it with the name of *Mahomet's Revelations*.

Algiers.  
17  
The mad prophet rewarded.

The unhappy Spaniards had scarce reached their ships, when they were attacked by a fresh storm, in which several more of them perished; one ship in particular, containing 700 soldiers, besides sailors, sunk in the emperor's sight, without a possibility of saving a single man. At length, with much labour, they reached the port of *Bujeyah*, at that time possessed by the Spaniards, whither Hassan king of Tunis soon after repaired, with a supply of provisions for the emperor, who received him graciously, with fresh assurances of his favour and protection. Here he dismissed the few remains of the Maltese knights and their forces, who embarked in three shattered galleys, and with much difficulty and danger reached their own country. Charles himself staid no longer than till the 16th of November, when he sailed for Carthage, and reached it on the 25th of the same month. In this unfortunate expedition upwards of 120 ships and galleys were lost, above 300 colonels and other land and sea officers, 8000 soldiers and marines, besides those destroyed by the enemy on the reembarkation, or drowned in the last storm. The number of prisoners was so great, that the Algerines sold some of them, by way of contempt, for an onion per head.

18  
Fresh calamities of the Spaniards.

Hassan, elated with this victory, in which he had very little share, undertook an expedition against the king of Tremecen, who, being now deprived of the assistance of the Spaniards, was forced to procure a peace by paying a vast sum of money, and becoming tributary to him. The bashaw returned to Algiers, laden with riches; and soon after died of a fever, in the 66th year of his age.

19  
Hassan reduces Tremecen.

From this time the Spaniards were never able to annoy the Algerines in any considerable degree. In 1555, they lost the city of *Bujeyah*, which was taken by *Salba Rais*, Hassan's successor; who next year set out on a new expedition, which he kept a secret, but was suspected to be intended against Oran: but he was scarcely got four leagues from Algiers, when the plague, which at that time raged violently in the city, broke out in his groin, and carried him off in 24 hours.

20  
Bujeyah taken from the Spaniards.

Immediately after his death the Algerine soldiery chose a Corsican renegado, Hassan Corso, in his room, till they should receive farther orders from the Porte.

21  
Hassan Corso chosen bashaw by the Janissaries.

He

Algiers. He did not accept of the bashawship without a good deal of difficulty ; but immediately prosecuted the intended expedition against Oran, dispatching a messenger to acquaint the Porte with what had happened. They had hardly begun their hostilities against the place, when orders came from the Porte, expressly forbidding Hassan Corso to begin the siege, or, if he had begun it, enjoining him to raise it immediately. This news was received with great grief by the whole fleet and army, as they thought themselves sure of success, the garrison being at that time very weak. Nevertheless, as they dared not disobey, the siege was immediately raised.

<sup>22</sup> Superfeded by Tekelli, who puts him to a cruel death. Corso had hardly enjoyed his dignity four months, before news came, that eight galleys were bringing a new bashaw to succeed him ; one *Tekelli*, a principal Turk of the Grand Signior's court : upon which the Algerines unanimously resolved not to admit him. By the treachery of the Levantine soldiers, however, he was admitted at last, and the unfortunate Corso thrown over a wall in which a number of iron hooks were fixed ; one of which catching the ribs of his right side, he hung three days in the most exquisite torture before he expired.

Tekelli was no sooner entered upon his new government, than he behaved with such cruelty and rapaciousness, that he was assassinated even under the dome of a saint, by Yusuf Calabres, the favourite renegado of Hassan Corso ; who for this service was unanimously chosen bashaw, but died of the plague six days after his election.

<sup>23</sup> Hassan reinstated. Yusuf was succeeded by Hassan the son of Hayradin, who had been formerly recalled from his bashawship, when he was succeeded by Selha-Rais ; and now had the good fortune to get himself reinstated in his employment. Immediately on his arrival, he engaged in a war with the Arabs, by whom he was defeated with great loss. The next year, the Spaniards undertook an expedition against Mostagan, under the command of the count d'Alcandela ; but were utterly defeated, the commander himself killed, and 12,000 taken prisoners. This disaster was owing to the inconsiderate rashness, or rather madness, of the commander ; which was so great, that, after finding it impossible to rally his scattered forces, he rushed, sword in hand, into the thickest of the enemy's ranks, at the head of a small number of men, crying out, " St Jago ! St Jago ! the victory is ours, the enemy is defeated ; " soon after which he was thrown from his horse, and trampled to death.

<sup>25</sup> Hassan sent in irons to Constantinople. Hassan having had the misfortune to disoblige his subjects by allowing the mountaineers of Cueso to buy ammunition at Algiers, was sent in irons to Constantinople, while the aga of the Janisaries, and general of the land forces, supplied his place.—Hassan easily found means to clear himself ; but a new bashaw was appointed, called Achmet ; who was no sooner arrived, than he sent the two deputy-bashaws to Constantinople, where their heads were struck off.—Achmet was a man of such insatiable avarice, that, upon his arrival at Algiers, all ranks of people came in shoals to make him presents ; which he the more greedily accepted, as he had bought his dignity by the money he had amassed while head gardener to the Sultan. He enjoyed it, however, only four months ; and after his death, the state was governed other four months by his lieutenant ;

when Hassan was a third time sent viceroy to Algiers, where he was received with the greatest demonstrations of joy.

The first enterprize in which Hassan engaged, was the siege of Marfalquiver, situated near the city Oran, which he designed to invest immediately after. The army employed in this siege consisted of 26,000 foot and 10,000 horse, besides which he had a fleet consisting of 32 galleys and galliots, together with three French vessels laden with biscuit, oil, and other provisions. The city was defended by Don Martin de Cordova, brother of the Count d'Alcandela, who had been taken prisoner in the battle where that nobleman was killed, but had obtained his liberty from the Algerines with immense sums, and now made a most gallant defence against the Turks. The city was attacked with the utmost fury by sea and land, so that several breaches were made in the walls. The Turkish standards were several times planted on the walls, and as often dislodged ; but the place must have in the end submitted, had not Hassan been obliged to raise the siege in haste, on the news that the famed Genoese admiral Doria was approaching with considerable succours from Italy. The fleet accordingly arrived soon after ; but missing the Algerine galleys, bore away for Pennon de Velez, where they were shamefully repulsed by an handful of Turks who garrisoned that place ; which, however, was taken the following year.

In 1567, Hassan was again recalled to Constantinople, where he died three years after. He was succeeded by Mahomet, who gained the love of the Algerines by several public-spirited actions. He incorporated the Janisaries and Levantine Turks together, and by that means put an end to their dissensions, which laid the foundation of the Algerine independency on the Porte. He likewise added some considerable fortifications to the city and castle, which he designed to render impregnable. But while he was thus studying the interest of Algiers, one John Gascon, a bold Spanish adventurer, formed a design of surprising the whole piratic navy in the bay, and setting them on fire in the night-time, when they lay defenceless, and in their first sleep. For this he had not only the permission of king Philip II. but was furnished by him with proper vessels, mariners, and fireworks, for the execution of his plot. With these he set sail for Algiers in the most proper season, viz. the beginning of October, when most, if not all the ships lay at anchor there ; and easily sailed near enough, unsuspected, to view their manner of riding, in order to catch them napping, at a time when the greater part of their crew were dispersed in their quarters. He came accordingly, unperceived by any, to the very mole-gate, and dispersed his men with their fire-works ; but to their great surprise, they found them so ill mixed, that they could not with all their art make them take fire. In the mean time, Gascon took it into his head, by way of bravado, to go to the mole-gate, and give three loud knocks at it with the pommel of his dagger, and to leave it fixed in the gate by its point, that the Algerines might have cause to remember him. This he had the good fortune to do without meeting with any disturbance or opposition : but it was not so with his men ; for no sooner did they find their endeavours unsuccessful, than they made such a bustle as quickly alarmed the guard posted on the ad-

Algiers.

26

Reinstated.

27

Siege of Marfalquiver.

28

Hassan again recalled.

29

John Gascon's bold attempt to fire the Algerine fleet.

30

His bravado at the city gate.

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Algiers.  
31  
Is taken and  
put to death

jaacent bastion, from which the uproar quickly spread itself thro' the whole garrison. Gascon now finding himself in the utmost danger, sailed away with all possible haste: but he was pursued, overtaken, and brought back a prisoner to Mahomet; who no sooner got him into his power, than he immediately caused a gibbet of considerable height to be erected on the spot where Gascon had landed, ordering him to be hoisted up, and hung by the feet to a hook, that he might die in exquisite torture; and to show his resentment and contempt of the king his master, he ordered his commission to be tied to his toes. He had not, however, hung long in that state, when the captain who took him, accompanied by a number of other corsairs, interceded so strongly in his behalf, that he was taken down, and put under the care of some Christian surgeon; but two days after, some Moors reporting that it was the common talk and belief in Spain, that the Algerines durst not hurt a hair of Gascon's head, &c. the unfortunate Spaniard was hoisted up by a pulley to the top of the execution-wall, and let down again upon the hook, which in his fall caught him by the belly, and gave him such a wound, that he expired without a groan.—Thus ended the expedition of John Gascon, which has procured him a place among the Spanish martyrs; while, on the other hand, the Algerines look upon his disappointment to have been miraculous, and owing to the efficacious protection of the powerful saint *Sidi Outeddedda*, whose prayers had before raised such a terrible storm against the Spanish fleet.

Mahomet, being soon after recalled, was succeeded by the famous renegado Oehali, who reduced the kingdom of Tunis; which, however, remained subject to the viceroy of Algiers only till the year 1586, when a bashaw of Tunis was appointed by the Porte.

The kingdom of Algiers continued to be governed, till the beginning of the seventeenth century, by viceroys or bashaws appointed by the Porte; concerning whom we find nothing very remarkable, further than that their avarice and tyranny was intolerable both to the Algerines and the Turks themselves. At last the Turkish Janisaries and militia becoming powerful enough to suppress the tyrannic sway of these bashaws, and the people being almost exhausted by the heavy taxes laid upon them, the former resolved to depose these petty tyrants, and set up some officers of their own at the head of the realm. The better to succeed in this attempt, the militia sent a deputation of some of their chief members to the Porte, to complain of the avarice and oppression of these bashaws, who sunk both the revenue of the state, and the money remitted to it from Constantinople, into their own coffers, which should have been employed in keeping up and paying the soldiery; by which means they were in continual danger of being overpowered by the Arabians and Moors, who, if ever so little assisted by any Christian power, would hardly fail of driving all the Turks out of the kingdom. They represented to the Grand Vizir how much more honourable, as well as easier and cheaper, it would be for the Grand Signior to permit them to choose their own dey, or governor, from among themselves, whose interest it would then be to see that the revenue of the kingdom was rightly applied in keeping up its forces complete, and in supplying all other exigencies of the state, without any farther charge

or trouble to the Porte than that of allowing them its protection. On their part, they engaged always to acknowledge the Grand Signiors as their sovereigns, and to pay them their usual allegiance and tribute, to respect their bashaws, and even to lodge and maintain them and their retinue, in a manner suitable to their dignity, at their own charge. The bashaws, however, were, for the future, to be excluded from assisting at any but general douwans, unless invited to it; and from having the liberty of voting in them, unless when their advice was asked, or the interest of the Porte was likely to suffer by their silence. All other concerns, which related to the government of Algiers, were to be wholly left under the direction of the dey and his douwan.

These proposals having been accepted by the Porte, the deputies returned highly satisfied; and having notified their new privileges, the great *douwan* immediately proceeded to the election of a dey from among themselves. They compiled a new set of laws, and made several regulations for the better support and maintenance of this new form of government, to the observation of which they obliged all their subjects to swear; and the militia; navy, commerce, &c. were all settled pretty nearly on the footing upon which they now are, and which shall be afterwards described; tho' the subsequent altercations that frequently happened between the bashaws and deys, the one endeavouring to recover their former power, and the other to curtail it, caused such frequent complaints and discontents at the Ottoman court, as made them frequently repent their compliance.

In the year 1601, the Spaniards, under the command of Doria the Genoese admiral, made another attempt upon Algiers, in which they were more fortunate than usual, their fleet being only driven back by contrary winds, so that they came off without loss. In 1609, the Moors being expelled from Spain, flocked in great numbers to Algiers; and as many of them were very able sailors, they undoubtedly contributed to make the Algerine fleet so formidable as it became soon after; tho' it is probable the frequent attempts made on their city would also induce them to increase their fleet. In 1616, their fleet consisted of 40 sail of ships between 200 and 400 tons, their admiral 500 tons. It was divided into two squadrons, one of 18 sail, before the port of Malaga; and the other at the Cape of Santa Maria, between Lisbon and Seville; both of which fell foul on all Christian ships, both English and French, with whom they pretended to be in friendship, as well as Spaniards and Portuguese, with whom they were at war.

The Algerines were now become very formidable to the European powers. The Spaniards, who were most in danger, and least able to cope with them, solicited the assistance of England, the pope, and other states. The French, however, were the first who dared to show their resentment of the perfidious behaviour of these miscreants; and in 1617, M. Beaulieu was sent against them with a fleet of 50 men of war, who defeated their fleet, took two of their vessels, while their admiral sunk his own ship and crew, rather than fall into his enemies hands.

In 1620, a squadron of English men of war was sent against Algiers, under the conduct of Sir Robert Mansel:

Algiers.

32  
Algerines  
allowed to  
chuse their  
own deys.

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They grow  
formidabl  
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ropeans.

Algiers. Mansel: but of this expedition we have no other account, than that it returned without doing any thing; and the Algerines, becoming more and more insolent, openly defied all the European powers, the Dutch only excepted; to whom, in 1625, they sent a proposal, directed to the prince of Orange, that in case they would fit out 20 sail of ships the following year, upon any good service against the Spaniards, they would join them with 60 sail of their own.

34  
An English  
quadron  
sent against  
the Alger-  
ines.

The next year, the *Coulolies* or *Cologlies* (the children of such Turks as had been permitted to marry at Algiers), who were enrolled in the militia, having seized on the citadel, had well nigh made themselves masters of the city; but were attacked by the Turks and renegadoes, who defeated them with terrible slaughter. Many scores of them were executed; and their heads thrown in heaps upon the city walls, without the eastern gate. Part of the citadel was blown up; and the remaining *Coulolies* were dismissed from the militia, to which they were not again admitted till long after.

35  
States of  
Barbary  
throw off  
their de-  
pendence  
on the  
Porte.

In 1623, the Algerines and other states of Barbary threw off their dependence on the Porte altogether, and set up for themselves. What gave occasion to this was the 25 years truce which Sultan Amurath IV. was obliged to make with the emperor Ferdinand II, to prevent his being overmatched by carrying on a war against him and the sopher of Persia at the same time. As this put a stop to the piratical trade of the Algerines, they proceeded as above-mentioned; and resolved, that whoever desired to be at peace with them, must, distinctly and separately, apply to their government.—No sooner was this resolution taken, than the Algerines began to make prizes of several merchant ships belonging to powers at peace with the Porte. Nay, having seized a Dutch ship and poleacre at Scanderoon, they ventured on shore; and finding the town abandoned by the Turkish aga and inhabitants, they plundered all the magazines and warchouses, and set them on fire.—About this time Lewis XIII. undertook to build a fort on their coasts, in stead of one formerly built by the Marsilians, and which they had demolished. This, after some difficulty, he accomplished; and it was called the *Bastion of France*: but the situation being afterwards found inconvenient, the French purchased the port of La Calle, and obtained liberty to trade with the Arabians and Moors. The Ottoman court, in the mean time, was so much embarrassed with the Persian war, that there was no leisure to check the Algerine piracies. This gave an opportunity to the vizir and other courtiers to compound matters with the Algerines, and to get a share of their prizes, which were very considerable. However, for form's sake, a severe reprimand, accompanied with threats, was sent them; to which they replied, that “these depredations deserved to be indulged to them, seeing they were the only bulwark against the Christian powers, especially against the Spaniards, the sworn enemies of the Moslem name.” Adding, that “if they should pay a punctilious regard to all that would purchase peace, or liberty to trade with the Ottoman empire, they would have nothing to do but set fire to all their shipping, and turn camel-drivers for a livelihood.”

In the year 1635, four younger brothers of a good family in France, entered into an undertaking so desperate, that perhaps the annals of knight-errantry can

scarce furnish its equal.—This was no less than to retort the piracies of the Algerines upon themselves; and as they indiscriminately took the ships of all nations, so were these heroes indiscriminately to take the ships belonging to Algiers; and this with a small frigate of ten guns!—In this ridiculous undertaking, 100 volunteers embarked; a Maltese commission was procured, together with an able master, and 36 mariners.—They had the good fortune, on their first setting out, to take a ship laden with wine, on the Spanish coast: with which they were so much elated, that three days after they madly encountered two large Algerine corsairs, one of 20 and the other of 24 guns, both well manned, and commanded by able officers. These two large vessels having got the small frigate between them, plied her furiously with great shot, which soon took off her main mast: notwithstanding which, the French made so desperate a resistance, that the pirates were not able to take them, till the noise of their firing brought up five more Algerines; when the French vessel, being almost torn to pieces, was boarded and taken. The young knights-errant were punished for their temerity by a dreadful captivity, from which they redeemed themselves in 1642 at the price of 6000 dollars.

Algiers.  
36  
Desperate  
undertak-  
ing of four  
younger  
brothers.

The Algerines prosecuted their piracies with impunity, to the terror and disgrace of the Europeans, till the year 1652; when a French fleet being accidentally driven into Algiers, the admiral took it into his head to demand a release of all the captives of his nation, without exception. This being refused, the Frenchman without ceremony carried off the Turkish viceroy, and his cadí or judge, who were just arrived from the Porte, with all their equipage and retinue. The Algerines, by way of reprisal, surprised the Bastion of France already mentioned, and carried off the inhabitants to the number of 600, with all their effects; which so provoked the admiral, that he sent them word that he would pay them another visit the next year with his whole fleet.

37  
A French  
admiral  
carries off  
the Turkish  
bashaw.

The Algerines, undismayed by the threats of the French admiral, fitted out a fleet of 16 galleys and gal-liots, excellently manned and equipped, under the command of Admiral Hali Pinchinin.—The chief design of this armament was against the treasure of Loretto; which, however, they were prevented by contrary winds from obtaining. Upon this they made a descent on Puglia in the kingdom of Naples; where they ravaged the whole territory of Necotra, carrying off a vast number of captives, and among them some nuns. From thence steering towards Dalmatia, they scoured the Adriatic; and loading themselves with immense plunder, left those coasts in the utmost consternation and resentment.

38  
The Alge-  
rines fit out  
a formida-  
ble fleet.

At last the Venetians, alarmed at such terrible depredations, equipped a fleet of 28 sail, under the command of admiral Capello, with express orders to burn, sink, or take, all the Barbary corsairs he met with, either on the open sea, or even in the Grand Signior's harbours, pursuant to a late treaty of peace with the Porte. On the other hand, the captain bashaw, who had been sent out with the Turkish fleet to chase the Florentine and Maltese cruisers out of the Archipelago, understanding that the Algerine squadron was so near, sent express orders to the admiral to come to his assistance. Pinchinin readily agreed; but having first resolved on a descent upon the island of Lissa, or Lisi-

39  
Which is  
totally de-  
stroyed by  
the Vene-  
tians.

Algiers. na, belonging to the Venetians, he was overtaken by Capello, from whom he retired to Valona, a sea-port belonging to the Grand Signior, whither the Venetian admiral pursued him; but the Turkish governor refusing to eject the pirates according to the articles of the peace between the Ottoman court and Venice, Capello was obliged to content himself with watching them for some time. Pinchinin was soon weary of restraint, and ventured out; when an engagement immediately ensued, in which the Algerines were defeated, and five of their vessels disabled; with the loss of 1500 men, Turks, and Christian slaves; besides 1600 galley-slaves who regained their liberty. Pinchinin, after this defeat, returned to Valona, where he was again watched by Capello; but the latter had not lain long at his old anchorage before he received a letter from the senate, desiring him to make no farther attempt on the pirates at that time, for fear of a rupture with the Porte. This was followed by a letter from the governor of Valona, desiring him to take care lest he incurred the Sultan's displeasure by such insults. The brave Venetian was forced to comply; but, resolving to take such a leave of the Algerines as he thought they deserved, observed how they had reared their tents, and drawn their booty and equipage along the shore. He then kept firing among their tents, while some well-manned gallies and brigantines were ordered among their shipping, who attacked them with such bravery, that, without any great loss, they towed out their 16 gallies, with all their cannon, stores, &c.—In this last engagement, a ball from one of the Venetian gallies, happening to strike a Turkish mosque, the whole action was considered as an insult upon the Grand Signior. To conceal this, Capello was ordered to sink all the Algerine ships he had taken, except the admiral; which was to be conducted to Venice, and laid up as a trophy. Capello came off with a severe reprimand; but the Venetians were obliged to buy, with 500,000 ducats, a peace from the Porte. The Grand Signior offered to repair the loss of the Algerines by building ten gallies for them, upon condition that they should continue in his service till the end of the ensuing summer; but Pinchinin, who knew how little the Algerines chose to lie under obligations to him, civilly declined the offer.

40  
Algiers in  
the utmost  
confusion at  
the news.

In the mean time, the news of this defeat and loss filled Algiers with the utmost grief and confusion. The whole city was on the point of a general insurrection, when the bashaw and douwan issued out a proclamation forbidding, not only complaints and outcries, under the severest penalties; but all persons whatever to *take their thumbs from within their girdles*, while they were deliberating on this important point. In the mean time, they applied to the Porte for an order, that the Venetians settled in the Levant should make up their loss. But with this the Grand Signior refused to comply, and left them to repair their losses, as well as build new ships, in the best manner they could. It was not long, however, before they had the satisfaction to see one of their corsairs land, with a fresh supply of 600 slaves, whom he had brought from the coast of Iceland, whither he had been directed by a miscreant native taken on board a Danish ship.

41  
They set  
out a new  
fleet.

Our pirates did not long continue in their weak and defenceless state; being able, at the end of two years, to appear at sea with a fleet of 65 sail. The admiral

Pinchinin equipped four gallies at his own expence; with which, in conjunction with the Chiayah, or secretary of the bashaw of Tripoli, he made a second excursion. This small squadron, consisting of five gallies and two brigantines, fell in with an English ship of 40 guns; which, however, Pinchinin's captains refused to engage; but being afterwards reproached by him for their cowardice, they swore to attack the next Christian ship which came in their way. This happened to be a Dutch merchantman, of 28 guns and 40 men, deeply laden, and unable to use her sails by reason of a calm. Pinchinin immediately summoned her to surrender; but receiving an ironical answer, drew up his squadron in the form of a half-moon, that they might pour their shot all at once into their adversary. This, however, the Dutchman avoided, by means of a breeze of wind which fortunately sprung up and enabled him to turn his ship; upon which the gallies ran foul of each other.—Upon this Pinchinin ran his own galley along side of the merchantman, the upper deck of which 70 Algerines immediately took possession of, some of them cutting the rigging, and others plying the hatches with hand-grenadoes: but the Dutchmen having secured themselves in their close quarters, began to fire at the Algerines on board, from two pieces of cannon loaded with small shot; by which they were all soon killed, or forced to submit. Pinchinin, in the mean time, made several unsuccessful attempts to relieve his men, as well as to surround the Dutchman with his other gallies: but that ship lay so deep in the water, that every shot did terrible execution among the pirates; so that they were obliged to remove farther off. At last the Dutch captain, having ordered his guns to be loaded with cartouches, gave them such a parting volley as killed 200 of them, and sent the rest back to Algiers in a most dismal plight.

Algiers.

42  
Five of their  
gallies de-  
feated by a  
Dutchmer-  
chantman.

But though Pinchinin thus returned in disgrace, the rest of the fleet quickly came back with vast numbers of slaves, and an immense quantity of rich spoils; inasmuch that the English, French, and Dutch, were obliged to cringe to the mighty Algerines, who sometimes vouchsafed to be at peace with them, but swore eternal war against Spain, Portugal, and Italy, whom they looked upon as the greatest enemies to the Mahometan name. At last Lewis XIV. provoked by the grievous outrages committed by the Algerines on the coasts of Provence and Languedoc, ordered, in 1681, a considerable fleet to be fitted out against them, under the Marquis du Quesne, vice-admiral of France. His first expedition was against a number of Tripolitan corsairs; who had the good fortune to outrow him, and shelter themselves in the island of Scio belonging to the Turks. This did not, however, prevent him from pursuing them thither, and making such terrible fire upon them as quickly destroyed 14 of their vessels, besides battering the walls of the castle.

43  
Preparati-  
ons against  
Algiers by  
Lewis XI

This severity seemed only to be designed as a check to the piracies of the Algerines; but, finding they still continued their outrages on the French coast, he sailed to Algiers in August 1682, cannonading and bombarding it so furiously, that the whole town was in flames in a very little time. The great mosque was battered down, and most of the houses laid in ruins, inasmuch that the inhabitants were on the point of abandoning the place; when on a sudden the wind turned about,

44  
Algiers  
bombarded  
and set on  
fire by the  
French.

and



Algiers.  
45  
Algerines  
commit  
dreadful ra-  
vages in  
France.

46  
The city a-  
gain bom-  
barded.

and obliged Du Quesne to return to Toulon. The Algerines immediately made reprisals, by sending a number of galleys and galliots to the coasts of Provence, where they committed the most dreadful ravages, and brought away a vast number of captives: upon which a new armament was ordered to be got ready at Toulon and Marseilles against the next year; and the Algerines, having received timely notice, put themselves into as good a state of defence as the time would allow.

In May 1683, Du Quesne with his squadron cast anchor before Algiers; where being joined by the Marquis D'Affranville, at the head of five stout vessels, it was resolved to bombard the town next day. Accordingly 100 bombs were thrown into it the first day, which did terrible execution; while the besieged made some hundred discharges of their cannon against them, without doing any considerable damage. The following nights the bombs were again thrown into the city in such numbers, that the dey's palace and other great edifices were almost destroyed; some of their batteries were dismounted, and several vessels sunk in the port. The dey and Turkish bashaw, as well as the whole soldiery, alarmed at this dreadful havoc, immediately sued for peace. As a preliminary, the immediate surrender was insisted on of all Christian captives who had been taken fighting under the French flag; which being granted, 142 of them were immediately delivered up, with a promise of sending him the remainder as soon as they could be got from the different parts of the country. Accordingly Du Quesne sent his commissary-general and one of his engineers into the town; but with express orders to insist upon the delivery of all the French captives without exception, together with the effects they had taken from the French; and that Mezomorto their then admiral, and Hali Rais one of their captains, should be given as hostages.

This last demand having embarrassed the dey, he assembled the douwan, and acquainted them with it: upon which Mezomorto fell into a violent passion, and told the assembly, that the cowardice of those who sat at the helm had occasioned the ruin of Algiers; but that, for his part, he would never consent to deliver up any thing that had been taken from the French. He immediately acquainted the soldiery with what had passed; which so exasperated them, that they murdered the dey that very night, and on the morrow chose Mezomorto in his place. This was no sooner done, than he cancelled all the articles of peace which had been made, and hostilities were renewed with greater fury than ever.

47  
Set on fire  
and almost  
destroyed.

The French admiral now kept pouring in such volleys of bombs, that, in less than three days, the greatest part of the city was reduced to ashes, and the fire burnt with such vehemence, that the sea was enlightened with it for more than two leagues round. Mezomorto, unmoved at all these disasters, and the vast number of the slain, whose blood ran in rivulets along the streets; or rather, grown furious and desperate, sought only how to wreak his revenge on the enemy; and, not content with causing all the French in the city to be cruelly murdered, ordered their consul to be tied hand and foot, and fastened alive to the mouth of a mortar, from whence he was shot away against their navy.— By this piece of inhumanity Du Quesne was so exas-

perated, that he did not leave Algiers till he had utterly destroyed all their fortifications, shipping, almost all the lower part, and above two thirds of the upper part, of the city; by which means it became little else than a heap of ruins.

Algiers.

The haughty Algerines were now thoroughly convinced that they were not invincible; and, therefore, immediately sent an embassy into France, begging in the most abject terms for peace; which Lewis immediately granted, to their inexpressible joy. They now began to pay some regard to other nations, and to be a little cautious how they wantonly incurred their displeasure. The first bombardment by the French had so far humbled the Algerines, that they condescended to enter into a treaty with England; which was renewed, upon terms very advantageous to the latter, in 1686. It is not to be supposed, however, that the natural perfidy of the Algerines would disappear on a sudden: notwithstanding this treaty, therefore, they lost no opportunity of making prizes of the English ships when they could conveniently come at them. Upon some infringement of this kind, Captain Beach drove ashore and burnt seven of their frigates in 1695; which produced a renewal of the treaty five years after: but it was not till the taking of Gibraltar and Port Mahon, that Britain could have a sufficient check upon them to enforce the observation of treaties; and these have since proved such restraints upon Algiers, that they still continue to pay a greater deference to the English than to any European power.

48  
Algerines  
sue for  
peace.

49  
Seven of  
their ships  
burnt by  
capt. Beach.

The present century furnishes no very remarkable events with regard to Algiers; except the taking of the famed city of Oran from the Spaniards in 1708 (which however they regained in 1737), and the expulsion of the Turkish bashaw, and uniting his office to that of the dey in 1710. This introduced the form of government which still continues in Algiers.

50  
Expulsion of  
the Turk-  
ish bashaw.

The dey is now absolute monarch; and pays no other revenue to the Porte, than that of a certain number of fine boys or youths, and some other presents which are sent thither yearly. His own income, probably, rises and falls according to the opportunities he hath of fleecing both natives and foreigners; whence it is variously computed by different authors. Dr Shaw computes the taxes of the whole kingdom to bring into the treasury no more than 300,000 dollars; but supposes that the eighth part of the prizes, the effects of those persons who die without children, joined to the yearly contributions raised by the government, presents from foreigners, fines and oppressions, may bring in about as much more. Both the dey, and officers under him, enrich themselves by the same laudable methods of rapine and fraud; which it is no wonder to find the common people practising upon one another, and especially upon strangers, seeing they themselves are impoverished by heavy taxes and the injustice of those who are in authority.

51  
Revenues,  
&c. of the  
Dey.

We have already hinted, that the first deys were elected by the militia, who were then called the *douwan*, or common-council. This elective body was at first composed of 800 militia-officers, without whose consent the dey could do nothing; and upon some urgent occasions, all the officers residing in Algiers, amounting to above 1500, were summoned to assist. But since the deys, who may be compared to the Dutch

Algiers.

Stadtholders, have become more powerful, the douwan is principally composed of 30 chiak-bashaws, or colonels, with now and then the mufti and cadî upon some emergencies; and, on the election of a dey, the whole soldiery are allowed to come and give their votes. All the regulations of state ought to be determined by that assembly, before they pass into a law, or the dey hath power to put them in execution: but, for many years back, the douwan is of so little account, that it is only convened out of formality, and to give assent to what the dey and his chief favourites have concerted beforehand. The method of gathering the votes in this august assembly is perfectly agreeable to the character of those who compose it. The aga, or general of the janisaries, or the president *pro tempore*, first proposes the question; which is immediately repeated with a loud voice by the chia-bashaws, and from them echoed again by four officers called *bashaldalas*, from these the question is repeated from one member of the douwan to another, with strange contortions, and the most hideous growlings, if it is not to their liking. From the loudness of this growling noise, the aga is left to guess as well as he can whether the majority of the assembly are pleased or displeased with the question; and from such a preposterous method, it is not surprising that these assemblies should seldom end without some tumult or disorder. As the whole body of the militia is concerned in the election of a new dey, it is seldom carried on without blows and bloodshed: but when once the choice is made, the person elected is saluted with the words *ALLA BARICK*, "God bless you, and prosper you;" and the new dey usually causes all the officers of the douwan who had opposed his election to be strangled, filling up their places with those who had been most zealous in promoting it. From this account of the election of the deys, it cannot be expected that their government should be at all secure; and as they arrive at the throne by tumult, disorder, and bloodshed, they are generally deprived of it by the same means, scarcely one in ten of them having the good fortune to die a natural death.

52  
Strange  
method of  
gathering  
the vote of  
the dou-  
wan.

In this country it is not to be expected that justice will be administered with any degree of impartiality. The Mahometan soldiery, in particular, are so much favoured, that they are seldom put to death for any crime, except rebellion; in which case they are either strangled with a bow-string, or hanged to an iron hook. In lesser offences, they are fined, or their pay stopped; and if officers, they are reduced to the station of common soldiers, from whence they may gradually raise themselves to their former dignity. Women guilty of adultery, have a halter tied about their necks, with the other end fastened to a pole, by which they are held under water till they are suffocated. The bastinado is likewise inflicted for small offences; and is given either upon the belly, back, or soles of the feet, according to the pleasure of the cadî; who also appoints the number of strokes. These sometimes amount to 200 or 300, according to the indulgence the offender can obtain either by bribery or friends; and hence he often dies under this punishment, for want of powerful enough advocates. But the most terrible punishments are these inflicted upon the Jews or Christians who speak against Mahomet or his religion; in which case, they must either turn Mahometan, or be impaled alive. If they

53  
Punish-  
ments, &c.

afterwards apostatize, they are burned or roasted alive, or else thrown down from the top of the city-walls, upon iron hooks, where they are caught by different parts of their body, according as they happen to fall, and sometimes expire in the greatest torments; though by accident they may be put out of pain at once, as we have already related of the Spanish adventurer John Gascon. This terrible punishment, however, begins now to be disused.

The officer next in power to the dey is the aga of the janisaries, who is one of the oldest officers in the army, and holds his post only for two months. He is then succeeded by the chiali, or next senior officer.—During the two months in which the aga enjoys his dignity, the keys of the metropolis are in his hands; all military orders are issued out in his name; and the sentence of the dey upon any offending soldier, whether capital or not, can only be executed in the court of his palace.—As soon as he is gone through this short office, he is considered as *mazoul*, or superannuated; receives his pay regularly, like the rest of the militia, every two moons; is exempt from all further duties, except when called by the dey to assist at the grand council, to which he hath, however, a right to come at all times but hath no longer a vote in it.—Next to the aga in dignity, is the secretary of state, who registers all the public acts; and after him, are the 30 chiahs, or colonels, who sit next to the aga in the douwan, and in the same gallery with him. Out of this class are generally chosen those who go ambassadors to foreign courts, or who disperse the dey's orders throughout the realm.—Next to them are 800 bolluck-bashaws, or eldest captains, who are promoted to that of chia-bashaws, according to their seniority. The oldack-bashaws; or lieutenants, are next; who amount to 400, and are regularly raised to the rank of captains in their turn, and to other employments in the state, according to their abilities. These, by way of distinction, wear a leather strap, hanging down to the middle of their back. One rule is strictly observed in the rotation of these troops from one deputy to a higher; viz. the right of seniority; one single infringement of which would cause an insurrection, and probably cost the dey his life. Other military officers of note are the vekelards, or purveyors of the army; the peys, who are the four oldest soldiers, and consequently the nearest to preferment; the foulacks, who are the next in seniority to them, and are part of the dey's body-guards, always marching before him when he takes the field, and distinguished by their carbines and gilt scymitars, with a brass gun on their caps; the kayts, or Turkish soldiers, each band of whom have the government of one or more adowars, or itinerant villages, and collect their taxes for the dey; and the fagiards, or Turkish lance-men, 100 of whom always attend the army, and watch over the water appointed for it. To these we may add the beys, or governors of the three great provinces of the realm. All the above-mentioned officers ought to compose the great douwan or council above-mentioned; but only the 30 chiah-bashaws have a right to sit in the gallery next after the dey: The rest are obliged to stand on the floor of the hall, or council-chamber, with their arms across, and, as much as possible, without motion; neither are they permitted to enter with their swords on, for fear of a tumult. As for those

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dom. The kingdom of Algiers is at present divided into three provinces or districts, viz. the eastern, western, and southern. The eastern, or Levantine government, which is by far the most considerable of the three, and is also called *Beylick*, contains the towns of Boano, Constantina, Gigeri, Bujeyah, Steffa, Tebef, Zamoura, Biscara, and Necanz, in all which the Turks have their garrisons: besides which, it includes the two ancient kingdoms of Cuco and Labez, though independent of the Algerine government, to whose forces their country is inaccessible; so that they still live under their own cheyks chosen by each of their adowars or hords. To these we may add a French factory at Calle, under the direction of the company of the French Bastion.—The western government hath the towns of Oran, Tremecen, Mostagan, Tenez, and Secrelly with its castle and garrison.—The southern government hath neither town, village, nor even a house, all the inhabitants living in tents, which obliges the bey and his forces to be always encamped.

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Rivers. The most considerable rivers of Algiers are the Zha, or Ziz, which runs across the province of Tremecen, and the desert of Anguid, falling into the Mediterranean near the town of Tabecrita, where it has the name of *Sirat*. (2.) The Haregol, supposed the *Sign* of Ptolemy, comes down from the great Atlas, crosses the desert of Anguid, and falls into the sea, about five leagues from Oran. (3.) The Mina, supposed the *Chylenatis* of Ptolemy, a large river, which runs through the plains of Bathala, and falls into the sea near the town of Arzew. This river hath lately received the name of *Gena*, who rebuilt the town of Bathalah after it had been destroyed. (4.) The Sheliff, Zilef, or Zilif, descending from the mount Gnanexeris, runs through some great deserts, the lake Titteri, the frontiers of Tremecen and Tenez, falling into the sea a little above the city of Mostagan. (5.) The Celef, supposed to be the *Carthena* of the ancients, falls into the sea about three leagues west of Algiers, after a short course of 18 or 20 leagues. (6.) The Hued-alquivir, supposed to be the *Nalabata*, or *Nafaba*, of the ancients, and called by the Europeans *Zinganir*, runs down with a swift course, through some high mountains of Cuco, and falls into the sea near Bujeyah.

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accident. Whilst the city of Bujeyah was in the hands of the Christians, the mouth of this river was so choked up with sand, that no vessel could come up into it: but in 1555, very soon after it was taken by the Moors, the great rains swelled it to such a degree, that all the sand and mud was carried off; so that galleys, and other vessels, have ever since entered it with ease, where they lie safe from storms, and all winds, but that which blows from the north. (7.) Suf-Gemar or Suf-Gimmar al Rumniel, supposed to be the *Ampfaga* of Ptolemy, hath its source on mount Auras, on the confines of Atlas; thence runs through some barren plains, and the fruitful ones of Constantina, where its stream is greatly increased by some other rivers it receives; from thence running northward, along the ridges of some high mountains, it falls into the sea a little east of Gigeri.

(8.) The Ladag, or Ludeg, runs down from mount Atlas through part of Constantina, and falls into the sea a little eastward of Bona. (9.) Guadi, or Guadel Barbar, springs from the head of Orbus, or Urbs, in Tripoli, runs through Bujeyah, and falls into the sea near Tabarea.

Besides these there are many others of less note; of which, however, we do not find that the Algerines avail themselves as they might do, their genius leading them too much to the piratical trade to mind any real advantage that might be derived from their own country. The corsairs, or pirates, form each a small republic, of which the rais or captain is the supreme bashaw; who, with the officers under him, form a kind of douwan, in which every matter relating to the vessel is decided in an arbitrary way. These corsairs are chiefly instrumental in importing whatever commodities are brought into the kingdom either by way of merchandize or prizes. These consist chiefly of gold and silver stuffs, damasks, cloths, spices, tin, iron, plated brass, lead, quicksilver, cordage, sail-cloth, bullets, cochineal, linen, tartar, alum, rice, sugar, soap, cotton raw and spun, coppas, aloes, brazil and logwood, vermilion, &c. Very few commodities, however, are exported from this part of the world: the oil, wax, hides, pulse, and corn produced, being but barely sufficient to supply the country; though, before the loss of Oran, the merchants have been known to ship off from one or other of the ports of Barbary several thousand tons of corn. The consumption of oil, though here in great abundance, is likewise so considerable in this kingdom, that it is seldom permitted to be shipped off for Europe. The other exports consist chiefly in ostriches feathers, copper, ruggs, silk shawls, embroidered handkerchiefs, dates and Christian slaves. Some manufactures in silk, cotton, wool, leather, &c. are carried on in this country, but mostly by the Spaniards settled here, especially about the metropolis. Carpets are also a manufacture of the country, which, though much inferior to those of Turkey, both in beauty and fineness, are preferred by the people to lie upon, on account of their being both cheaper and softer. There are also, at Algiers, looms for velvet, taffaties, and other wrought silks; and a coarse sort of linen is likewise made in most parts of the kingdom. The country furnishes no materials for ship-building. They have neither ropes, tar, sails, anchors, nor even iron. When they can procure enough of new wood to form the main timbers of a ship, they supply the rest from the materials of prizes which they have made; and thus find the secret of producing new and swift sailing vessels from the ruins of the old. Of all the states on the coast of Barbary, the Algerines are the strongest at sea.

The inhabitants along the sea-coasts are a mixture of different nations; but chiefly Moors and Morescos driven out of Catalonia, Arragon, and other parts of Spain. Here are also great numbers of Turks, who come from the Levant to seek their fortune; as well as multitudes of Jews and Christians taken at sea, who are brought hither to be sold for slaves. The Berbers are some of the most ancient inhabitants of the country; and are supposed to be descended from the ancient Sabicans, who came hither from Arabia Felix, under the conduct of one of their princes. Others be-

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lieve them to be some of the Canaanites driven out of Palestine by Joshua. These are dispersed all over Barbary, and divided into a multitude of tribes under their respective chiefs: most of them inhabit the mountainous parts; some range from place to place, and live in tents, or portable huts; others in scattered villages: they have, nevertheless, kept themselves for the most part from intermixing with other nations. The Berebers are reckoned the richest of all, go better clothed, and carry on a much larger traffic of cattle, hides, wax, honey, iron, and other commodities. They have also some artificers in iron, and some manufactures in the weaving branch.—The name of *Bereber* is supposed to have been originally given them on account of their being first settled in some desert place. Upon their increasing in process of time, they divided themselves into five tribes, probably on account of religious differences, called the *Zinhagians*, *Mufamedins*, *Zeneti*, *Hoares*, and *Gomeres*; and these having produced 600 families, subdivided themselves into a great number of petty tribes.—To these we may add the *Zwowahs*, by European authors called *Azuagues*, or *Affagues*, who are likewise dispersed over most parts of Barbary and Numidia. Great numbers of these inhabit the mountainous parts of Cuco, Labez, &c. leading a wandering pastoral life.—But the most numerous inhabitants are the Moors and Arabians. The former are very stout and warlike, and skilful horsemen; but so addicted to robbing, that one cannot safely travel along the country at a distance from the towns without a guard, or at least a marabout or faint for a safeguard. For as they look upon themselves to be the original proprietors of the country, and not only as dispossessed by the rest of the inhabitants, but reduced by them to the lowest state of poverty, they make no scruple to plunder all they meet by way of reprisal. The inhabitants, in general, have a pretty fair complexion; they are robust and well proportioned. People of distinction wear their beards: they have rich clothes made of silk, embroidered with flowers of gold, and turbans enriched with jewels. The Turks, who compose the military force, have great privileges, pay no taxes, are never publicly punished, and rarely in private. The lowest soldier domineers over the most distinguished Moors at pleasure. If he finds them better mounted than himself, he exchanges horses without ceremony. The Turks alone have the privilege of carrying fire-arms. Many good qualities, however, distinguish them in spite of this excess of despotism. They never game for money, nor even for trifles; and they never profane the name of the Deity. They soon forget their private quarrels; and after the first paroxysm of resentment is over, it is infamy for a Turk to keep in remembrance the injuries he has received. In this respect certainly they are less barbarous than other nations that boast of their civilization. See MOORS.

ALGIERS, a city, the capital of the above kingdom, is probably the ancient *Icosium*: by the Arabians called *Algezair*, or rather *Al-Jezier*, or *Al-Jezerah*, i. e. *the island*, because there was an island before the city, to which it hath been since joined by a mole. It is built on the declivity of a hill by the sea-side, in the form of an amphitheatre: at sea, it looks like the top-sail of a ship. The tops of the houses are quite flat and white; inasmuch, that when it is first discovered, one

would take it to be a place where they bleach linen. One house rises above another in such a manner that they do not hinder each other's prospect. The streets are so narrow, that they will scarce admit two persons to walk a-breast, and the middle part is lower than the sides. When any loaded beasts, such as camels, horses, mules, or asses, pass along, you are forced to stand up close to the wall to let them pass by. There is but one broad street, which runs through the city from east to west, in which are the shops of the principal merchants, and the market for corn and other commodities. The lower part of the walls of the city are of hewn stone, and the upper part of brick; they are 30 feet high on the land side, and 40 towards the sea; the fosses or ditches are twenty feet broad, and seven deep. There is no sweet water in the city: and tho' there is a tank or cistern in every house, yet they often want water, because it rains but seldom: the chief supply is from a spring on a hill, the water of which is conveyed by pipes to above a hundred fountains, at which a bowl is fastened for the use of passengers. The common reservoir is at the end of the mole, where the ships take in their water. Every one takes his turn at these places, except the Turks, who are first, and the Jews last. There are five gates, which are open from sunrise till sun-setting; and seven forts, or castles, without the walls, the greatest of which is on the mole without the gate, all of which are well supplied with great guns. There are ten large mosques, and fifty small ones; three great colleges or public schools, and a great number of petty ones for children. The houses are square, and built of stone and brick, with a square court in the middle, and galleries all round. There are said to be about 100,000 inhabitants in the city, comprehending 5000 Jewish families, besides Christians. There are four fundics, or public inns, such as are in Turkey; and six cazernes, or barracks, for the unmarried Turkish soldiers, which will hold 600 each. There are no inns for Christians to lodge at; but only a few tippling huts kept by slaves, for the accommodation of Greeks and the poorer sort of travellers, where any thing may be had for money. Here are bagnios, or public baths, in the same manner as in Turkey, at a very moderate rate. The women have baths of their own, where the men dare not come. Without the city there are a great number of sepulchres, as also cells or chapels, dedicated to marabouts, or reputed saints, which the women go to visit every Friday. The Turkish soldiers are great tyrants; for they not only turn others out of the way in the streets, but will go to the farm-houses in the country for twenty days together, living on free quarters, and making use of every thing, not excepting the women. The Algerines eat, as in Turkey, sitting cross-legged round a table about four inches high, and use neither knives nor forks; before they begin, every one says *Be isme Allah*, "In the name of God." When they have done, a slave pours water on all their hands as they sit, and then they wash their mouths. Their drink is water, sherbet, and coffee. Wine is not allowed, though drunk immoderately by some. The prospect of the country and sea from Algiers is very beautiful, being built on the declivity of a mountain; but the city, though for several ages it has braved some of the greatest powers in Christendom, it is said, could make but a faint defence against a regular siege; and that

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that three English fifty-gun ships might batter it about the ears of its inhabitants from the harbour. If so, the Spaniards must have been very deficient either in courage or conduct. They attacked it in the year 1775, by land and by sea, but were repulsed with great loss; though they had near 20,000 foot and 2000 horse, and 47 king's ships of different rates and 346 transports. In the year 1783 and 1784, they also renewed their attacks by sea to destroy the city and galleys; but after spending a quantity of ammunition, bombs, &c. were forced to retire without either its capture or extinction. The mole of the harbour is 500 paces in length, extending from the continent to a small island where there is a castle and large battery. E. Long. 3. 30. N. Lat. 36. 40.

ALGOL, a fixed star of the third magnitude, called *Medusa's Head*, in the constellation Perseus; its longitude is  $21^{\circ} 50' 42''$  of Taurus, and its latitude  $23^{\circ} 23' 47''$  north; according to Flamsteed's catalogue. For an account of its changes, period, and other circumstances. See ASTRONOMY (*Index*).

ALGONQUINS, a nation in North America, who formerly possessed great tracts of land along the north shore of the river St Lawrence. For a long time they had no rivals as hunters and warriors, and were long in alliance with the Iroquois; whom they agreed to protect from all invaders, and to let them have a share of their venison. The Iroquois, on the other hand, were to pay a tribute to their allies, out of the culture of the earth; and to perform for them all the menial duties, such as slaying the game, curing the flesh, and dressing the skins. By degrees, however, the Iroquois associated in the hunting matches and warlike expeditions of the Algonquins; so that they soon began to fancy themselves as well qualified, either for war or hunting, as their neighbours. One winter, a large detachment of both nations having gone out a-hunting, and secured, as they thought, a vast quantity of game, six young Algonquins and as many Iroquois were sent out to begin the slaughter. The Algonquins, probably, became a little jealous of their associates, upon seeing a few elks, desired the Iroquois to return, on pretence that they would have sufficient employment in slaying the game they should kill; but after three days hunting, having killed none, the Iroquois exulted, and in a day or two privately set out to hunt for themselves. The Algonquins were so exasperated at seeing their rivals return laden with game, that they murdered all the hunters in the night-time. The Iroquois dissembled their resentment; but in order to be revenged, applied themselves to study the art of war as practised among those savage nations. Being afraid of engaging with the Algonquins at first, they tried their prowess on other inferior nations, and, when they thought themselves sufficiently expert, attacked the Algonquins with such diabolical fury, as showed they could be satisfied with nothing less than the extermination of the whole race; which, had it not been for the interposition of the French, they would have accomplished.—The few Algonquin nations that are now to be seen, seem entirely ignorant of agriculture, and subsist by fishing and hunting. They allow themselves a plurality of wives; notwithstanding which, they daily decrease in populousness, few or none of their nations containing above 6000 souls, and many of them not 2000. Their language is

one of the three radical ones in North America, being understood from the river St Lawrence to the Mississippi.

ALGOR, with physicians, an unusual coldness in any part of the body.

ALGORITHM, an Arabic word, expressive of numerical computation.

ALGUAZIL, in the Spanish polity, an officer whose business it is to see the decrees of a judge executed.

ALHAGI, in botany, the trivial name of a species of hedyсарum. See HEDYSARUM.

ALHAMA, a very pleasant town of the kingdom of Granada, in Spain, situated in the midst of some craggy mountains, about 25 miles S. W. of Granada, on the banks of the Rio Frio, in W. Long. 1. 10. N. Lat. 36. 59. and having the finest warm baths in all Spain. It was taken from the Moors in 1481. The inhabitants, though surpris'd, and the town without a garrison, made a gallant defence: but being at length forced to submit, the place was abandoned to the pillage of the Christian soldiers; who, not satisfied with an immense quantity of gold and jewels, made slaves of upwards of 3000 of the inhabitants.

ALHAMBRA, the ancient fortress and residence of the Moorish monarchs of Granada. It derives its name from the red colour of the materials which it was originally built with, Alhambra signifying a red house. It appears to the traveller a huge heap of as ugly buildings as can well be seen, all huddled together, seemingly without the least intention of forming *one* habitation out of them. The walls are entirely unornamented, all gravel and pebbles, daubed over with plaster by a very coarse hand: yet this is the palace of the Moorish kings of Granada, indisputably the most curious place within that exists in Spain, perhaps in the world. In many countries may be seen excellent modern as well as ancient architecture, both entire and in ruins; but nothing to be met with any where else can convey an idea of this edifice, except the decorations of an opera, or the tales of the genii.

Passing round the corner of the emperor's palace, one is admitted at a plain unornamented door in a corner. On my first visit, says Mr Swinburne, I confess I was struck with amazement, as I stepped over the threshold, to find myself on a sudden transported into a species of fairy land. The first place you come to is the court called the *communa* or *del mesucar*, that is the *common baths*; an oblong square, with a deep basin of clear water in the middle; two flights of marble steps leading down to the bottom; on each side a parterre of flowers, and a row of orange-trees. Round the court runs a peristyle paved with marble; the arches bear upon very slight pillars, in proportions and style different from all the regular orders of architecture. The ceilings and walls are incrustated with fret work in stucco, so minute and intricate, that the most patient draughtsman would find it difficult to follow it, unless he made himself master of the general plan. This would facilitate the operation exceedingly; for all this work is frequently and regularly repeated at certain distances, and has been executed by means of square moulds applied successively, and the parts joined together with the utmost nicety. In every division are Arabic sentences of different lengths, most

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Alhambra. of them expressive of the following meanings: "There is no conqueror but God;" or, "Obedience and honour to our Lord Abouabdoula." The ceilings are gilt or painted, and time has caused no diminution in the freshness of their colours, though constantly exposed to the air. The lower part of the walls is Mosaic, disposed in fantastic knots and festoons. A work so novel, so exquisitely finished, and so different from all that he had ever seen, must afford a stranger the most agreeable sensations while he treads this magic ground. The porches at the ends are more like grotto-work than any thing else to which they can be compared. That on the right hand opens into an octagon vault, under the emperor's palace, and forms a perfect whispering gallery, meant to be a communication between the offices of both houses.

Opposite to the door of the communa through which you enter, is another leading into the *quarto de les leones*, or apartment of the lions; which is an oblong court, 100 feet in length and 50 in breadth, environed with a colonnade 7 feet broad on the sides, and 10 at the end. Two porticoes or cabinets about 15 feet square, project into the court at the two extremities. The square is paved with coloured tiles; the colonnade with white marble. The walls are covered five feet up from the ground with blue and yellow tiles, disposed chequerwise. Above and below is a border of small escutcheons, enamelled blue and gold, with an Arabic motto on a bend; signifying, "No conqueror but God." The columns that support the roof and gallery are of white marble, very slender, and fantastically adorned. They are 9 feet high, including base and capital, and  $8\frac{1}{2}$  inches diameter. They are very irregularly placed; sometimes singly, at others in groupes of three, but more frequently two together. The width of the horse-shoe arches above them is four feet two inches for the large ones, and three for the smaller. The ceiling of the portico is finished in a much finer and more complicated manner than that of the communa, and the stucco laid on the walls with inimitable delicacy; in the ceiling it is so artfully frosted and handled as to exceed belief. The capitals are of various designs, though each design is repeated several times in the circumference of the court, but not the least attention has been paid to placing them regularly or opposite to each other. Not the smallest representation of animal life can be discovered amidst the varieties of foliage, grotesques, and strange ornaments. About each arch is a large square of arabesques, surrounded with a rim of characters, that are generally quotations from the Koran. Over the pillars is another square of delightful filligree work. Higher up is a wooden rim, or kind of cornice, as much enriched with carving as the stucco that covers the part underneath. Over this projects a roof of red tiles, the only thing that disfigures this beautiful square. This ugly covering is modern, put on by order of Mr Wall, the late prime minister, who a few years ago gave the Alhambra a thorough repair. In Moorish times, the building was covered with large painted and glazed tiles, of which some few are still to be seen. In the centre of the court are twelve ill-made lions muzzled, their fore parts smooth, their hind parts rough, which bear upon their backs an enormous basin, out of which a lesser rises. While the pipes were kept in good or-

der, a great volume of water was thrown up, that, falling down into the basins, passed through the basins, and issued out of their mouths into a large reservoir, where it communicated by channels with the jet d'eau in the apartments. This fountain is of white marble, embellished with many festoons and Arabic distiches, thus translated:

"See'st thou not how the water flows copiously like the Nile?"

"This resembles a sea washing over its shores, threatening shipwreck to the mariner."

"This water runs abundantly, to give drink to the lions."

"Terrible as the lion is our king in the day of battle."

"The Nile gives glory to the king, and the lofty mountains proclaim it."

"This garden is fertile in delights; God takes care that no noxious animal shall approach it."

"The fair princess that walks in this garden, covered with pearls, augments its beauty so much, that thou may'st doubt whether it be a fountain that flows, or the tears of her admirers."

Passing along the colonnade, and keeping on the south side, you come to a circular room used by the men as a place for drinking coffee and sorbets in. A fountain in the middle refreshes the apartment in summer. The form of this hall, the elegance of its cupola, the cheerful distribution of light from above, and the exquisite manner in which the stucco is designed, painted, and finished, exceed all powers of description. Every thing in it inspires the most pleasing, voluptuous ideas; yet in this sweet retreat they pretend that Abouabdoula assembled the Abencerrages, and caused their heads to be struck off into the fountain. Continuing your walk round, you are next brought to a couple of rooms at the head of the court, which are supposed to have been tribunals, or audience chambers.

Opposite to the *Sala de los Abencerrages*, is the entrance into the *Torre de las dos hermanas*, or the tower of the two sisters; so named from two very beautiful pieces of marble laid as flags in the pavement. This gate exceeds all the rest in profusion of ornaments, and in beauty of prospect which it affords through a range of apartments, where a multitude of arches terminate in a large window open to the country. In a gleam of sunshine, the variety of tints and lights thrown upon this enfilade are uncommonly rich. The first hall is the concert-room, where the women sat; the musicians played above in four balconies. In the middle is a jet d'eau. The marble pavement is equal to the finest existing, for the size of the flags and evenness of the colour. The two sisters, which give name to the room, are slabs that measure 15 feet by  $7\frac{1}{2}$ , without flaw or stain. The walls, up to a certain height, are Mosaic, and above are divided into very neat compartments of stucco, all of one design, which is also followed in many of the adjacent halls and galleries. The ceiling is a fretted cove. To preserve this vaulted roof, as well as some of the other principal cupolas, the outward walls of the towers are raised 10 feet above the top of the dome, and support another roof over all, by which means no damage can ever be caused by wet weather or excessive heat and cold. From this hall you pass round the little myrtle-garden

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Alhambra. of Lindaraxa, into an additional building made to the east end by Charles V. The rooms are small and low. His dear motto, *Plus ultra*, appears on every beam. This leads to a little tower, projecting from the line of the north wall, called *El tocador*, or the dressing-room of the sultana. It is a small square cabinet, in the middle of an open gallery, from which it receives light by a door and three windows. The look-out is charming. In one corner is a large marble flag, drilled full of holes, through which the smoke of perfumes ascended from furnaces below; and here, it is presumed, the Moorish queen was wont to sit to fannigate and sweeten her person. The emperor caused this pretty room to be painted with representations of his wars, and a great variety of grotesques, which appear to be copies, or at least imitations, of those in the loggie of the Vatican. From hence you go through a long passage to the hall of ambassadors, which is magnificently decorated with innumerable varieties of mosaics, and the mottos of all the kings of Granada. This long narrow antichamber opens into the communa on the left hand, and on the right into the great audience-hall in the tower of Comares; a noble apartment, 36 feet square, 36 high up to the cornice, and 18 from thence to the centre of the cupola. The walls on three sides are 15 feet thick, on the other 9; the lower range of windows 13 feet high. The whole wall is inlaid with mosaic of many colours, disposed in intricate knots, stars, and other figures. In every part various Arabic sentences are repeated.

Having thus completed the tower of the upper apartments, which are upon a level with the offices of the new palace, you descend to the lower floor, which consisted of bedchambers and summer-rooms; the backstairs and passages, that facilitated the intercourse between them, are without number. The most remarkable room below is the king's bedchamber, which communicated, by means of a gallery, with the upper story. The beds were placed in two alcoves, upon a raised pavement of blue and white tiles; but as it was repaired by Philip V. who passed some time here, it cannot be said how it may have been in former times. A fountain played in the middle, to refresh the apartment in hot weather. Behind the alcoves are small doors, that conduct you to the royal baths. These consist of one small closet with marble cisterns for washing children, two rooms for grown up persons, and vaults for boilers and furnaces that supplied the baths with water and the stoves with vapours. The troughs are formed of large slabs of white marble; the walls are beautified with party-coloured earthen ware; light is admitted by holes in the coved ceiling.

Hard by is a whispering gallery, and a kind of labyrinth, said to have been made for the diversion of the women and children. One of the passages of communication is fenced off with a strong iron gate, and called *the prison of the sultana*; but it seems more probable that it was put up to prevent any body from climbing up into the womens quarter.

Under the council-room is a long slip, called *the king's study*: and adjoining to it are several vaults, said to be the place of burial of the royal family. In the year 1574, four sepulchres were opened; but as they contained nothing but bones and ashes, were immediately closed again.

This description of the Alhambra may be finished by observing how admirably every thing was planned and calculated for rendering this palace the most voluptuous of all retirements; what plentiful supplies of water were brought to refresh it in the hot months of summer; what a free circulation of air was contrived, by the judicious disposition of doors and windows; what shady gardens of aromatic trees; what noble views over the beautiful hills and fertile plains! No wonder the Moors regretted Granada; no wonder they still offer up prayers to God every Friday for the recovery of this city, which they esteem a terrestrial paradise. See GRANADA.

ALI, gives the denomination to a sect, or division, among the Mahometans, who adhere to the right of succession of Ali the fourth caliph or successor of Mahomet, and to the reform of Mussulmanism introduced by him. The sectaries of Ali are more particularly called *Schiites*; and stand opposed to the *Sunnites*, or sect of Omar, who adhere to the law as left by Mahomet, Abubeker, and Omar. Ali was cousin of Mahomet, and son-in-law of that prophet, having married his daughter Fatimah. After Mahomet's death, great disputes arose about the succession. Many stood for Ali; but Abubeker was preferred, and elected the first kalif. Ali took his turn, after the death of Othman.—The Persians are the chief adherents to the sect of Ali, whom they hold to have been the legitimate successor of Mahomet, and Abubeker an usurper. On the contrary, the Turks are of the sect of Omar; and hold Ali in execration, having raised a furious civil war among the Mussulmans. The distinguishing badge of the followers of Ali is a red turban, which is worn by the Persians, who are hence called in derision, by the Turks, *Kisilbachî*, q. d. *red-heads*. Ali is reputed the author of several works, particularly a Centiloquium, in great esteem among the Arabs and Persians, part of which has been published in English by Mr Ockley.

ALJAMEIA is a name which the Moriscoes in Spain give to the language of the Spaniards. Among other articles agreed on by the junto, which was appointed by the emperor Charles V. in 1526, in favour of the Moriscoes, this was one, That the Moriscoes should no longer speak Algavarcia, i. e. Moorish or Arabic; but should all speak *Aljameia*, i. e. Spanish, as it was called by the Moors, and all their writings and contracts should be in that language.

ALIAS, in law, a second or farther writ issued from the courts of Westminster, after a *capias*, &c. sued out without effect.

ALIBI, in law, denotes the absence of the accused from the place where he is charged with having committed a crime; or his being *elsewhere*, as the word imports, at the time specified.

ALICANT, a large sea-port town in the province of Valencia and territory of Segura. It is seated between the mountains and the sea, and has a castle deemed impregnable. The port is defended by three bastions furnished with artillery. To prevent the visits of the Algerine pirates, watch-towers were built to give notice of the approach of an enemy's ship. It was taken from the Moors in 1264. The castle was taken by the English in 1706, and held out a siege of two years before it was retaken by the French and Spaniards, and at last surrendered upon honourable terms,

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after part of the rock was blown up on which the castle stood, and the governor killed. The houses are high, and well built; and a very great trade is carried on here, particularly in wine and fruit. It is seated in the Mediterranean, on a bay of the same name, 37 miles north-east of Murcia, and 75 south of Valencia. W. Long. o. 36. N. Lat. 38. 24.

ALICATA, a mountain of Sicily, near the vallcys Mazara and Noto, upon which was situated (as is generally thought) the famous Dædalion, where the tyrant Phalaris kept his brazen bull.

ALICATA, a town of Sicily, remarkable for corn and good wine. It was plundered by the Turks in 1543; and is seated on a sort of peninsula near the sea, twenty-two miles S. E. of Girgenti. E. Long. 15. 20. N. Lat. 37. 11.

ALICATA *Chlamys*, was a sort of vest with sleeves, worn by the Roman boys till the age of thirteen, at which time they put on the *prætecta*.

ALIEN, in law, implies a person born in a strange country not within the king's allegiance; in contradistinction to a denizen, or natural subject. The word is formed from the Latin *alius*, "another"; *q. d.* one born in another country. An alien is incapable of inheriting lands in Britain till naturalized by an act of parliament. No alien is intitled to vote at the election of members of parliament; nor can he enjoy any office, or be returned on any jury, unless where an alien is party in a cause, when the inquest is composed of an equal number of denizens and aliens. The reasons for establishing these laws were, that every man is presumed to bear faith and love to that prince and country where he received protection during his infancy; and that one prince might not settle spies in another's country; but chiefly, that the rents and revenues of the country might not be drawn to the subjects of another. Some have thought that the laws against aliens were introduced in the time of Henry II. when a law was made at the parliament of Wallingford, for the expulsion of strangers, in order to drive away the Flemings and Picards introduced into the kingdom by the wars of King Stephen. Others have thought that the origin of this law was more ancient; and that it is an original branch of the feudal law: for by that law no man can purchase any lands but he must be obliged to do fealty to the lords of whom the lands are holden; so that an alien who owed a previous faith to another prince, could not take an oath of fidelity in another sovereign's dominions. Among the Romans, only the *Cives Romani* were esteemed freemen; but when their territories increased, all the Italians were made free, under the name of *Latins*, tho' they had not the privilege of wearing gold rings till the time of Justinian. Afterwards all born within the pale of the empire were considered as citizens.

ALIEN-Duty, an impost laid on all goods imported by aliens, over and above the customs paid for such goods imported by British, and on British bottoms.

ALIENS-Duty is otherwise called *petty customs*, and *navigation-duty*.—Fish dried or salted, and cod-fish or herring not caught in British vessels and cured by British, pay a double *aliens-duty*.—On what footing aliens are permitted to import foreign commodities into Great Britain, see DUTY.

ALIEN-Priories, a kind of inferior monasteries, for-

merly very numerous in England, and so called from their belonging to foreign abbeys. Alienation,  
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ALIENATION, in law, denotes the act of making over a man's property in land, tenements, &c. to another person.

ALIENATION in mortmain, is making over lands, tenements, &c. to a body-politic, or to a religious house, for which the king's licence must first be obtained, otherwise the lands &c. alienated will be forfeited.

ALIENATION *in fee*, is the selling the fee-simple of any land, or other incorporeal right. All persons who have a right to lands may generally alien them to others; but some alienations are prohibited: such as alienations by tenants for life, &c. whereby they incur a forfeiture of their estate. By the statute of Edward I. a bar was put to alienations by what we call *entails*, which is an expedient for procuring perpetuities in families; but counter expedients were devised to defeat this intent, and a practice was introduced of cutting off entails by fines, and of barring remainders and reversions by recoveries. The statute for alienations in Henry VII's. time had a great effect on the constitution of England; as, among other regulations of that reign, it tended to throw the balance of power more into the hands of the people. By the stat. 12 Car. II. cap. 24. fines for alienations are taken away. Crown lands are only alienable under a faculty of perpetual redemption. The council of Lateran, held in 1123, forbids any clerk to alienate his benefice, prebend, or the like. By the laws of the ancient Jews, land could only be alienated for the space of 50 years. At each return of the jubilee all returned again to the primitive owners, or their descendants, to whom the lands were originally allotted at the first distribution of Canaan.

ALIENATION-Office, is an office to which all writs of covenants and entry, upon which fines are levied, and recoveries suffered, are carried, to have fines for alienation set and paid thereon.

ALIMENT, (from *alo*, to nourish), implies food both solid and liquid: from which, by the process of digestion, is prepared a very mild, sweet, and whitish liquor, resembling milk, and distinguished by the name of *chyle*; which being absorbed by the lacteal veins, by them conveyed into the circulation, and there assimilated into the nature of blood, affords that supply of nutrition which the continual waste of the body is found to require.—Next to air, food is the most necessary thing for the preservation of our bodies: and as on the choice thereof our health greatly depends, it is of great importance to understand, in general, what is the properest for our nourishment; and, in particular deviations from health, what is the best adapted to restore us. Our blood and juices naturally incline to become putrid and acrimonious: fresh chyle, duly received, prevents this destructive tendency, and preserves them in that mild state which alone consists with health. An animal diet affords the most of this bland nutritious mucilage; watery fluids dilute the too gross parts, and carry off what is become unfit for use. It is only the small portion of jelly which is separated from the farinaceous parts of vegetables, that, after being much elaborated, is converted into the animal nature; yet the use of vegetables prevents both repletion and a too great tendency to a putrescent acrimony of the blood.



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blood. In hot climates, as well as against the constitutional heat of particular persons, vegetables are demanded in the largest portion; animal substances afford the highest relish while our appetite continues; but will sate the appetite before the stomach is duly filled. Vegetables may be eaten after either flesh or fish: few herbs or fruits satiate so much as that the stomach may not be filled with them, when it is already satisfied with flesh or fish; whence it may be observed that no diet which is very nourishing can be eat to fulness, because its nutritious parts are oily and satiating. Health depends almost wholly on a proper crasis of the blood; and to preserve this a mixture of vegetables in some degree is always required, for a loathing is soon the consequence of animal food alone: hot acrid habits, too, receive from milk and vegetables what is needful for correcting their excesses; but in cold, pituitous, and nervous habits, who want most nourishment from least digestion, and from the smallest quantity of food, animal diet is to be used more freely.

Thus much being offered as general principles with respect to the matter and quality of our aliment, the valetudinarian may easily regulate his diet with some advantage to himself by an attention to the few ensuing particulars. In winter, eat freely, but drink sparingly: roast meat is to be preferred, and what is drank should be stronger than at other seasons. In summer, let thirst determine the quantity to be drunk; cold stomachs never require much: boiled meats and vegetables, if not otherwise contradicted, may now be more freely used. Lax habits require the winter's diet to be continued all the year, and rigid ones should be confined to that of summer. Fat people should fast at times, but the lean should never do so. Those who are troubled with crustations occasioned by their food, should drink but little, and use some unaccustomed exercise. The thirsty should drink freely, but eat sparingly. In general, let moderation be observed; and tho' no dinner hath been had, a light supper is at all times to be preferred. After very high-seasoned meats, a glass of water acidulated with the acid elixir of vitriol, or in very weak stomachs the sweet elixir of vitriol, is far more assitant to the work of digestion than the common method of taking brandy. See, further, FOOD and DRINK.

*Obligation of ALIMENT*, in Scots law, the natural obligation on parents to provide their children with the necessaries of life, &c. See Law, Part III. N<sup>o</sup> clxxiii. 4.

*ALIMENTARIJ Pueri*, &c. were certain children maintained and educated by the munificence of the emperors, in a sort of public places, not unlike our hospitals. —Trajan was the first that brought up any of these *alimentary* boys. He was imitated by Adrian. Antoninus Pius did the same for a number of maids, at the solicitation of Faustina; and hence, in some medals of that empress, we read *PVELLAE FAVSTINANAÆ*. —Alexander Severus did the like at the request of Mammæa; and the maids thus educated were called *Mammæanæ*.

*ALIMENTARY Duct* or *Canal*, is a name given by Dr Tyson and some others to that part of the body thro' which the food passes, from its reception into the mouth to its exit at the *anus*; including the *gula*, stomach, and intestines. See ANATOMY.

This duct has been said to be the true characteristic

of an animal, or (in the jargon of the schools) *in proprium quarto modo*; there being no animal without it, and whatever has it being properly enough ranged under the class of animals. Plants receive their nourishment by the numerous fibres of their roots, but have no common receptacle for digesting the food received, or for carrying off the recrements. But in all, even the lowest degree of animal life, we may observe a stomach and intestines, even where we cannot perceive the least formation of any organ of the senses, unless that common one of feeling as in oysters. Phil. Trans. N<sup>o</sup> 269, p. 776, seq.

Dr Wallis brings an argument from the structure of the alimentary tube in man, to prove that he is not naturally carnivorous; To which Dr Tyson makes some objections. V. Phil. Trans. N<sup>o</sup> 269, p. 777.

*ALIMENTARY Law*, *lex alimentaria*, was an old law among the Romans, whereby children were obliged to find sustenance from their parents.

*ALIMONY*, in law, implies that allowance which a married woman sues for, and is entitled to, upon any occasional separation from her husband. See LAW, Part III. N<sup>o</sup> clx. 13.

*ALIPILARIUS*, or *ALIPILUS*, in Roman antiquity, a servant belonging to the baths, whose business it was, by means of waxen plasters, and an instrument called *volfella*, to take off the hairs from the arm-pits, and even arms, legs, &c, this being deemed a point of cleanliness.

*ALIPTERIUM*, *αλειπτηριον*, in antiquity, a place in the ancient *palestræ*, where the *athletæ* were anointed before their exercises.

*ALIQUANT PART*, in arithmetic, is that number which cannot measure any other exactly without some remainder. Thus 7 is an aliquant part of 16; for twice 7 wants two of 16, and three times 7 exceeds 16 by 5.

*ALIQUOT PART*, is that part of a number or quantity which will exactly measure it without any remainder. Thus 2 is an aliquot part of 4; 3 of 9; 4 of 16, &c.

*ALISANDERS*, or *ALEXANDERS*, in botany. See *SMYRNIUM*.

*ALISMA*, or *WATER-PLANTAIN*: A genus of the polygynia order, belonging to the hexandria class of plants; and in the natural method ranking under the 5th order, *Tetrapetaloidæ*. The characters are: The *calyx* is a three leaved perianthium: The *corolla* consists of three roundish, large, flat, expanding petals: The *stamina* consist of six subulated filaments shorter than the corolla; the antheræ are roundish: The *pistillum* consists of more than five germina; the styli are simple, the stigmata obtuse: The *pericarpium* consists of compressed capsulæ: The *seeds* are small and solitary. Of this genus there are eight

*Species*, viz. The plantago, or great water-plantain, which grows in all the marshy parts of Britain; the ranunculoides, or lesser water-plantain; the natans, or creeping water-plantain; the damasonium, or star-headed water-plantain; all which are natives of Britain. The others, viz. the flava, cordifolia, subulata, and parnassifolia, are natives of America, where they are generally found in stagnating waters, and other swampy places; so that it would be difficult to preserve them in Britain, for they will not live in the

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**Alifontia** open air, and they require a bog to make them thrive: but as they are plants of no great beauty or use, it is scarcely worth while to cultivate them.

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**ALISONTIA**, or **ALISUNTIA**, (anc. geog.); a river of Belgic Gaul, now *Alfitz*; which rising on the borders of Lorrain, and running through the duchy, waters the city of Luxemburg, and swelled by other rivulets, falls into the Sur.

**ALITES**, in Roman antiquity, a designation given to such birds as afforded matter of auguries by their flight.

**ALKADARII**, a sect among the Mahometans who deny any eternal, fixed, divine decrees, and are asserters of free will. The word is formed from the Arabic *alkadar*, which signifies "decree." The Alkadarii are a branch of Motazalites, and stand opposed to the Algiabarii. See **ALGIABARII**.

**ALKAHEST**, or **ALCAHEST**, in chemistry, an universal menstruum capable of resolving all bodies into their first principles. Van Helmont pretended he was possessed of such a menstruum; but, however credulous people might be imposed on in his days, the notion is now become as ridiculous as the philosopher's stone, the perpetuum mobile, &c.—It is likewise used by some authors for all fixed salts volatilized.

**ALKALI**, in chemistry, one of the general divisions of salts, comprehending that class of chemical elements which, by their union with acids, form *perfect neutrals*, in opposition to the salts formed of acids, with metals or earths, which are called *imperfect*.

Alkaline salts are divided into two kinds, the fixed and volatile; and the former into two species, vegetable, and mineral or fossil. All of these possess some properties in common, and some peculiar to each. Those which they have in common are, 1. An acrid and pungent taste, which, when the salts are very pure and strong, degenerates into absolute causticity, and would entirely destroy the organ of sensation if long applied to it. 2. A tendency to dissolve animal substances, and to reduce them to a gelatinous substance, which all of them will do when very strong. 3. An attraction for acids, with a power of separating earths and metals from them, though previously combined with the same. 4. They change the blue vegetable juices to green; the green to yellow; the yellow to orange; the orange to red; and the red to purple. 5. They unite with oils, and destroy or cause to fade almost all kinds of colours that can be put upon cloth, whence their use in bleaching, &c.

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The properties common to both kinds of fixed alkalis are, 1. They resist the action of fire to a great degree, so that they can easily be reduced to a solid form by evaporating any liquid in which they happen to be dissolved. 2. By an intense fire, they flow into a liquid which concretes into an hard and solid mass in the cold. 3. When mixed in certain proportions with those earths or stones called *vitriifiable*, they melt, in a heat still more intense, into glass. 5. Mixed with ammoniacal salts, with animal substances, or with foot, they extricate a volatile alkali.

The volatile alkali differs from the other two in being unable to resist the fire, and being entirely resolvable into an invisible and permanently elastic fluid, called by Dr Priestley *alkaline air*. In consequence of this volatility, it always affects the olfactory nerves

very perceptibly, and its smell is the general criterion by which its strength may be judged of. Its attraction for acids, power of changing colours, &c. are also considerably weaker than those of the fixed alkalis.

Though two sorts of volatile alkali are commonly sold under the names of spirits of hartshorn and of sal-ammoniac, the one differs from the other only in its degree of purity. The former is so called from its being originally made from the horns of deer; but this material has been long laid aside, and the bones of horses, the *flints*, as they are called, of the horns of cattle, the parings of hoofs, &c. have been substituted in their stead. This kind, however carefully prepared, always contains a portion of animal oil, the smell of which is very perceptible; the other, prepared from pure sal ammoniac, is totally free from any empyreumatic smell, and is as pure as it can be obtained by any means whatever.

Effervescence with acids was formerly supposed to be a distinguishing property of alkalis, though it was always known that by a mixture with quicklime they might be deprived of this property. Dr Black, however, has shown that the effervescing with acids is no property of pure alkali, but is occasioned only by the escape of fixed air from it: of consequence, when quicklime is added, which attracts the whole or greatest part of the fixed air, no effervescence can be perceived. In the state in which the fixed alkalis are commonly met with, indeed, effervescence with acids may be said to be an essential property; but this is entirely owing to the cause just mentioned, *viz.* a quantity of fixed air, to which they are united during the process by which they were originally formed. The quantity of this air, however, is never so great as to saturate them entirely; on the contrary, their alkaline properties are always very perceptible, and they are commonly said to be in a *mild* state. But the truth is, that now they are in a kind of intermediate state between what may be called perfectly mild and perfectly caustic. In their perfectly mild state, they are united with such a large quantity of fixed air as entirely overpowers their alkaline properties; and therefore they are no more intitled to the name of alkalis in this state, than when combined with the marine, nitrous, or any other acid; in which case the compounds are called neutral salts. But it is a much more laborious and tedious process to saturate an alkali completely with fixed air than with any other acid; nor does it very easily retain the aerial acid after it has once been combined with it. Hence the caustic taste and properties of the alkali almost always predominate; and the salt contains a portion of pure and caustic alkali, to which alone its virtues are to be ascribed.

Vegetable alkali is obtained in its greatest purity by deflagrating nitre with charcoal, provided we make use of no more of the latter than is barely sufficient to destroy the nitrous acid. It is, however, a very difficult matter to adjust this proportion with sufficient accuracy; for if we employ too much charcoal, the salt will be considerably phlogisticated; if too little, some part of the nitre will remain undecomposed. Burnt tartar therefore, purified by solution and filtration, may be looked upon as the best alkali we have. The common alkalis, or *ashes* as they are called, and said to be obtained from the ashes of vegetables, are always mixed

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**Alkali.** ed with much phlogiston, and sometimes with lime, salt or other heterogeneous matters; for which reason they are not to be employed in the nicer chemical experiments, without being purified by solution in water, by filtration, and crystallization. The purest of all these salts is that called the *blue pearl*, imported from Hungary.

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Its peculiar properties. The vegetable alkali when thus purified, and containing near one half its weight of fixed air, is of a white colour when dry, with a very hot and caustic taste, possessing in an eminent degree all those qualities which have been ascribed to the alkaline salts in general. It runs *per deliquium* when exposed to the air; and is usually incapable of being crystallized, though it acquires this property after being employed in the rectification of ardent spirit. It adheres more closely to acids than any substance hitherto discovered; though, from some experiments, Bergman was induced to believe that pure terra ponderosa attracted acids still more powerfully. But this has been discovered to be a mistake by Dr Withering, who, in a paper published in the 74th volume of the Philosophical Transactions, shows, that unless where the earth is united with vitriolic acid, not only the vegetable, the fossil, but even the volatile alkali, in its pure or caustic state, will separate it from any other with which it may be combined. Terra ponderosa, therefore, will always decompose vitriolated tartar, Glauber's salt, or vitriolic ammoniac; whence the mistake of this celebrated chemist probably has proceeded. After this alkali has been once united with marine acid, it appears to have undergone some change; for the salt then produced, by combining it with the vitriolic acid, resembles Glauber's salt almost as much as it does vitriolated tartar. It seems therefore to have made some approach towards the nature of fossil alkali; but chemists have not inquired what would be the consequence of repeated combinations of this kind.

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Of the fossil alkali. The fossil alkali differs from the vegetable in having a smaller attraction for acids, in being more easily fusible by itself, and forming a more soluble compound with the vitriolic acid. It is also easily crystallizable, even without the addition of more fixed air than it naturally contains: and experience has determined it to be more proper for glass or soap manufactures than the vegetable alkali; for which reason the demand for it is very considerable.

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This alkali known to the ancients. The fossil alkali was anciently called *natron* or *nitre*, and is spoken of by Pliny and Tacitus as an ingredient in glass, &c. and the scriptures inform us that it was used in baths. The knowledge of this salt was lost in the general obscuration of science which took place on the decline of the Roman empire; nor do we find it mentioned till the time of the Hon. Robert Boyle; and, even since that time, though M. du Hamel gave an accurate account of it in a memoir for the year 1736, little farther notice was taken of it till very lately.

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Found native in many parts of the world. We are now certainly informed that the fossil alkali is found native in many parts of the world; which never is the case with the vegetable alkali. The places where it abounds most are, Egypt, the country of Tripoli in Barbary, the peak of Teneriffe in one of the Canary islands, Hungary, several of the provinces of Russia, some parts of Asia, particularly the neighbour-

hood of Smyrna, &c. though it has not hitherto been found in any of the western countries of Europe, excepting in the neighbourhood of volcanoes; or in mineral waters; and in these last only in very small quantity.

The great source of the mineral alkali; however, and from whence it is not improbable that the places already mentioned have been supplied by some unknown natural operation, is the water of the ocean. Fossil alkali is the natural basis of sea-salt; and could any method of readily procuring it from this salt be fallen upon, it would no doubt be a most valuable secret. Hitherto, however, all the methods used with any success by the chemists may be reduced to two. 1. By mixing the nitrous acid with sea-salt in a retort, in the proportion, according to Dr Vogel, of four of the acid to one of the salt, and distilling off the muriatic acid, or rather aqua regia, which will be produced in the process. The residuum will afford a cubical nitre by crystallization, from whence the alkali may be obtained pure by deflagrating with charcoal. 2. By addition of vitriolic acid the spirit of sea-salt will be expelled much more easily, and at a cheaper rate, than by the nitrous acid. The residuum affords Glauber's salt in great plenty; this being melted in a crucible with a sufficient quantity of charcoal-dust, forms a hepar sulphuris; which being decomposed by means of the vegetable acid, the latter may be destroyed by force of fire, and the alkali obtained in purity. For a further explication of both these methods, see the article CHEMISTRY, *Index*.

The demand in England for fossil alkali is supplied from the ashes of alkali and other sea plants, from which it is separated in the same manner as the vegetable alkali from the ashes of other plants. The purest kind of ashes containing this salt is called *soda* or *barilla*, and is imported chiefly from foreign countries; that which is obtained from sea-weed growing on their own coasts, and known by the name of *kelp*, is excessively impure, and scarce admits of being thoroughly analysed according to the rules of chemistry.

Both these alkalis may be deprived of their fixed air, and thus rendered pure and caustic, by the addition of quicklime. In this state the difference between them is much less perceptible than in any other; though the addition of fixed air, or any other acid, always shows that no essential change has taken place in either. In this highly caustic state they destroy the parts of animals in a manner similar to that of fire; whence they are called *potential* cauterics, as the former is called the *actual* cautery. M. Morveau informs us, that on digesting a piece of beef in a solution of caustic vegetable alkali, the liquor soon became red, and the flesh assumed the form of a semitransparent jelly, in which, however, one could easily perceive the ramifications of the smallest fibre; and, after standing some months, it emitted but very little smell. The vegetable alkali is commonly made use of as the material for the common caustic or *lapis infernalis* of the shops; for the preparation of which, see CHEMISTRY, *Index*. Both alkalis attract moisture from the air when reduced to a solid form in their caustic state, though neither the fossil alkali nor its combinations do so in any other case. In their caustic state also they only unite with oils, or dissolve in spirit of wine; which last they

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Alkali. they have been supposed to purify, though it is more than probable that they decompose and communicate disagreeable qualities to it.

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Volatile alkali in its mild and caustic states.

The volatile alkali, when procured immediately by the distillation of any substance capable of yielding it, is obtained in a state similar to that in which the alkalis are usually met with, viz. half mild and half caustic. By exposing the liquid alkali to a great quantity of fixed air, we may at last have it perfectly mild and neutralized, in which state it appears as a white salt extremely volatile, though less so than the pure caustic alkali. It dissolves very readily in water; but unless some caustic spirit, or some lime, or fixed alkali be added, in order to abstract part of the fixed air, it will scarcely exhibit the characteristic of volatile alkali, viz. a pungent and urinous smell. The addition of fixed air, however, makes very little difference with regard to the chemical combinations of this salt; for as fixed air has a very slender power of acidity, it is expelled by every other acid with the greatest ease, and the same combinations formed as though it had not been present. The only difference is, that when a mild alkali is added to an acid, a strong effervescence takes place by reason of the escape of the fixed air through the liquid, while with the caustic alkali the mixture is made quietly and without disturbance.

The various combinations of the alkaline salts with the different acids, and the neutral compounds thence resulting, are exhibited in the following table.

1. Vegetable fixed alkali combined with

Vitriolic acid	} forms	Vitriolated tartar.
Nitrous acid		Nitre.
Marine acid		Sal digestivus.
Acetous acid		Terra foliata tartari.
Acid of tartar		Soluble tartar.
Acid of borax		{ Anomalous salts, whose properties have not been ascertained.
Acid of phosphorus,		
Saccharine acid, &c.		
Aerial acid		

2. Fossil or mineral fixed alkali combined with

Vitriolic acid	} forms	Glauber's salt.
Nitrous acid		Cubical nitre.
Marine acid		Common salt.
Acetous acid		A salt resembling terra foliata tartari, but which does not deliquesce.
Acid of tartar		Rochelle salt.
Acid of borax		Borax.
Acid of phosphorus		{ Unknown salts.
Saccharine acid, &c.		
Aerial acid		

3. Volatile alkali combined with

Vitriolic acid	} forms	Vitriolic ammoniac, or Glauber's secret sal ammoniac.
Nitrous acid		Nitrous ammoniac, or volatile nitre.
Marine acid		Common sal ammoniac.
Acetous acid		Spiritus mildereri.

Volatile alkali combined with

Acid of tartar	} forms	{ A salt whose properties have not been investigated; which shoots into fine long crystals, and does not deliquesce in the air.			
Acid of borax			{ An anomalous salt.		
Acid of phosphorus				{ Microcosmic salt, or essential salt of urine.	
Saccharine acid, &c.					{ Anomalous salts.
Aerial acid					

Besides their attraction for acids, the alkalis have also an attraction for oils, sulphur, and spirits of wine, in the moist way, when the salts are deprived of their fixed air; and in this, as well as the dry way, with several metals, and vitrifiable earths and stones, as has been already mentioned.

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Attractions of the alkalis for vinous substances.

With oil the vegetable fixed alkali forms a soap, though less perfect than that made with the caustic mineral alkali. When combined with fixed air they scarcely unite with oils. Boiled with sulphur, or melted with it in their dry state, they unite into a very fetid compound called *hepar sulphuris*, which is soluble in water, but totally and very quickly decomposed by the contact of air. Vegetable alkali unites with iron, tin, and zinc; corrodes copper, and runs with it into a liquor of a deep blue colour, and joins with lead in fusion. It does not act upon gold in its metallic state; but if a sufficient quantity be added to a solution of gold in aqua regia, the calx of the metal will be first precipitated and afterwards dissolved.

Vegetable alkali is a principal ingredient in the powders called *fluxes*, used for the fusion of metalline ores. It promotes the fusion of earths, and forms glass with the crystalline kind. It is soluble in an equal weight of distilled water; and, when exposed to the air, it soon attracts moisture from it and flows into a liquid. In its caustic state it dissolves in spirits of wine, and forms with it a red tincture called *Van Helmont's tincture of salt of tartar*, formerly used both as an internal and external remedy, but now fallen into disrepute.

Fossil alkali in its caustic state unites with oil into an harder soap than that made with vegetable alkali. With sulphur it forms a *hepar sulphuris* in the same manner as the vegetable alkali, and yields a tincture with spirit of wine, which dissolves part of the salt whilst hot, but lets it fall again in a crystalline form when cold. Gold, silver, or quicksilver, are not affected by a solution of this salt; but copper and tin are dissolved by it in the open air. It affects tin, lead, regulus of antimony, and cobalt, slightly; but acts powerfully upon zinc, and forms a kermes mineral with crude antimony. Copper, iron, bismuth, zinc, antimony, and regulus of cobalt, fused with two parts of fossil alkali, are almost entirely dissolved in a very strong heat; but tin, lead, and regulus of antimony, treated in the same manner, only suffer a partial solution.

All the alkalis are of considerable use in medicine, though

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though the particular virtues of vegetable and fossil alkali have not hitherto been properly ascertained. It is probable, however, that there must be a considerable diversity in their operations on the human body, as the vegetable alkali shows itself so much more acrid and powerful than the fossil. As both of them unite immediately with acids, and change them into mild neutral salts; hence, if any of the strong mineral acids should fall upon any part of the human body, and begin to corrode and give pain, the immediate application of the lixivium tartari, or of a solution of any of those alkaline salts in water, or of the salts themselves in powder, will destroy their causticity, and prevent their doing further mischief: Or if any of these acids should drop on clothes, linen, or other substances, and alkaline salts are immediately applied, they will neutralize the acid, and prevent its further corrosion: Or if a person should, through mistake, swallow any of the mineral acids, or corrosive sublimate, or any other corroding salt which an alkali will decompose, the taking down into the stomach solutions of the alkaline salts, or the salts themselves in proper doses, are the most likely means of affording relief, if not given too late (A).

Both the vegetable and fossil alkali applied externally in a caustic state, first irritate and inflame the skin, and afterwards act as fire in mortifying and destroying it; and therefore have been much used by surgeons for opening buboes and other abscesses, and for eating away proud or fungous flesh that sprouts out from sores. Various formulæ of caustic alkalis have been employed for these purposes, of which an account is given under CHEMISTRY and PHARMACY.

The alkaline salts, when much diluted with water, have been used as washes for removing pimples from the face; but if such washes are continued long, they are apt to spoil the skin. The ancients often used to dissolve natron (the fossil alkali) in their baths, and esteemed such baths useful for removing itchings of the skin, the scab, the impetigo, leprosy, and almost all sorts of cutaneous eruptions; and they employed baths of the same kind for promoting sweat, and for curing various disorders. They mixed it likewise with turpentine, with oils, and with stuffs of various kinds, and rubbed or applied such compositions to the skin, for removing different complaints, to heal sores, to strengthen weak or relaxed parts, to destroy the poison of the bite of a mad dog, and of serpents: and they esteemed it as an antidote against many other poisons. It has been proved that alkaline salts preserve animal substances from putrefaction; on which account some practitioners have concluded that they act as strong antiseptic remedies when swallowed as medicines, and are taken up by the lacteal vessels, and by them carried to the subclavian vein to be mixed with the blood. Experience, however, has shown that they have effects directly opposite, and that by stimulating the vessels and quickening the circulation, they contribute towards

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the dissolution of the vital fluid; of which Dr Monro says he has seen several instances.

Alkalis promote the secretions in general, particularly by the kidneys; but by the help of warm liquors and bed-clothes, their operation may be directed towards the skin. They have also been employed in cases of heartburn, and others where an acid prevails in the stomach and bowels, or where these organs are loaded with viscid phlegm. They are likewise given with a view to assist the operation of the bile when it is too weak and inert, either by themselves, or mixed with purgative or other medicines. The fossil alkali has been alleged to be a more powerful solvent of the human calculus than the vegetable, though perhaps without any just foundation. It is given from 5 to 20 grains three times a day; and in some cases even to double that quantity. It may be taken in any common liquor, or in clean broth made of lean meat, from which the fat has been skimmed off; or the powdered salts may be made up into pills or boluses mixed with liquorice powder, by means of mucilage of gum Arabic or conserve.

The vegetable alkali has long been used as a diuretic in dropsies with great success; and Dr Monro informs us, that he has seen a number of cases of anasarca in which the water was carried off by it. As diuretics, it may be taken from ten grains to half a drachm, or more, two or three times a-day, mixed with some distilled water, syrup, broth, or water-gruel, or with two ounces of white-wine, which partly neutralizes the salt. When added to infusions of juniper-berries, broom-tops, horse-radish, mustard-seed, winter's-bark, &c. in wine and beer, they prove powerful diuretics; and Dr Monro gives the following formula.

“Take broom-tops, horse-radish, and juniper-berries, of each an ounce; bruise them in a stone or marble mortar; put them into a large wide-mouthed bottle, and add to them an ounce of salt of tartar and two quarts of Rhenish wine. Infuse them for four days; decant off the wine, and filter it through paper for use. Two or three ounces may be taken three or four times a-day.”

Or, “Take an ounce of canella alba, and as much mustard-seed and juniper-berries; bruise them well in an iron mortar, and add an ounce of purified vegetable alkali with two quarts of porter: infuse for four days, and filter the liquor through paper; let the patient take a wine-glass full every four or six hours.”

The diuretic powers of these medicines are sometimes increased by opium, and they have been successfully joined with essential oils and balsams.

The most remarkable property of these salts, however, is that of dissolving the human calculus; for the discovery of which, Mrs Stephens, in the year 1740, obtained a parliamentary reward of 5000*l*. At that time Dr Jurins being afflicted with the stone, tried a number of experiments on these medicines; from which he concluded, that their efficacy depended entirely on the

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(A) With regard to the mineral acids, an exception seems to take place if oil of vitriol in its concentrated state should happen to be swallowed; for this contracts such a degree of heat on the contact of any aqueous fluid as would destroy the patient, independent of another cause. An instance we have seen where a person unhappily mistook a bottle of oil of vitriol for water in the night-time. He recovered by swallowing instantly a great quantity of milk. Another recovered by drinking a bottle of Florence oil.

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the alkaline salts and lime which they contained; and therefore he began to try what effects a soap-ley would have on himself. At first he took only a few drops, but gradually increased his dose till he came to an ounce, and sometimes an ounce and a half, in a proper vehicle, in 24 hours. This produced the discharge of some small calculi, and relieved him of the symptoms of the stone. Dr Hartley, likewise, laboured under this complaint; and believing that the efficacy of Mrs Stephen's medicines depended on the soap, lime, and alkaline salts which they contained, ordered a paste to be prepared for himself, made of eight ounces of soap, one of oyster-shell lime, a drachm of salt of tartar, and as much water as formed the whole into a soft mass; of which he took large quantities, and found himself greatly relieved, though not cured, as a stone was found in his bladder after his death. These and other instances of success, soon brought the medicines into general use: but though many found relief from them, others, particularly those who were afflicted with the stone, had all the symptoms of their distemper aggravated, by the salts rendering the blood, and other liquors of the body, particularly the urine, sharp and acrid, so as to irritate and inflame the bladder, which was already in too irritable a state, from the constant friction of the calculus lodged within it. The late experiments of Mr Scheele and Sir Torbern Bergman, however, have made it evident, that the human calculus is composed of a concrete acid joined to a small portion of animal earth. Most people, therefore, who are afflicted with the stone or gravel, wish to try the efficacy of these remedies, rather than submit to the dangerous operation of lithotomy; we shall therefore subjoin, from Dr Monro, the following directions for making and using the soap-ley.

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“Take of salt of tartar, eight ounces; of fresh quicklime, four ounces; of distilled water, a quart: mix them all well together in a large bottle, and let them stand for 24 hours; then pour off the ley and filter it through paper, keeping it in well-stopped vials for use. Of this the dose is from 30 drops to three or four drachms, which is to be repeated two or three times in the day.

“One of the best methods of taking this ley is, to mix the quantity to be used in the day with three pints of plain broth, which has been made with the lean part of veal, with all the fat or oily parts separated from it, by putting it, when made, into a large bowl, and skimming them off with a spoon when cold, and to drink, within an hour, a pint of this broth three times in the day—early in the morning—at noon—and in the evening; and to continue the use of this medicine for three, four, or more months; and, during this course, to live on such things as least counteract the operation of the medicine: to take for breakfast some plain broth, such as has been described, with dry toasted bread or biscuit; or a dish or two of tea or coffee in place of the broth: for dinner, to eat the lean part of plain boiled or roasted meat, or a fowl, with their own gravy or juice for sauce: and to eat only of vegetables which contain but little acid, such as potatoes, &c. and to use for drink toast and water, or water with a very small portion of spirit in it; and to abstain from eating fruit and acerb vegetables, fat meat, butter, or oil; and from drinking wine, beer, cyder, punch, and in short from

taking any thing which is likely to counteract or destroy the effects of the ley.”

With regard to the use of the soap-ley, our author observes, “that he has seen a number of people who have taken it, both for gravelly complaints and for the stone; that many of those who had gravel were relieved, and some of them seemed to be cured; that some few of those who had the confirmed stone, received considerable relief for a time from its use: but the complaints afterwards returned; nor can he say that one complete cure was made; though from the accounts given by the late Dr Whytt of Edinburgh, and others, it should appear that this had sometimes happened: that in many cases of stone the ley occasioned pain and irritation, and increased the violence of the symptoms so much, that the patients were obliged to lay it aside; and that this happened most frequently where the bladder seemed to be already diseased from the irritation of the stone: that at all times it is advisable to lay aside this medicine, at least for a time, whenever it irritates and occasions pain, or where there are appearances of its continued use having broken down the crasis of the blood.”

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Instead of the soap-ley, the following solution of Aerated vegetable alkali, fully saturated with fixed air, has been lately recommended as a powerful solvent of the stone. vegetable alkali recommended.  
“Take two ounces of salt of tartar, and dissolve it in two quarts of distilled water, and then saturate it fully with fixed air; and let the patient take eight ounces of it every eight hours.” But though many cases have been related in which this medicine is said to have been serviceable, our author says he has seen only one gentleman who had taken it, and who had found considerable relief from it. Soap-ley has likewise been recommended as a solvent of bilious calculi, and has sometimes been of service; but this has probably arisen more from its property of dissolving thick and viscid humours, and assisting the action of the bile, than by acting on the calculi themselves.

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The volatile alkali has many of the virtues of the Medical virtues of the volatile alkali.  
fixed, but affects animal substances, particularly in its caustic state, less powerfully than they do. It gives a brisk and strong stimulus to the nerves and fibres of living animals; and is therefore employed in diseases where the pulse is low and the circulation too languid; in low fevers, where the patient is in danger of sinking; in apoplectic and lethargic disorders of elderly people of phlegmatic habits, in paralytic cases, fainting fits, &c. where a brisk and stimulating remedy is wanted. It is often used as a diaphoretic and sudorific in cases of rheumatism, in the end of fevers, catarrhs, and other diseases, where a plentiful diaphoresis or sweat is required; and, according to our author, it is principally owing to this quality that the alkalis have obtained their reputation of being efficacious remedies against the bites of serpents and other venomous animals. It is equally efficacious against mineral acid poisons with the fixed alkali.

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It now remains only to give some account of the Origin of alkaline salts.  
origin of the alkalis, or that process by which they are naturally produced. This subject, however, is very much involved in obscurity; nor has the origin of fixed alkalis, at least, been investigated with such diligence and success as that of the acids. Chemists have been divided in their opinions, whether alkaline salts be natural

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1. That the fixed vegetable alkali is produced by burning vegetables which contain the principles fit for forming these salts; though no vestige of an alkali can be discovered in these vegetables in their natural state.
2. That the essential salts of vegetables, which contain an acid and an earth, on being calcined in a crucible with charcoal, yield an alkaline salt.
3. That by alternately allowing the vegetable alkali to run per deliquium, and drying it again, it precipitates a quantity of earth every time it is dissolved; so that the whole of the salt is at last reduced to this kind of earth, while the acid, phlogiston, &c. have evaporated, or been destroyed by the repeated application of heat for drying the salt.
4. In like manner the volatile alkali is produced by distilling animal substances which contain the principles fit for producing it, though no marks of a volatile alkali could be discovered in these substances while they were fresh.

On the other hand, it has been asserted, that the alkaline salts obtained by burning vegetables, or distilling animal substances, existed originally in the materials from which they are procured; that they were generated in the plants by the process of vegetation, and freed by the fire from the other principles which disguised them. In support of this opinion the following arguments are made use of by Messrs Weigleb, Rosentiel, Morveau, &c.

1. That they had not been able to procure an alkaline salt by mixing earths, oil, and acids together, and subjecting them to the most intense fire.
2. The crystals of tartar, which were formerly believed to be pure acid salts, have been found by late experiments to contain a vegetable alkali.
3. The vegetable alkaline salt, when purified, is always of the same nature, from whatever substance it is procured; and therefore must have been an original principle or body existing in the vegetables from which it is procured: for had it been produced by art, it would have varied, and we should have had different species of it, according to the principles which the plants contained.
- And, 4. The neutral salts which have been found mixed with the ashes of plants, as vitriolated tartar, nitre, and sea-salt, are likewise strong proofs of the original existence of alkali in vegetables.

On this subject Dr Monro observes, that hitherto we have not sufficient evidence to determine positively whether the vegetable alkali be produced by the force of fire, or if it existed originally in the substances from which it is prepared, though he is inclined to favour the former opinion. With regard to the volatile alkali, however, we have abundant evidence of its being produced from substances which could not possibly be supposed to contain it originally. Dr Stahl assures us, that if any dry fixed alkaline salt be well rubbed in a mortar with such a quantity of oil of turpentine as is sufficient to make it of the consistence of a pulp, and digested for some weeks in a cucurbit or retort, we obtain a volatile alkali. Mr Geoffroy relates, that having

placed a large retort in a sand furnace, and adapted a tubulated receiver to it, afterwards heating the bottom of the retort red hot, he put into it, by means of a long tube rising from the upper part of the neck, a powder composed of equal parts of nitre and charcoal, on which there came over into the receiver a liquor highly impregnated with volatile alkali. Cartheuser, in the first volume of his *Materia Medica*, tells us, that if two parts of salt of tartar be mixed with one of sulphur, and be afterwards distilled, they yield a volatile alkaline salt and spirit. Boerhaave and Macquer have both affirmed, that the vegetative process itself produces a volatile alkali; and that the juices got by bruising mustard-seed and other alkalescent vegetables, as they are called, contain a volatile alkali which effervesces with acids: but this is denied by Cartheuser and Vogel, who affirm that they could discover no traces of volatile alkali in their juices by any experiments they made.

But whatever may be concluded from the experience of former chemists, the late discoveries of Dr Priestley and Mr Cavendish have decisively shown, that the volatile alkali is by no means a simple element or natural principle, but a compound, and which may be artificially prepared. Dr Priestley informs us, that by the union of nitrous air with iron, a volatile alkali is generated; and Mr Cavendish, that by the action of the electric fluid, or pure elementary fire, upon phlogisticated air, the nitrous acid is produced: the volatile alkali, therefore, must be supposed to consist ultimately of phlogisticated air united to a great quantity of elementary fire. In like manner, if we can suppose this subtle element to enter into the substance of any kind of earth in such a manner as to exert its peculiar action when that substance is applied to any other, we may reasonably conclude that the fixed alkalis also are not simple and permanent principles, but capable of artificial composition and decomposition. It is certain that the action of alkaline salts is extremely similar to that of fire; and as we know that this element is combined in a *latent* state with fluids, there can be no absurdity in supposing it capable of combining also with solids.

ALKALI, or *Sal Kali*, in botany. See SALICORNIA.

ALKANET, in botany. See ANCHUSA.

ALKEKENGI, in botany, the trivial name of a species of *physalis*. See PHYSALIS.

ALKENNA, in botany. See LAWSONIA.

ALKERMES, in pharmacy, a compound cordial medicine made in the form of a confection, deriving its name from the kermes-berries used in its composition.

ALKORAN. See ALCORAN.

ALL-HALLOWS. See ALL-SAINTS.

ALL-GOOD. See CHENOPODIUM.

ALL-HEAL. See HERACLEUM and STACHYS.

ALL-SAINTS, in the calendar, denotes a festival celebrated on the first of November, in commemoration of all the saints in general; which is otherwise called *All-Hallows*. The number of saints being so excessively multiplied, it was found too burdensome to dedicate a feast-day to each. In reality, there are not days enough, scarce hours enough, in the year, for this purpose. Hence an expedient was had recourse to, by commemorating such in the lump as had not their own days. Boniface IV. in the ninth century, introduced

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See Aerology, n<sup>o</sup> 149.

See Acid, n<sup>o</sup> 7.

All-Saints the feast of *All Saints* in Italy, which was soon after adopted into the other churches.

Bay *ALL-SAINTS Bay*, a spacious harbour near St Salvador in Brazil, in S. America, on the Atlantic Ocean. W. long. 40°. S. lat. 12°.

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*ALL-Souls*, in the calendar, denotes a feast-day, held on the second of November, in commemoration of all the faithful deceased.—The feast of All-Souls was first introduced in the eleventh century, by Odilon abbot of Cluny, who enjoined it on his own order; but it was not long before it came to be adopted by the neighbouring churches.

ALL-SPICE. See MYRTUS and CALYCANTHUS.

ALLA, or ALLAH, the name by which the professors of Mahometanism call the Supreme Being.

The term *alla* is Arabic, derived from the verb *alah*, to adore. It is the same with the Hebrew *Eloah*, which signifies the *Adorable Being*.

ALLAMANDA, in botany; a genus of the monogynia order, belonging to the pentandria class of plants. The characters are: The *calyx* is a five leav'd perianthium: The *corolla* consist of one funnel-shaped petal; the tube cylindrical; the border semiquinquefid and ventricose; the divisions expanding and obtuse: The *stamina* have scarce any filaments; the antheræ are five, arrow-shap'd, converging, in the throat of the tube: The *pistillum* has an oval germen, girt at the base with an annular margin; the stylus is filiform, the length of the tube; the stigma is headed, and contracted in the middle: The *pericarpium* is an orbicular, compress'd, bristly capsule, containing one cell with two valves: The *seeds* are imbricated, orbicular, flat, with a membranaceous wing on the margin, and are very numerous. There is but one species, the *cathartica*, a native of Surinam.

ALLANTOIS, or ALLANTOIDES, a gut-shaped vesicle investing the foetus of cows, goats, sheep, &c. filled with an urinous liquor conveyed to it from the urachus.—(See *COMPARATIVE Anatomy*). Anatomists are not agreed whether the allantois has any existence in the human species or not.

ALLATIUS (Leo), keeper of the Vatican library, a native of Scio, and a celebrated writer of the 17th century. He was of great service to the gentlemen of Port Royal in the controversy they had with M. Claude touching the belief of the Greeks with regard to the eucharist. No Latin was ever more devoted to the see of Rome, or more inveterate against the Greek schismatics, than Allatius. He never engaged in matrimony, nor was he ever in orders; and Pope Alexander VII. having asked him one day, why he did not enter into orders? he answered, "Because, I would be free to marry." The pope rejoined, "If so, why do you not marry?" "Because," replied Allatius, "I would be at liberty to take orders." Thus, as Mr Bayle observes, he passed his whole life, wavering betwixt a parish and a wife; sorry, perhaps, at his death, for having chosen neither of them; when if he had fixed upon one, he might have repented his choice for 30 or 40 years.—If we believe John Patricius, Allatius had a very extraordinary pen, with which, and no other, he wrote Greek for 40 years; and we need not be surpris'd, that, when he lost it, he was so grieved, that he could scarce forbear crying. He published several manuscripts, several translations of Greek authors,

and several pieces of his own composing. In his compositions he is thought to show more erudition than judgment: he used also to make frequent digressions from one subject to another. He died at Rome in 1669, aged 83.

ALLAY. See ALLOY.

ALLEGATA, a word anciently subscribed at the bottom of rescripts and constitutions of the emperors; as *signata* or *testata*, was under other instruments.

ALLEGES, or ALLEGIAS, a stuff manufactured in the East-Indies. There are two sorts of them; some are of cotton, and others of several kinds of herbs which are spun like flax and hemp. Their length and breadth are of eight ells, by five, six, or seven eighths; and of twelve ells, by three-fourths, or five-eighths.

ALLEGIANCE, in law, is the tie, or *ligamen*, which binds the subject to the government in return for that protection which the government affords the subject. The thing itself, or substantial part of it, is founded in reason and the nature of government; the name and the form are derived from ancient Gothic usage. Under the feudal system, every owner of lands held them in subjection to some superior or lord, from whom or from whose ancestors the tenant or vassal had received them: and there was a mutual trust or confidence subsisting between the lord and vassal, that the lord should protect the vassal in the enjoyment of the territory he had granted him; and, on the other hand, that the vassal should be faithful to the lord, and defend him against all his enemies. This obligation on the part of the vassal was called his *fidelitas* or fealty: and an oath of fealty was required by the feudal law to be taken by all tenants to their landlord, which is couched in almost the same terms as the ancient oath of allegiance; except that, in the usual oath of fealty, there was frequently a saving or exception of the faith due to a superior lord by name, under whom the landlord himself was perhaps only a tenant or vassal. But when the acknowledgment was made to the absolute superior himself, who was vassal to no man, it was no longer called the oath of fealty, but the oath of allegiance; and therein the tenant swore to bear faith to his sovereign lord, in opposition to all men, without any saving or exception. Land held by this exalted species of fealty, was called *feudum ligium*, a liege fee; the vassals *homines ligii*, or liege men; and the sovereign, their *dominus ligius*, or liege lord. And when sovereign princes did homage to each other for lands held under their respective sovereignties, a distinction was always made between *simple* homage, which was only an acknowledgment of tenure; and *liege* homage, which included the fealty before-mentioned, and the services consequent upon it. In Britain, it becoming a settled principle of tenure, that all lands in the kingdom are holden of the king as their sovereign and lord paramount, no oath but that of fealty could ever be taken to inferior lords; and the oath of allegiance was necessarily confined to the person of the king alone. By an easy analogy, the term *allegiance* was soon brought to signify all other engagements which are due from subjects to their prince, as well as those duties which were simply and merely territorial. And the oath of allegiance, as administered in England for upwards of 600 years, contained a promise "to be true and faithful to the king and his heirs, and truth and faith to bear of life and limb and terrene honour, and not to know

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Allegiance "know or hear of any ill or damage intended him, without defending him therefrom." But, at the revolution, the terms of this oath being thought perhaps to favour too much the notion of non-resistance, the present form was introduced by the convention parliament, which is more general and indeterminate than the former; the subject only promising "that he will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the king," without mentioning "his heirs," or specifying in the least wherein that allegiance consists. The oath of supremacy is principally calculated as a renunciation of the pope's pretended authority; and the oath of abjuration, introduced in the reign of King William, very amply supplies the loose and general texture of the oath of allegiance; it recognising the right of his majesty, derived under the act of settlement; engaging to support him to the utmost of the juror's power; promising to disclose all traitorous conspiracies against him; and expressly renouncing any claim of the descendants of the late pretender, in as clear and explicit terms as the English language can furnish. This oath must be taken by all persons in any office, trust, or employment; and may be tendered by two justices of the peace to any person whom they shall suspect of disaffection. And the oath of allegiance may be tendered to all persons above the age of twelve years, whether natives, denizens, or aliens.

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But, besides these *express* engagements, the law also holds that there is an *implied, original, and virtual* allegiance, owing from every subject to his sovereign antecedently to any express promise, and although the subject never swore any faith or allegiance in form. Thus Sir Edward Coke very justly observes, that "all subjects are equally bounden to their allegiance as if they had taken the oath; because it is written by the finger of the law in their hearts, and the taking of the corporal oath is but an outward declaration of the same."

Allegiance, both express and implied, is however distinguished by the law into two sorts or species, the one *natural*, the other *local*; the former being also perpetual, the latter temporary.

*Natural* allegiance is such as is due from all men born within the king's dominions immediately upon their birth. For, immediately after their birth, they are under the king's protection; at a time too, when (during their infancy) they are incapable of protecting themselves. Natural allegiance is, therefore, a debt of gratitude which cannot be forfeited, cancelled, or altered by any change of time, place, or circumstance, nor by any thing but the united concurrence of the legislature. A Briton who removes to France, or to China, owes the same allegiance to the king of Britain there as at home, and twenty years hence as well as now. For it is a principle of universal law, That the natural-born subject of one prince cannot by any act of his own, no, not by swearing allegiance to another, put off or discharge his natural allegiance to the former: for this natural allegiance was intrinsic, and primitive, and antecedent to the other; and cannot be divested without the concurrent act of that prince to whom it was first due.

*Local* allegiance is such as is due from an alien, or stranger born, for so long a time as he continues within the king's dominion and protection; and it ceases the

instant such stranger transfers himself from one kingdom to another. Natural allegiance is therefore *perpetual*, and local *temporary* only; and that for this reason, evidently founded upon the nature of government, That allegiance is a debt due from the subject, upon an implied contract with the prince; that so long as the one affords protection, so long the other will demean himself faithfully.

The *oath* of allegiance, or rather the *allegiance* itself is held to be applicable, not only to the political capacity of the king, or regal office, but to his natural person and blood-royal: and for the misapplication of their allegiance, viz. to the regal capacity or crown, exclusive of the person of the king, were the Spencers banished in the reign of Edward II. And from hence arose that principle of personal attachment and affectionate loyalty, which induced Englishmen in former times (and, if occasion required, would doubtless induce their sons) to hazard all that was dear to them, life, fortune and family, in defence and support of their liege lord and sovereign.

It is to be observed, however, in explanation of this allegiance, That it does not preclude resistance to the king, when his misconduct or weakness is such as to make resistance beneficial to the community. It seems fairly presumable, that the convention parliament, which introduced the oath of allegiance in its present form, did not intend to exclude all resistance; since the very authority by which the members sat together, was itself the effect of a successful opposition to an acknowledged sovereign.

Again: The allegiance above described can only be understood to signify obedience to lawful commands. If, therefore, the king should issue a proclamation, levying money or imposing any service or restraint upon the subject, beyond what the law authorised, there would exist no sort of obligation to obey such a proclamation, in consequence of having taken the oath of allegiance.

Neither can allegiance be supposed to extend to the king after he is actually and absolutely deposed, driven into exile, or otherwise rendered incapable of exercising the regal office. The promise of allegiance implies, that the person to whom the promise is made continues king; that is, continues to exercise the power, and afford the protection, which belong to the office of king: for it is the possession of these which makes such a particular person the object of the oath.

ALLEGORY, in composition, consists in choosing a secondary subject, having all its properties and circumstances resembling those of the principal subject, and describing the former in such a manner as to represent the latter. The principal subject is thus kept out of view and we are left to discover it by reflection. In other words, an allegory is, in every respect, similar to an hieroglyphical painting, excepting only that words are used instead of colours. Their effects are precisely the same; An hieroglyphic raises two images in the mind; one seen, that represents one that is not seen: An allegory does the same; the representative subject is described, and the resemblance leads us to apply the description to the subject represented.

There cannot be a finer or more correct allegory than the following, in which a vineyard is made to represent God's own people the Jews:

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Paley's Moral and Political Philosophy. Philad. Ed. P. 142.

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“Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt; thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it. Thou didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land. The hills were covered with its shadow, and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedars. Why hast thou then broken down her hedges, so that all that pass do pluck her? The boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast doth devour it. Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine and the vineyard thy right-hand hath planted, and the branch thou madest strong for thyself.” Psa. lxxx.

Nothing gives greater pleasure than an allegory, when the representative subject bears a strong analogy, in all its circumstances, to that which is represented. But most writers are unlucky in their choice, the analogy being generally so faint and obscure, as rather to puzzle than to please. Allegories, as well as metaphors and similes, are unnatural in expressing any severe passion which totally occupies the mind. For this reason, the following speech of Macbeth is justly condemned by the learned author of the Elements of Criticism:

Methought I heard a voice cry, Sleep no more!  
Macbeth doth murder Sleep; the innocent sleep;  
Sleep that knits up the ravell'd sleeve of Care,  
The birth of each day's life, fore Labour's bath,  
Balm of hurt minds, great Nature's second course,  
Chief nourisher in life's feast. Act. ii. Sc. 3.

But see this subject more fully treated under the article METAPHOR and Allegory.

ALLEGRI (Antonio), called *Corregio* from the place of his birth, an eminent historical painter, was born in the year 1494. Being descended of poor parents and educated in an obscure village, he enjoyed none of those advantages which contributed to form the other great painters of that illustrious age. He saw none of the statues of ancient Greece or Rome; nor any of the works of the established schools of Rome and Venice. But Nature was his guide; and Corregio was one of her favourite pupils. To express the facility with which he painted, he used to say that he always had his thoughts ready at the end of his pencil.

The agreeable smile, and the profusion of graces which he gave to his madonas, saints, and children, have been taxed with being sometimes unnatural; but still they are amiable and seducing: An easy and flowing pencil, an union and harmony of colours, and a perfect intelligence of light and shade, give an astonishing relief to all his pictures, and have been the admiration both of his cotemporaries and his successors. Annibal Caracci, who flourished 50 years after him, studied and adopted his manner in preference to that of any other master. In a letter to his cousin Louis, he expresses with great warmth the impression which was made on him by the first sight of Corregio's paintings: “Every thing which I see here (says he) astonishes me; particularly the colouring and the beauty of the children. They live—they breathe—they smile with so much grace and so much reality, that it is impossible to refrain from smiling and partaking of their enjoyment. My heart is ready to break with grief when I think on the unhappy fate of poor Corregio—that so wonderful a man (if he ought not rather to be called an

angel) should finish his days so miserably, in a country where his talents were never known!”

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From want of curiosity or of resolution, or from want of patronage, Corregio never visited Rome, but remained his whole life at Parma, where the art of painting was little esteemed, and of consequence poorly rewarded. This concurrence of unfavourable circumstances occasioned at last his premature death at the age of 40. He was employed to paint the cupola of the cathedral at Parma, the subject of which is an assumption of the Virgin; and having executed it in a manner that has long been the admiration of every person of good taste, for the grandeur of design, and especially for the boldness of the fore-shortenings (an art which he first and at once brought to the utmost perfection), he went to receive his payment. The canons of the church, either through ignorance or baseness, found fault with his work; and although the price originally agreed upon had been very moderate, they alledged that it was far above the merit of the artist, and forced him to accept of the paltry sum of 200 livres; which, to add to the indignity, they paid him in copper money. To carry home this unworthy load to his indigent wife and children, poor Corregio had to travel six or eight miles from Parma. The weight of his burden, the heat of the weather, and his chagrin at this villanous treatment, immediately threw him into a pleurisy, which in three days put an end to his life and his misfortunes.

For the preservation of this magnificent work the world is indebted to Titian. As he passed through Parma, in the suite of Charles V. he ran instantly to see the *chef d'œuvre* of Corregio. While he was attentively viewing it, one of the principal canons of the church told him that such a grotesque performance did not merit his notice, and that they intended soon to have the whole defaced. “Have a care of what you do (replied the other), if I were not Titian, I would certainly wish to be Corregio.”

Corregio's exclamation upon viewing a picture by Raphael is well known. Having long been accustomed to hear the most unbounded applause bestowed on the works of that divine painter, he by degrees became less desirous than afraid of seeing any of them. One, however, he at last had occasion to see. He examined it attentively for some minutes in profound silence; and then with an air of satisfaction exclaimed, *I am still a painter*. Julio Romano, on seeing some of Corregio's pictures at Parma, declared they were superior to any thing in painting he had yet beheld. One of these no doubt would be the famous Virgin and Child, with Mary Magdalene and St Jerome: But whether our readers are to depend upon his opinion or upon that of Lady Millar, who in her *Letters from Italy* gives a very unfavourable account of it, we shall not presume to determine. This lady, however, speaks in a very different style of the no less famous *Notte* or Night of Corregio, of which she saw only a copy in the Duke's palace at Modena, the original having been sold for a great sum of money to the king of Poland. “It surprises me very much (says she), to see how different the characters are in this picture from that which I already have described to you. The subject is a Nativity; and the extraordinary beauty of this picture proceeds from the *clair obscure*:

**Allegro** *obscure*: there are two different lights introduced, by means of which the personages are visible; namely, the light proceeding from the body of the child, and the moon-light. These two are preserved distinct, and produce a most wonderful effect. The child's body is so luminous, that the superficies is nearly transparent, and the rays of light emitted by it are verified in the effect they produce upon the surrounding objects. They are not rays distinct and separate, like those round the face of a sun that indicates an insurance-office; nor linear, like those proceeding from the man in the almanack; but of a dazzling brightness: by their light you see clearly the face, neck, and hands, of the Virgin (the rest of the person being in strong shadow), the faces of the *pastori* who crowd round the child, and particularly one woman, who holds her hand before her face, lest her eyes should be so dazzled as to prevent her from beholding the Infant. This is a beautiful natural action, and is most ingeniously introduced. The straw on which the child is laid appears gilt, from the light of his body shining on it. The moon lights up the back-ground of the picture, which represents a landscape. Every object is distinct, as in a bright moon-light night; and there cannot be two lights in nature more different than those which appear in the same picture. The virgin and the child are of the most perfect beauty. There is a great variety of character in the different persons present, yet that uniformity common to all herdsmen and peasants. In short, this copy is so admirable, that I was quite sorry to be obliged to lose sight of it so soon; but I never shall forget it. The duke of Modena, for whom Corregio did the original picture, gave him only 600 livres of France for it; a great sum in those days: but at present, what ought it to cost? This great painter's death happened in 1534.

**ALLEGRO**, in music, an Italian word, denoting that the part is to be played in a sprightly, brisk, lively, and gay manner.

*Piu ALLEGRO*, signifies, that the part it is joined to should be sung or played quicker; as

*Poco piu ALLEGRO* intimates, that the part to which it refers ought to be played or sung only a little more briskly than allegro alone requires.

**ALLEIN** (Joseph), the son of Tobias Allein, was born in the Devizes, in Wiltshire, in 1633, and educated at Oxford. In 1655, he became assistant to Mr Newton, in Taunton-Magdalen, in Somersetshire; but was deprived for non-conformity. He died in 1668, aged 35. He was a man of great learning, and greater charity; preserving, though a nonconformist and a severe sufferer on that account, great respect for the church, and loyalty to his sovereign. He wrote several books of piety, which are highly esteemed; but his *Alarm to unconverted sinners* is more famous than the rest. There have been many editions of this little pious work, the sale of which has been very great; of the edition 1672, there were 20,000 sold; of that of 1675, with this title, *A sure guide to heaven*, 50,000. There was also a large impression of it with its first title, in 1720.

**ALLELUIAH**, or **HALLELUIAH**, a word signifying, *praise the Lord*, to be met with either at the beginning or end of some psalms: such as psalm cxlv. and those that follow, to the end. Alleluiah was sung upon solemn days of rejoicings, Tobit xiii. 12. St John

in the Revelations (xix. 1, 3, 4, 6.) says, that he "heard a great voice of much people in heaven, who said, Alleluiah; and the four and twenty elders, and the four beasts, fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying *Alleluiah*." This hymn of joy and praise was transferred from the synagogue to the church. St Jerom tells us, that at the funeral of Fabiola several psalms were sung with loud alleluiahs; and that the monks of Palestine were awakened, at their midnight watchings, with the singing of alleluiahs. So much energy has been observed in this term, that the ancient church thought proper to preserve it, without translating it either into Greek or Latin, for fear of impairing the genius and softness of it. The fourth council of Toledo has prohibited the use of it in times of Lent, or other days of fasting, and in the ceremonies of mourning: and, according to the present practice of the Romish church, this word is never repeated in Lent, nor in the obsequies of the dead; notwithstanding which, it is used in the mass for the dead, according to the mosarabic ritual, at the introit, when they sing, *Tu es portio mea, Domine, Alleluia, in terra viventium, Alleluia, Alleluia*. The singing alleluiah was oftentimes an invitatory or call to each other to praise the Lord.

**ALLEMAND**, a sort of grave solemn music, with good measure, and a slow movement.—It is also a brisk kind of dance, very common in Germany and Switzerland.

**ALLEMANNIC**, in a general sense, denotes anything belonging to the ancient Germans. Thus, we meet with Allemannic history, Allemannic language, Allemannic law, &c.

**ALLEN** (John) archbishop of Dublin in the reign of king Henry VIII. was educated in the university of Oxford; from whence removing to Cambridge, he there took the degree of bachelor of laws. He was sent by Dr Warham, archbishop of Canterbury, to the pope, about certain matters relating to the church. He continued at Rome nine years, and was created doctor of laws; either there or in some other university of Italy. After his return, he was appointed chaplain to Cardinal Wolfey, and was commissary or judge of his court as *legatus à latere*; in the execution of which office he was suspected of great dishonesty, and even perjury. He assisted the cardinal in visiting, and afterwards suppressing, 40 of the smaller monasteries, for the erection of his college at Oxford and that at Ipswich. The cardinal procured for him the living of Dalby in Leicestershire, though it belonged to the master and brethren of the hospital of Burton Lazars. About the latter end of the year 1525 he was incorporated doctor of laws in the university of Oxford. On the 13th of March 1528 he was consecrated archbishop of Dublin, in the room of Dr Hugh Inge deceased; and about the same time was made chancellor of Ireland. He wrote, 1. *Epistolo de Pallii significatione activa et passiva*; penned by him at the time when he received the archiepiscopal pall. 2. *De consuetudinibus ac statutis in tutoriis causis observandis*. He wrote also several other pieces relating to the church. His death, which happened in July 1534, was very tragical: for being taken in a time of rebellion by Thomas Fitzgerald, eldest son to the earl of Kildare, he was by his command most cruelly murdered, being brained.

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brained like an ox, at Tartaine in Ireland, in the 58th year of his age. The place where the murder was committed was afterwards hedged in, overgrown, and unfrequented, in detestation of the fact.

ALLEN (Thomas), a famous mathematician of the 16th century, born at Utoxeter in Staffordshire the 21st of December 1542. He was admitted scholar of Trinity-college Oxford the 4th of June 1561; and in 1567 took his degree of master of arts. In 1570 he quitted his college and fellowship and retired to Gloucester-hall; where he studied very closely, and became famous for his knowledge in antiquity, philosophy, and mathematics. Having received an invitation from Henry earl of Northumberland, a great friend and patron of the mathematicians, he spent some time at the earl's house, where he became acquainted with those celebrated mathematicians Thomas Harriot, John Dee, Walter Warner, and Nathaniel Torporley. Robert earl of Leicester had a particular esteem for Mr Allen, and would have conferred a bishopric upon him, but his love of solitude and retirement made him decline the offer. His great skill in the mathematics made the ignorant and vulgar look upon him as a magician or conjurer: the author of a book intitled *Leicester's Commonwealth*, has accordingly accused him with using the art of figuring, to procure the earl of Leicester's unlawful designs, and endeavouring by the black art to bring about a match betwixt him and Queen Elizabeth. But without pretending to point out the absurdity of the charge, it is certain that the earl placed such confidence in Allen, that nothing material in the state was transacted without his knowledge; and the earl had constant information, by letter, from Mr Allen, of what passed in the university. Mr Allen was very curious and indefatigable in collecting scattered manuscripts relating to history, antiquity, astronomy, philosophy, and mathematics: these collections have been quoted by several learned authors, &c. and mentioned to have been in the Bibliotheca Alleniana. He published in Latin the second and third books of Claudius Ptolemy of Pelusium, *Concerning the Judgment of the Stars*, or, as it is commonly called, of the *Quadrupartite Construction*, with an exposition. He wrote also notes on many of Lilly's books, and some on John Bale's work *De Scriptoribus M. Britannia*. Having lived to a great age, he died at Gloucester-hall on the 30th of September 1632.

ALLENDORF, a small town in the circle of the Upper Rhine, and in the landgraviate of Hesse-Cassel, remarkable for its salt-works and three stone-bridges. It is seated on the river Weser, 15 miles east of Cassel; E. Long. 10. 5. N. Lat. 51. 26.

ALLER, a river which runs through the duchy of Lunenburg, and falls into the Weser a little below Verden.

ALLER, *good*, in our ancient writers. The word *aller* serves to make the expression of superlative signification. So, *aller-good* is the greatest good. Sometimes it is written *alder*.

ALLERION, or ALERION, in heraldry, a sort of eagle without beak or feet, having nothing perfect but the wings. They differ from martlets by having their wings expanded, whereas those of the martlet are close; and denote imperialists vanquished and disarmed; for which reason they are more common in French than in German coats of arms.

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ALLESTRY (Richard, D. D.) an eminent divine, born at Uppington in Shropshire in March 1619, was educated in the grammar-school at Coventry, and afterwards at Christ-church in Oxford. His parts, which were extraordinary, were improved by a no less extraordinary industry. He took up arms for king Charles I. and was sometimes seen with his musket in one hand and his book in the other. He was very active in the service of king Charles II. before his restoration, and was employed by the royalists in transacting business with that prince during his exile; but was at last seized at Dover by a party of soldiers, and committed prisoner to Lambeth-house, where he was confined six or eight weeks: but soon after the restoration he was made canon of Christ-church, created doctor of divinity, and appointed chaplain in ordinary to the king, and regius professor of divinity. In 1665 he was appointed provost of Eton college, where he raised the school, which he found in a low condition, to an uncommon pitch of reputation. The west side of the outward quadrangle of that college was built from the ground at his expence. The excellent Dr Hammond, who was his intimate friend, left him his valuable library, which he himself afterwards bequeathed to his successors in the divinity-chair. He was eminent for his piety, benevolence, and integrity; for the sincerity of his friendship, and his disinterested temper. He wrote several books; and a collection of his sermons were printed after his decease by Dr Fell bishop of Oxford. He died August 28. 1680.

ALLESTRY (Jacob), an English poet of the last century. He was the son of James Allestry, a bookseller of London, who was ruined by the great fire in 1666. Jacob was educated at Westminster school, entered at Christ-church Oxford in the act-term 1671 at the age of 18, and was elected student in 1672. He took the degree in arts; was music-reader in 1679, and terræ filius in 1681; both which offices he executed with great applause, being esteemed a good philologist and poet. He had a chief hand in the verses and pastorals spoken in the theatre at Oxford May 21. 1681, by Mr William Savile second son of the marquis of Halifax, and George Cholmondely second son of Robert viscount Kells (both of Christ-church), before James duke of York, his duchess, and the lady Anne; which verses and pastorals were afterwards printed in the "Examen Poeticum." He died October 15. 1686, and was buried in St Thomas's church-yard.

ALLEVEURE, a small brass Swedish coin, worth about  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. English money.

ALLEVIATION, denotes the making a thing lighter, and easier to bear or endure. It stands opposed to *aggravation*.

ALLEY (William), bishop of Exeter in the reign of queen Elizabeth, was born at Great Wycomb in Buckinghamshire. From Eton school, in the year 1528, he removed to king's college Cambridge, where he took the degree of bachelor of arts. He also studied some time at Oxford; afterwards he married, was presented to a living, and became a zealous reformer. Upon queen Mary's accession he left his cure and retired into the north of England; where he maintained his wife and himself by teaching a school, and practising physic. Queen Elizabeth ascending the throne, he went to London, where he acquired great reputation by reading the divinity-lecture at St Paul's, and

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in July 1560 was consecrated bishop of Exeter. He was created doctor of divinity at Oxford in November 1561. He died on the 15th of April 1570, and was buried at Exeter in the cathedral. He wrote 1. *The poor man's library*, 2 vol. fol. Lond. 1571. These volumes contain twelve lectures on the first epistle of St Peter, read at St Paul's. 2. *A Hebrew Grammar*. Whether it was ever published is uncertain. He translated the Pentateuch, in the version of the Bible which was undertaken by queen Elizabeth's command.

ALLEY, in gardening, a straight parallel walk, bounded on both sides with trees, shrubs, &c. and usually covered with gravel or turf.

ALLEY, among builders, denotes a narrow passage leading from one place to another.

ALLEY, in perspective, that which, in order to have a greater appearance of length, is made wider at the entrance than at the termination.

ALLEY, in the new husbandry, implies the vacant space between the outermost row of corn on one bed and the nearest row to it on the next parallel bed; and it is usually about four feet in breadth, exclusive of the partitions between the rows of corn in the beds. The first hoeing of wheat is performed in the beginning of winter, and the earth is ploughed away from the rows into the intervals, which forms small ridges in the middle between the double rows. The second hoeing is in the spring, which turns it back to the rows, leaving a furrow in the middle of the alley. The third hoeing is from the rows, after the wheat has blossomed; this turns the earth into the intervals, forming small ridges there, as at the first hoeing. The fourth hoeing returns the earth to the ridges, which is performed a month or more after the third hoeing. This commonly finishes the horse-hoings, if the land is in good heart; otherwise one or two more hoeings are necessary.

ALLEYN (Edward), a celebrated English actor in the reigns of queen Elizabeth and king James, and founder of the college at Dulwich in Surry, was born at London, in the parish of St Botolph, Sept. 1. 1566, as appears from a memorandum of his own writing. Dr Fuller says, that he was bred a stage-player; and that his father would have given him a liberal education, but that he was not turned for a serious course of life. He was, however, a youth of an excellent capacity, a cheerful temper, a tenacious memory, a sweet elocution, and in his person of a stately port and aspect; all which advantages might well induce a young man to take to the theatrical profession. By several authorities we find he must have been on the stage some time before 1592; for at this time he was in high favour with the town, and greatly applauded by the best judges, particularly by Ben Johnson.

Haywood, in his prologue to Marloe's *Jew of Malta*, calls him Proteus for shapen, and Roscius for a tongue. He usually played the capital parts, and was one of the original actors in Shakespeare's plays; in some of Ben Johnson's he was also a principal performer; but what characters he personated in either of these poets, it is difficult now to determine. This is owing to the inaccuracy of their editors, who did not print the names of the players opposite to the characters they performed, as the modern custom is; but gave one general list of actors to the whole set of plays, as

in the old folio edition of Shakespeare; or divided one from the other, setting the dramatis personæ before the plays, and the catalogue of performers after them, as in Johnson's.

It may appear surprising how one of Mr Alleyn's profession should be enabled to erect such an edifice as Dulwich College, and liberally endow it for the maintenance of so many persons. But it must be observed that he had some paternal fortune, which, though small, might lay a foundation for his future affluence; and it is to be presumed, that the profits he received from acting, to one of his provident and managing disposition, and one who by his excellence in playing drew after him such crowds of spectators, must have considerably improved his fortune: besides, he was not only an actor, but master of a playhouse, built at his own expence, by which he is said to have amassed considerable wealth. He was also keeper of the king's wild beasts, or master of the royal bear-garden, which was frequented by vast crowds of spectators; and the profits arising from these sports are said to have amounted to 500l. per annum. He was thrice married; and the portions of his two first wives, they leaving him no issue to inherit, might probably contribute to this benefaction. Such kind of donations have been frequently thought to proceed more from vanity and ostentation than real piety; but this of Mr Alleyn has been ascribed to a very singular cause, for the devil has been said to be the first promoter of it. Mr Aubrey mentions a tradition, "that Mr Alleyn playing a demon with six others, in one of Shakespeare's plays, was, in the midst of the play, surpris'd by an apparition of the devil; which so worked on his fancy, that he made a vow, which he performed by building Dulwich college." He began the foundation of this college, under the direction of Inigo Jones, in 1614; and the buildings, gardens, &c. were finished in 1617, in which he is said to have expended about 10,000l. After the college was built, he met with some difficulty in obtaining a charter for settling his lands in mortmain: for he proposed to endow it with 8000l. per annum, for the maintenance of one master, one warden, and four fellows, three whereof were to be clergymen, and the fourth a skilful organist; also six poor men and as many women, besides twelve poor boys to be educated till the age of fourteen or sixteen, and then put out to some trade or calling. The obstruction he met with arose from the lord chancellor Bacon, who wished king James to settle part of those lands for the support of two academical lectures; and he wrote a letter to the Marquis of Buckingham, dated August 18. 1618, intreating him to use his interest with his Majesty for that purpose. Mr Alleyn's solicitation was however at last complied with, and he obtained the royal licence, giving him full power to lay his foundation, by his Majesty's letter-patent, bearing date the 21st of June, 1619; by virtue whereof he did, in the chapel of the said new hospital at Dulwich, called "The College of God's Gift," on the 13th of September following, publicly read and published a quadripartite writing in parchment, whereby he created and established the said college; he then subscribed it with his name, and fixed his seal to several parts thereof, in presence of several honourable persons, and ordered copies of the writings to four different.

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different parishes. He was himself the first master of his college; so that to make use of the words of Mr Haywood, one of his contemporaries, "He was so mingled with humility and charity, that he became his own pensioner, humbly submitting himself to that proportion of diet and clothes which he had bestowed on others." We have no reason to think he ever repented of this distribution of his substance; but on the contrary, that he was entirely satisfied, as appears from the following memorial in his own writing, found amongst his papers: "May 26, 1620—My wife and I acknowledged the fine at the common pleas bar, of all our lands to the college: blessed be God that he has given us life to do it." His wife died in the year 1623; and about two years afterwards he married Constance Kinchtoe, who survived him, and received remarkable proofs of his affection, if at least we may judge of it by his will, wherein he left her considerably. He died Nov. 25. 1626, in the 61st year of his age, and was buried in the chapel of his new college, where there is a tomb-stone over his grave, with an inscription. His original Diary is also there preserved.

The subjoined anecdote is entertaining in itself, and shows the high esteem in which Mr Alleyn was held as an actor: 'Edward Alleyn, the Garrick of Shakespeare's time, had been on the most friendly footing with our poet, as well as Ben Johnson. They used frequently to spend their evenings together at the sign of the Globe, somewhere near Black Friars, where the playhouse then was. The world need not be told, that the convivial hours of such a triumvirate must be pleasing as well as profitable, and may truly be said to be such pleasures as might bear the reflections of the morning. In consequence of one of these meetings, the following letter was written by G. Peel, a Fellow of Christ-church college, Oxford, and a dramatic poet, who belonged to the Club, to one Marle, an intimate of his:

"Friend Marle,

"I must desyr that my syster hyr watch, and the cookerie book you promysed, may be sente bye the man.—I never longed for thy company more than last night: we were all very merry at the Globe, when Ned Alleyn did not scruple to affyrme pleasantly to thy Friende Will, that he had stolen his speech about the Qualities of an actor's excellencye in Hamlet hys Tragedye, from conversations manyfold whych had passed betweene them, and opinyons given by Alleyn touchinge the subiecte.—Shakespeare did not take this talke in good sorte; but Johnson put an end to the strife with wittilye remarkinge, *This affaire needeth no contentione; you stole it from Ned, no doubt; do not marvel: Have you not seen him act tymes out of number?—Believe me most syncerilie, yours, G. Peele.*"

ALLIA, a river of Italy, which running down a very steep channel from the mountains of Crustuminum, mixes with the Tiber at 40 miles from Rome; famous for the great slaughter of the Romans by the Gauls, under Brennus; hence *Alliensis dies*, an unlucky day, (Virgil, Ovid, Lucan.) Our ancestors, says Cicero, deemed the day of the fight of *Allia* more fatal than that of taking the city.

ALLIANCE, in the civil and canon law, the rela-

tion contracted between two persons or two families by marriage.

ALLIANCE is also used for a treaty entered into by sovereign princes and states, for their mutual safety and defence.—In this sense, alliances may be distinguished into such as are offensive, whereby the contracting parties oblige themselves jointly to attack some other power; and into defensive ones, whereby they bind themselves to stand by and defend each other, in case they are attacked by others.—Alliance, with the ancient Romans, though a sort of servitude, was much coveted. Ariarathes, we are told by Polybius, offered a sacrifice to the gods by way of thanksgiving for having obtained this alliance. The reason was, that thenceforwards people were sure not to receive any injuries except from them.—There were different sorts of allies; some only united to them by a participation of the privileges of Romans, as the Latini and Hernici; others by their very foundation, as the colonies; others by the benefactions they received from them, as Masfinissa, Eumenes, and Attalus, who owed their kingdoms to Rome; others by free treaties, which last by a long alliance became subjects, as the kings of Bithynia, Cappadocia, Egypt, and most of the cities of Greece: lastly, others by compulsive treaties, and the law of subjection, as Philip and Antiochus. For they never granted peace to an enemy, without making an alliance with him; that is, they never subdued any people without using it as a means of subduing others.

The forms or ceremonies of alliances have been various in different ages and countries. At present, signing and swearing, sometimes at the altar, are the chief: anciently eating and drinking together, chiefly offering sacrifices together, were the customary rite of ratifying an alliance. Among the Jews and Chaldeans, heifers or calves; among the Greeks, bulls or goats; and among the Romans, hogs were sacrificed on this occasion. Among the ancient Arabs, alliances were confirmed by drawing blood out of the palms of the hands of the two contracting princes with a sharp stone, dipping herein a piece of their garments, and therewith smearing seven stones, at the same time invoking the gods Vrotalt and Alilat, *i. e.* according to Herodotus, Bacchus and Urania. Among the people of Cholchis, the confirmation of alliances is said to be effected by one of the princes offering his wife's breasts to the other to suck, which he was obliged to do till there issued blood.

ALLIANCE, in a figurative sense, is applied to any kind of union or connection; thus we say, there is an alliance between the church and state.

ALLIGATI, in Roman antiquity, the basest kind of slaves, who were usually kept fettered. The Romans had three degrees, or orders, of slaves or servants; the first employed in the management of their estates; the second in the menial or lower functions of the family; the third called *alligati*, above mentioned.

ALLIGATION, the name of a method of solving all questions that relate to the mixture of one ingredient with another. Though writers on arithmetic generally make alligation a branch of that science; yet, as it is plainly nothing more than an application of the common properties of numbers, in order to solve a few questions that occur in particular branches of business,

Alliance  
||  
Alligation.

Alligation. we choose rather to keep it distinct from the science of arithmetic.

Alligation is generally divided into *medial* or *alternate*.

*ALLIGATION Medial*, from the rates and quantities of the simples given, discovers the rate of the mixture.

*Rule.* As the total quantity of the simples,  
To their price or value ;  
So any quantity of the mixture,  
To the rate.

*Examp.* A grocer mixeth 30 lb. of currants, at 4d. per lb. with 10 lb. of other currants, at 6d. per lb. : What is the value of 1 lb. of the mixture?—

*Answ.* 4½ d.

lb.	d.	d.
30,	at 4	amounts to 120
10,	at 6	————— 60
—		—
40		180

lb.	d.	lb.	d.
40		180	

If 40 : 180 :: 1 : 4½

Note 1. When the quantity of each simple is the same, the rate of the mixture is readily found by adding the rates of the simples, and dividing their sum by the number of simples. Thus,

Suppose a grocer mixes several sorts of sugar, and of each an equal quantity, viz. at 50s. at 54s. and at 60s. per cwt. the rate of the mixture will be 54s. 8d. per cwt. ; for

	s.	s.	d.
50+54+60=	164,	and 3)	164) 54 8

Note 2. If it be required to increase or diminish the quantity of the mixture, say, As the sum of the given quantities of the simples, to the several quantities given ; so the quantity of the mixture proposed, to the quantities of the simples sought.

Note 3. If it be required to know how much of each simple is an assigned portion of the mixture, say, As the quantity of the mixture, to the several quantities of the simples given ; so the quantity of the assigned portion, to the quantities of the simples sought. Thus,

Suppose a grocer mixes 10 lb. of raisins with 30 lb. of almonds and 40 lb. of currants, and it be demanded, how many ounces of each sort are found in every pound, or in every 16 ounces of the mixture, say,

	oz.
80 : 10 ::	16 : 2 raisins.
80 : 30 ::	16 : 6 almonds.
80 : 40 ::	16 : 8 currants.

Proof 16

Note 4. If the rates of two simples, with the total value and total quantity of the mixture, be given, the quantity of each simple may be found as follows, viz. Multiply the lesser rate into the total quantity, subtract the product from the total value, and the remainder will be equal to the product of the excess of the higher rate above the lower, multiplied into the quantity of the higher-priced simple ; and consequently the said remainder, divided by the difference of the rates, will quote the said quantity. Thus,

Suppose a grocer has a mixture of 400 lb. weight, that cost him 7l. 10s. consisting of raisins at 4d. per lb.

and almonds at 6d. how many pounds of almonds were in the mixture? Alligation.

	lb.	Rates.
	400	6 d.
£. s.	d.	
7 10=	1800	4
	1600	4 d.
	—	—
	1600 d.	2 d.

2) 200(	100 lb. of almonds at 6 d. is	2 10
	And 300 lb. of raisins at 4d. is	5 0
	—	—

Total 400

Proof 7 10

*ALLIGATION Alternate*, being the converse of alligation medial, from the rates of the simples, and rate of the mixture given, finds the quantities of the simples.

*Rules.* I. Place the rate of the mixture on the left side of a brace, as the root ; and on the right side of the brace set the rates of the several simples, under one another, as the branches. II. Link or alligate the branches, so as one greater and another less than the root may be linked or yoked together. III. Set the difference betwixt the root and the several branches right against their respective yoke-fellows. These alternate differences are the quantities required. Note, 1, If any branch happen to have two or more yoke-fellows, the difference between the root and these yoke-fellows must be placed right against the said branch, one after another, and added into one sum. 2. In some questions, the branches may be alligated more ways than one ; and a question will always admit of so many answers as there are different ways of linking the branches.

Alligation alternate admits of three varieties, viz. 1. The question may be unlimited, with respect both to the quantity of the simples and that of the mixture. 2. The question may be limited to a certain quantity of one or more of the simples. 3. The question may be limited to a certain quantity of the mixture.

*Variety I.* When the question is unlimited, with respect both to the quantity of the simples and that of the mixture, this is called *Alligation Simple*.

*Examp.* A grocer would mix sugars, at 5d. 7d. and 10d. per lb. so as to sell the mixture or compound at 8d. per lb.: What quantity of each must he take?

	lb.
8 {	5 2   2
	7 2   2
	10 3, 1   4

Here the rate of the mixture 8 is placed on the left side of the brace, as the root ; and on the right side of the same brace are set the rates of the several simples, viz. 5, 7, 10, under one another, as the branches ; according to Rule I.

The branch 10 being greater than the root, is alligated or linked with 7 and 5, both these being less than the root ; as directed in Rule II.

The difference between the root 8 and the branch 5, viz. 3, is set right against this branch's yoke-fellow 10. The difference between 8 and 7 is likewise set right against the yoke-fellow 10. And the difference betwixt 8 and 10, viz. 2, is set right against the two yoke-fellows 7 and 5 ; as prescribed by Rule III.

As the branch 10 has two differences on the right, viz.

3 0

viz.

Alligation. viz. 3 and 1, they are added; and the answer to the question is, that 2 lb. at 5 d. 2 lb. at 7 d. and 4 lb. at 10 d. will make the mixture required.

The truth and reason of the rules will appear by considering, that whatever is lost upon any one branch is gained upon its yoke-fellow. Thus, in the above example, by selling 4 lb. of 10 d. sugar at 8 d. per lb. there is 8 d. lost; but the like sum is gained upon its two yoke-fellows; for by selling 2 lb. of 5 d. sugar at 8 d. per lb. there is 6 d. gained; and by selling 2 lb. of 7 d. sugar at 8 d. there is 2 d. gained; and 6 d. and 2 d. make 8 d.

Hence it follows, that the rate of the mixture must always be mean or middle with respect to the rates of the simples; that is, it must be less than the greatest, and greater than the least; otherwise a solution would be impossible. And the price of the total quantity mixed, computed at the rate of the mixture, will always be equal to the sum of the prices of the several quantities cast up at the respective rates of the simples.

*Variety II.* When the question is limited to a certain quantity of one or more of the simples, this is called *Alligation Partial*.

If the quantity of one of the simples may be limited, alligate the branches, and take their differences, as if there had been no such limitation; and then work by the following proportion;

As the difference right against the rate of the simple whose quantity is given,  
To the other differences respectively;  
So the quantity given,  
To the several quantities sought.

*Examp.* A distiller would, with 40 gallons of brandy at 12 s. per gallon, mix rum at 7 s. per gallon, and gin at 4 s. per gallon: How much of the rum and gin must he take, to sell the mixture at 8 s. per gallon?

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{Gal.} \\
 8 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 12 \\ 7 \\ 4 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} 1, 4 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{l} 5 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{l} 40 \text{ of brandy.} \\ 32 \text{ of rum.} \\ 32 \text{ of gin.} \end{array} \left. \right\} \text{Ans.}
 \end{array}$$

The operation gives for answer, 5 gallons of brandy, 4 of rum, and 4 of gin. But the question limits the quantity of brandy to 40 gallons; therefore say,

$$\text{If } 5 : 4 :: 40 : 32.$$

The quantity of gin, by the operation, being also 4, the proportion needs not be repeated.

*Variety III.* When the question is limited to a certain quantity of the mixture, this is called *Alligation Total*.

After linking the branches, and taking the differences, work by the proportion following:

As the sum of the differences,  
To each particular difference:  
So the given total of the mixture,  
To the respective quantities required.

*Examp.* A vintner hath wine at 3 s. per gallon, and would mix it with water, so as to make a composition of 144 gallons, worth 2 s. 6 d. per gallon: How much wine, and how much water, must he take?

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{Gal.} \\
 30 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 36 \\ 0 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} 30 \\ 6 \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{l} 120 \text{ of wine.} \\ 24 \text{ of water.} \end{array} \right. \left. \right\} \text{Ans.} \\
 \hline
 36 \quad | \quad 144 \text{ total.} \\
 120 \times 36 = 4320 \\
 24 \times 0 = 0
 \end{array}$$

Proof 144) 4320(30

$$\text{As } 36 : 30 :: 144 : 120$$

$$\text{As } 36 : 6 :: 144 : 24.$$

There being here only two simples, and the total of the mixture limited, the question admits but of one answer.

**ALLIGATOR**, in zoology, a synonyme of the *lacerta crocodilus*. See **LACERTA**.

*ALLIGATOR Pear.* See **LAURUS**.

**ALLIONIA**, in botany, a genus of the monogynia order, belonging to the tetrandria class of plants; and in the natural method ranking under the 48th order, *Aggregatae*. The characters are: The common *calyx* is oblong, simple, three-flowered, five-parted, and persistent; the proper one, obscure, above: The proper *corolla* is monopetalous and funnel-shaped; the mouth quinquefid and erect: The *stamina* consist of four bristly filaments, longer than the corolla, and bending to one side; the antheræ are roundish: The *pisillum* has an oblong germen beneath; the *stylus* is bristly, and longer than the *stamina*; the *stigmata* are multifid and linear: There is no *pericarpium*: The *seeds* are solitary, oblong, and naked: The *receptaculum* is naked. There are two species, the *violeacea* and *incarnata*, both natives of America.

**ALLIOTH**, a star in the tail of the greater bear, much used for finding the latitude at sea.

**ALLITERATION**, an ornament of language chiefly used in poetry, and consisting in the repetition of the same letter at certain intervals. We do not remember to have ever seen any satisfactory account of alliteration in the writings of the critics. They seem to have passed it over in contemptuous silence; either as a false refinement or as a mere trifle. It perhaps deserves a better fate. Many chapters have been composed on quantity, on the expression resulting from different arrangements of long and short syllables, and on the powers of pauses as they are variously placed, without a word of alliteration. This is the more extraordinary, as one should think it impossible for any man to examine minutely, and, as it were, dissect a number of verses, without perceiving the vast abundance of this ornament. It is as if an anatomist should publish a complete table of the arteries in the human body, and affect never to have seen a vein nor a nerve: for it may be affirmed, with small danger of mistake, that if you examine any number of verses, remarkable either for sweetness or for energy, they will be found in some degree alliterative. We do not pretend to say, that the sweetness and energy of versification depends chiefly on this circumstance, yet we cannot help believing that it may claim some share: for it is a constant appearance, as far as we have ever observed, that the poets whose fame is highest for versification, are most extensive dealers in this article.

The trifling poor appearance of the ornament itself, upon

Alligator,  
Alliteration.



Alliteration.

upon a superficial view, and the frequent abuse of it, are circumstances indeed which give no encouragement to a serious enquiry into its nature and operation. How common is it for writers, who affect to be comic, when in want of other means for raising a smile, to use affected alliteration with success. But, in the fine arts, no beauty nor grace is beyond the power of ridicule. The noblest attitudes in painting have been rendered laughable by caricatura. St Paul preaching at Athens, in the design of Raphael, appears elegant, noble, and in some degree awful. The same apostle, represented by Hogarth in nearly the same attitude, pleading before the governor Felix, seems altogether ridiculous. So the language and versification of Milton in the Paradise Lost appear only proper for the most elevated subjects. In the Splendid Shilling of Philips, they appear equally proper for the lowest. So fares it also with alliteration. Nor ought we to be mortified at the discovery, that much of the delight afforded by versification arises from a cause so pitiful as the repetition of the same letter twice, or oftener, on the accented parts of a verse; for there are many other causes of pleasure, which, when thus detected and taken to pieces, seem equally contemptible.

We apprehend the principal operation of this ornament to be quite mechanical. It is easier for the organs of speech to resume, at short intervals, one certain conformation, than to throw themselves into a number of different ones, unconnected and discordant. For example, a succession of labials, interspersed at regular distances with dentals and gutturals, will be more easily pronounced than the succession of all the three at random. Sounds of which the articulation is easiest, are most completely in the power of the speaker. He can pronounce them slowly or rapidly, softly or with force, at pleasure. In this we imagine the power and advantage of alliteration is founded: for we would not lay any stress on the pleasure which can result to the ear from the repetition of the same letter. It has been compared to the frequent returns of the key-note in a musical strain; but that analogy is extremely faint. The ear, we presume, can be pleased with alliteration only in so far as it contributes to the superior easiness of recitation; for what is recited with ease must be heard with pleasure.

These remarks might be confirmed and illustrated by numberless passages from the best poets. Some few lines will suffice, taken from Gray, who seems to have paid particular attention to this grace. He professed to have learned his versification from Dryden, as Dryden did from Spencer; and these three abound in alliteration above all the English poets. We choose Gray for another reason, in proof of what we mentioned before, that alliteration contributes not only to the *sweetness*, but also to the *energy*, of versification; for he uses it chiefly when he aims at strength and boldness. In the *Sister Odes* (as Dr Johnson styles them), almost every strophe commences and concludes with an alliterative line. The poet, we suppose, wished to begin with force, and end with dignity.

“Ruin seize thee, ruthless king.”

“To high-born Hoel’s sharp, or soft Llewllyn’s ay.”

“I weave the warp, and weave the woof.”

“Stamp we our vengeance deep, and ratify his doom.”

“Regardless of the sweeping whirlwind’s sway.”  
“That hush’d in grim repose, expects his evening prey.”

Alliterations,  
Allium.

It must be observed here, that we hold a verse alliterative which has a letter repeated on its accented parts, although those parts do not begin words; the repeated letter bearing a strong analogy to the bars in a musical phrase. Gray seems to have had a particular liking to these sort of balanced verses, which divide equally, and of which the opposite sides have an alliterative resemblance.

“Eyes that glow, and fangs that grin,  
“Thoughts that breathe, and words that burn.”  
“Hauberk crash, and helmet ring.”

All these lines appear to us to have a force and energy, arising from alliteration, which renders them easy to be recited; or, if the reader pleases, *mouthed*. For the same reason the following passage appears sad and solemn, by the repetition of the labial liquid.

“Mountains, ye mourn in vain.”  
“Modred, whose magic song,”—&c.

If alliteration thus contributes to enforce the expression of a poetical sentiment, its advantages in poetry must be considerable. It is not, therefore, unworthy a poet’s regard in the act of composition. If two words offer of equal propriety, the one alliterative the other not, we think the first ought to be chosen. We would compare this to the practice of fuguing in music. A composer who aims at expression will not hunt after fugues; but if they offer, if they seem to arise spontaneously from the subject, he will not reject them. So a good poet ought not to select an epithet merely for beginning with a certain letter, unless it suit his purpose well in every other respect; for the beauty of alliteration, when happy, is not greater than its deformity when affected. A couplet from Pope will exemplify both; the first line being bad, and the second good:

“Eternal beauties grace the shining scene, —  
“Fields ever fresh, and groves for ever green.”

ALLIUM (from *ἀλλεω*, “to avoid or shun,” because many shun the smell of it), GARLIC: A genus of the monogynia order, belonging to the hexandria class of plants; and in the natural method ranking in the 9th order, *Spathaceæ*. The characters are: The *calyx* is a common spatha, roundish, withering, and multiflorous: The *corolla* consists of six oblong petals: The *stamina* have six subulated filaments, often the length of the corolla; the antheræ are oblong and erect: The *pistillum* has a germen above, shorter, nearly three-cornered, with angles engraved with a line; the styli are simple, the stigmata acute: The *pericarpium* is a very short, broad, three-lobed capsule, with three cells and three valves: The *seeds* are many and roundish. Of this genus no fewer than 40 different species are enumerated by Linæus, among which he includes the cepa and porrum, or onions and leeks.

1. The fativum, or garlic, has a bulbous root, of an irregularly roundish shape, with several fibres at the bottom; each root is composed of a number of lesser bulbs, called *cloves* of garlic, inclosed in one common

*Allium.* membranous coat, and easily separable from one another. All the parts of this plant, but more especially the roots, have an acrimonious, and almost caustic taste, with a strong offensive smell, which last has induced those who preserved some of the species in gardens on account of their yellow flowers to eradicate them.

This pungent root warms and stimulates the solids, and attenuates tenacious juices; for which it is well adapted, on account of its being very penetrating; in-somuch that, when applied to the feet, its scent is soon discovered in the breath; and, when taken internally, its smell is communicated to the urine, or the matter of an issue, and perspires through the pores of the skin. Hence, in cold eucophlegmatic habits, it proves a powerful expectorant, diuretic, and emmenagogue; and if the patient is kept warm, sudorific. It is also of great service in humoral asthmas and catarrhus disorders of the breast, and in other disorders proceeding from a laxity of the solids, and cold sluggish indispositions of the fluids. It is also frequently of service in the dropsy; in the beginning of which it is particularly recommended by Sydenham, as a warm strengthening medicine: we have even many examples where it acts so powerfully as a diuretic, as to carry off all the water of dropsies. It may be taken the length of a dram or two in substance for a dose.—There is a syrup and oxymel made with it, which may be employed for the same purposes as the garlic in substance; but they are mostly used in pulmonic disorders.—Externally applied, it inflames and ulcerates the skin, and is sometimes employed for this use in sinapisms. It has also been recommended by Sydenham as a most powerful revellent; for which purpose he was led to make use of it in the confluent small-pox. His method was to cut the root in pieces, and apply it, tied in a linen cloth, to the soles of the feet, about the eighth day of the disease, after the face began to swell; renewing it once a-day till the danger was over.—When made into an unguent with oils, and applied externally, garlic is said to resolve and discuss cold tumours, and has been by some greatly celebrated in cutaneous disorders.

The acrimonious qualities of this root, however, render it manifestly improper on many occasions. Its liberal use is apt to occasion head-achs, flatulencies, thirst, febrile heats, inflammatory distempers, and sometimes discharges of blood from the hemorrhoidal vessels. In hot bilious constitutions, where there is already a degree of irritation, where the juices are too thin and acrimonious, or the viscera unsound, it never fails to aggravate the distemper.

In Kamtschatka, the *allium ursinum*, or wild garlic, is very common and useful in medicine as well as food. Both Russians and natives gather it in great quantities for winter service. They steep it in water, then mix it with cabbage, onions, and other ingredients, and form out of them a ragout which they eat cold. It is also the principal remedy for the scurvy. As soon as this plant appears above the snow, they seem to put this dreadful disorder at defiance, and find a cure almost in its worst stages.

Garlic is very hardy, and will thrive in almost any soil or situation. It is easily propagated either by the roots or seeds. If from the roots, they ought to be planted in autumn, that they may take good root in the ground before the spring, which is neces-

sary to make them flower strong the following summer. If they are propagated by seeds, they may be sown on a border of common earth, either in autumn soon after the seeds are ripe, or in the spring following; and will require no farther care than to keep them clear from weeds. In the following autumn, they may be transplanted into the borders where they are to remain.

2. The *ascalonicum*, or eschalot, was found wild in Palestine by Dr Hasselquist. The root is conglobate, consisting of many oblong roots bound together by thin membranes. Each of these small roots sends forth two or three fistulous, long, awl-shaped leaves, issuing from a sheath, and are nearly like those of the common onion. The flower-stem shoots from a membranaceous sheath; is round, almost naked, and terminated by a globular umbel of flowers, which have erect, purplish, lance-shaped petals, of the length of the stamina.—The root of this species is very pungent, has a strong, but not unpleasant smell, and therefore is generally preferred to the onion for making high-flavoured soups and gravies. It is also put into pickles, and in the East Indies they use an abundance of it for this purpose.

3. The *scorodoprasum*, or rokambole, grows naturally in Denmark and Sweden. It hath a heart-shaped solid root, which stands sidewise of the stalk. The leaves are broad, and are a little crenated on their edges. The flowers are of a pale purple colour, and collected into a globular head. The roots are used for the same purpose as the former.

4. The *schœnoprasum*, or *orcivis*, is an inhabitant of Siberia, and a very small plant compared with the former, the leaves and stems seldom exceeding six inches in length, and the roots never producing any bulbs. The leaves are awl-shaped, hollow, and the stem naked. It was formerly in great request for mixing with salads in the spring, but has been little regarded lately. Its taste, smell, and virtues, are much the same as those of the common onion. It is propagated by parting the roots.

5. The *cepa*, or common onion, differs from the garlic only in the swelling pipy stalk, which is much larger in the middle than at either end.—From whence this was first brought into Europe is not known; but that it is natural to Africa is beyond a doubt, it being evident that onions were eaten by the Egyptians above 2000 years before Christ; and they make a great part of their constant food to this day in Egypt. Dr Hasselquist says it is not to be wondered at that the Israelites should long for them after they had left this place; for whoever has tasted onions in Egypt must allow, that none can be had better in any part of the universe. Here, he observes, they are sweet, in other countries they are nauseous and strong. Here they are soft; whereas in the northern and other parts they are hard, and their coats so compact that they are difficult to digest. They eat them roasted, cut into four pieces, with some bits of roasted meat, which the Turks call *kebab*; and with this dish they are so delighted, that they wish to enjoy it in paradise. They likewise make a soup of them in Egypt, which Hasselquist says is one of the best dishes he ever ate. The many ways of dressing onions in Britain are known to every family: but in regard to wholesomeness, there is certainly no method equal to boiling; as thus they are rendered mild, of easy digestion, and go off without leaving those heats in the stomach and bowels, which

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which they are apt to do any other way. Their nature is to attenuate thick, viscid juices; consequently a plentiful use of them in cold phlegmatic constitutions must prove beneficial. Many people shun them on account of the strong, disagreeable smell they communicate to the breath. This may be remedied by eating a few raw parsley leaves immediately after, which will effectually overcome the scent of the onions, and cause them to sit more easy on the stomach.

The varieties are, the Strasburgh, the Spanish, and the Egyptian onion. They are propagated by seeds, which should be sown the latter end of February, or the beginning of March, on good, light, rich ground, well dug and levelled, and cleared from weeds. They should also be sown at a time when the surface of the ground is not moist; and where they are intended for a winter crop, they must not be sown too thick. The common allowance is six pounds of seed to an acre; though some allow more, in order to have a crop to draw out, which they call *cullings*. In about six weeks after, the onions will be up, and forward enough to hoe; at which time the weeds should be lightly cut up with a small hoe about two inches and a half broad, as also the onions themselves, where they grow too close in bunches, leaving them at this first time at least two or three inches apart. This, if properly performed, and in a dry season, will preserve the ground clear of weeds at least a month, when they must be hoed over again, leaving them at this time about four or five inches asunder. In six weeks after they must be hoed a third time. The weeds are now to be carefully cut up, and the onions singled out so as to leave them about six inches square; by which means they will grow much larger than if left too close. This, if well performed, in case the weather proves dry, will keep the onions till they are fit to pull: but if the weather should prove moist, and any of the weeds take root again, the weeds must be pulled out with the hand; for the onions having now begun to bulb, must not be disturbed with a hoe. Towards the middle of August the onions will have arrived at their full growth, which may be known by their blades falling to the ground and shrinking. At this time, therefore, before their necks or blades are withered off, they should be drawn out of the ground, the extreme part of the blade cut off, and the onions laid upon a dry spot of ground, observing to turn them every other day at least, to prevent them from taking root again; which in moist weather they would be apt to do. At any rate, they are very apt to grow in the lofts where they are kept all winter; the most effectual method of preventing which is, with a hot iron, slightly to touch their beards or roots, which will effectually prevent their sprouting; but in doing this, great caution must be used not to scorch the pulp, for that will cause them to perish soon after. In order to save seeds, you must in the spring make choice of some of the largest, firmest, and best shaped onions (in quantity proportionable to the seed you intend to save), and having prepared a piece of good ground, which should be well dug, and laid out in beds about three feet wide, the onions must be planted in the beginning of March, in the following manner: Having strained a line of about four inches within the side of the bed, you must with a spade throw out an opening six inches deep, the length of

the bed, into which you should place the onions with their roots downward, at about nine inches distance from each other; and with a rake draw the earth into the opening again to cover the bulbs; then proceed to remove the line again about a foot farther back, where you must make an opening as before, and so again, till the whole is finished, by which you will have four rows in each bed; between each bed you must allow the space of two feet for an alley to go among them. In a month's time the leaves will appear above ground, and many of the roots will produce three or four stalks each. About the beginning of June, when the flowers begin to appear, the stalks must be tied to stakes to prevent them from being broke by their own weight. About the end of August the seed will be ripe; which may be known by the opening of the cells which contain it, and its changing to a brown colour. When the heads are cut off, they should be spread abroad upon coarse cloths in the sun, observing to keep it under shelter in the night, as also in wet weather. When the heads are quite dry, the seeds should be beat out from them; and after being cleared from the husks, and exposed one day to the sun to dry, they may be put up in bags for use.

Besides the above-mentioned sorts of onions, the scallions, or cscallions, and Welsh onions, were formerly in great repute. The former is a sort which never forms any bulbs at the roots, and was chiefly used in the spring for green onions; but is now become so scarce as hardly to be known. Some gardeners, instead of the scallion, substitute such onions as decay and sprout in the house. These they plant in a bed early in the spring, and in a short time they become large enough for use. The true scallion is easily propagated by parting the roots either in the spring or autumn; but the latter is preferable. The roots should be planted three or four in a hole, and about six inches distance every way.—The Welsh onions are propagated only for spring use; they never make any bulbs, and are therefore fit only to be used green for salads. They are sown in the end of July, in beds about three feet and a half wide. In a fortnight's time they appear above ground; but in October their blades die, and the ground becomes quite naked. In January, however, they will again appear very strong, and in March will be fit to draw for young onions.

6. The porrum, or leek, has been so long cultivated, that its native place of growth cannot be traced. It is undoubtedly the same as that mentioned in the eleventh chapter of Numbers, where it is said the Israelites longed for leeks in conjunction with onions. The leaves are much of the same nature as those of the latter, and they are yet a constant dish at the tables of the Egyptians, who chop them small and then eat them with their meat. They are in great esteem, too, with the Welsh, and their general use as a pot-herb is well known.—Their culture is the same with that of the onion.

ALLIX (Dr Peter), a learned French Protestant divine, born at Alençon in 1641. He became minister of the reformed church at Rouen, where he published many learned and curious pieces; the credit of which induced the reformed to call him to Charenton, about a league from Paris, being the principal church they

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Alloa. they had in France. On the revocation of the edict of Nantz, he retired to England; where he studied the language with so much success, as to publish a work, intitled *Reflexions on the Books in the Holy Scriptures, to establish the truth of the Christian Religion*, 2 vols; which he dedicated to James II. acknowledging his obligations to that prince, and his kind behaviour to the distressed refugees in general. He wrote several other treatises relating to ecclesiastical history; which rendered him as famous in England as in France, for his ingenious and solid defences of the reformed religion. He was complimented with the degree of D. D. and in 1690 was made treasurer of the church of Salisbury. He died in 1717.

ALLOA, or ALLOWAY, a sea-port town in Scotland, seated on the Forth, about 20 miles higher up the river than Leith, and five miles east of Stirling. It is a populous place; has two market-days in the week, and is remarkable for its fine castle the seat of the earl of Mar, and for the coal-mines near it. The harbour is extremely commodious, with great depth of water; and vessels are expeditiously loaded with coals from the pits by an uncommon waggon-way, on which one horse draws with ease three waggons at once, each waggon containing a tun and a half. An excellent dry-dock has also been lately erected here, capable of receiving ships of the greatest burden. There is likewise a large glass-house for blowing bottles, of which vessels are supplied with any quantity upon the shortest notice.

The tower and lands of Alloa were exchanged by David II. king of Scots, *anno* 1365, with Thomas Lord Erskine, for the lands and estate of Strathgartney in Perthshire; and since that time the castle of Alloa has been the favourite residence of the family of Mar. The situation is uncommonly beautiful. The gardens here were the first that were laid out on a great scale in Scotland; and, with the advice of Le Nautre, were indebted to the taste of John the late Earl of Mar, who began to plant them in the year 1706. They contain about 40 acres; and would have exhibited to Dr Johnson, had he travelled that way, as fine timber of fourscore years growth as his favourite England can produce.

The tower of Alloa is 89 feet in height, with walls of 11 feet in thickness; and was built in the end of the 13th century. In this residence of the family of Erskine many of the Scottish princes received their education, having been for more than two centuries the wards of the Lords Erskine and the Earls of Mar; who held generally the castle of Stirling, and frequently the three principal fortresses of the kingdom, Edinburgh, Stirling, and Dunbarton. The last heir of the Scottish monarchy who was nurtured there was Henry Prince of Wales; whose cradle, golf-clubs, and other infantine and youthful remains, are preserved by the heirs of the Earls of Mar, in remembrance of that spirited and promising prince; of whom Dr Birch has preserved several anecdotes, connected with the Erskines and his residence at Alloa.—Among other remains of antiquity preserved at Alloa, in remembrance of the confidence and affection which subsisted always betwixt the Stuarts and the Erskines, is the private signet of the unfortunate Mary, which she gave to the regent Mar, after she was obliged by the treaty of Edinburgh

to desist from wearing the arms of England in the first quarter; the child's chair of James VI. her son; and the festive-chair of Thomas Lord Erskine the second Earl of Mar of the name, with the fashionable grace carved on it, *Soli Deo Honor et Gloria*.

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ALLOBROGES (Inscriptions, Livy, Velleius, Flarus); from *Allobrox* (Horace): a people of Gallia Narbonensis, situated between the rivers Isara and Rhodanus, and the Lacus Lemanus; commended by Cicero for their fidelity, discommended by Horace on account of their fondness for novelty.

ALLOCATION denotes the admitting or allowing of an article of account, especially in the exchequer. Hence,

*ALLOCATIONE Facienda*, is a writ directed to the lord treasurer, or barons of the exchequer, commanding them to allow an accountant such sums as he has lawfully expended in the execution of his office.

ALLOCUTIO, an oration or speech of a general addressed to his soldiers to animate them to fight, to appease sedition, or to keep them to their duty. A mound of earth was raised upon the occasion, as it were a kind of tribunal of turf. From this the general pronounced his harangue to the army, which was ranged in several squadrons round him, with their captains at their head. When the time and circumstances would not admit of a formal harangue, the general went through the ranks, and called each by his name, putting them in mind of their courage upon former occasions, mentioning the victories they had won, and making promises of plunder.

ALLODIUM, or ALLEUD, denotes lands which are the absolute property of their owner, without being obliged to pay any service or acknowledgment whatever to a superior lord. See FEE and FEUDAL System.

ALLOPHYLLUS, in botany; a genus of the monogynia order, belonging to the Octandria class of plants. The characters of which are: The *calyx* is a four-leaved perianthium, with orbicular leaflets, the opposite ones less: The *corolla* consists of four orbicular equal petals, less than the calyx; the claws broader, the length of the smaller leaves of the calyx: The *stamina* consist of eight slender filaments, the length of the corolla; the antheræ are roundish: The *pistillum* has a round didymous germen above; the stylus is filiform, and longer than the stamina; and the stigma is bifid, with revolute divisions. There is but one species, the zeylanicus, a native of Ceylon.

ALLOTTING, or ALLOTMENT, of Goods, in matters of commerce, is when a ship's cargo is divided into several parts, bought by divers persons, whose names are written on as many pieces of paper, which are applied by an indifferent person to the several lots or parcels; by which means the goods are divided without partiality, every man having the parcel which the lot with his name on is appropriated.

ALLOY, or ALLAY, properly signifies a proportion of a baser metal mixed with a finer one. The alloy of gold is estimated by carats, that of silver by pennyweights. (See GOLD, &c.) In different nations, different proportions of alloy are used; whence their moneys are said to be of different degrees of fineness or baseness, and are valued accordingly in foreign exchanges.—The chief reasons alleged for the alloying  
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of coin are: 1. The mixture of the metals, which, when smelted from the mine, are not perfectly pure. 2. The saving the expence it must otherwise cost if they were to be refined. 3. The necessity of rendering them harder, by mixing some parts of other metals with them, to prevent the diminution of weight by wearing in passing from hand to hand. 4. The melting of foreign gold or coin which is alloyed. 5. The charges of coinage, which must be made good by the profit arising from the money coined. 6. and lastly, The duty belonging to the sovereign, on account of the power he has to cause money to be coined in his dominions.

In a more general sense, the word is employed in chemistry to signify the union of different metallic matters.—As an infinity of different combinations may be made according to the nature, the number, and the proportions of the metallic matters capable of being alloyed, we shall not here enter into the detail of the particular alloys, all which are not yet nearly known. Those which are used, as *Bronze, Tombac, Brass, White Copper, &c.* may be found under their particular names; and what is known concerning other alloys may be found under the names of the different metals and semi-metals.

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ALLUMINOR, from the French *alumer*, “to lighten,” is used for one who colourth or painteth upon paper or parchment; and the reason is, because he gives light and ornament by his colours to the letters or other figures. Such ornaments are styled *illuminations*. The word is used in stat. 1. R. III. cap. 9. But now such a person is called a *limner*.

ALLUSH, (anc. geog.) The Israelites being in the wilderness of Shur, departed from Dophkah, and went to Allush, from whence they proceeded to Rephidim; Num. xxxiii. 13, 14. Eusebius and St Jerom fix Allush in Idumæa, about Gabala or Petra, the capital of Arabia Petræa. In the accounts of the empire, it is situated in the third Palestine; and by Ptolemy, among the cities of Idumæa.

ALLUSION, in rhetoric, a figure by which something is applied to, or understood of, another, on account of some similitude between them.

ALLUVION, in law, denotes the gradual increase of land along the sea-shore, or on banks of rivers.

ALLY, in matters of polity, a sovereign prince or state that has entered into alliance with others. See ALLIANCE.

ALMACANTARS. See ALMUCANTARS.

ALMACARRON, a sea-port town of Spain, in the province of Murcia, at the mouth of the river Guadalantín. It is about twenty miles west of Carthagena, and is remarkable for the prodigious quantity of alum found in its territory. W. Long. 1. 15. N. Lat. 37. 40.

ALMADE, a town of Spain, in the province of La Mancha, in the kingdom of Castile, situated upon the top of a mountain, where are the most ancient as well as the richest silver mines in Europe.

ALMADIE, a kind of canoc, or small vessel, about four fathoms long, commonly made of bark, and used by the negroes of Africa.

ALMADIE is also the name of a kind of long-boats, fitted out at Calicut, which are eighty feet in length,

and six or seven in breadth. They are exceedingly swift, and are otherwise called *cathuri*.

ALMAGEST, in matters of literature, is particularly used for a collection or book composed by Ptolemy, containing various problems of the ancients both in geometry and astronomy.

ALMAGEST is also the title of other collections of this kind. Thus, Riccioli has published a book of astronomy, which he calls the *New Almagest*; and Pluckenet, a book which he calls *Almagestrum Botanicum*.

ALMAGRA, a fine deep red ochre, with some admixture of purple, very heavy, and of a dense yet friable structure, and rough dusty surface. It adheres very firmly to the tongue, melts freely and easily in the mouth, is of an austere and strongly astringent taste, and stains the skin in touching. It is the *Sil Atticum* of the ancients: it ferments very violently with acid menstruums; by which single quality, it is sufficiently distinguished from the *Sil Syricum*, to which it has in many respects a great affinity. It is found in immense quantities in many parts of Spain; and in Andalusia there are in a manner whole mountains of it. It is used in painting, and in medicine as an astringent.

ALMAGRO, a fortress of Spain, the capital of one of the districts of La Mancha. It was built by the archbishop Roderic of Toledo, who finished it in 1214, and put a considerable garrison into it to restrain the incursions of the Moors. This was hardly done, when the fortress was besieged by an army of 5000 horse and foot, under the command of a Moorish officer of great reputation; but the prelate, its founder, took care to supply those within with such plenty of necessaries, that at length the enemy found themselves obliged to raise the siege and retire with great loss.

ALMANACK, a book, or table, containing a calendar of days and months, the rising and setting of the sun, the age of the moon, the eclipses of both luminaries, &c.—Authors are divided with regard to the etymology of the word; some deriving it from the Arabic particle *al* and *manach*, to count; some from *al-manah*, new-year's gifts, because the Arabian astrologers used at the beginning of the year to make presents of their ephemerides; and others, from the Teutonic *almaen-achte*, observations on all the months. Mr Johnson derives it from the Arabic particle *al*, and the Greek *μην*, a month. But the most simple etymology appears from the common spelling; the word being composed of two Arabic ones, *Al Manack*, which signify *the Diary*. All the classes of Arabs are commonly much given to the study of astronomy and astrology; to both which a pastoral life, and a sort of husbandry, not only incline them, but give them time and leisure to apply themselves to them. They neither sow, reap, plant, travel, buy or sell, or undertake any expedition or matter, without previously consulting the stars, or, in other words, their almanacks, or some of the markers of them. From these people, by their vicinity to Europe, this art, no less useful in one sense than stupid and ridiculous in another, hath passed over thither: and those astronomical compositions have still every where not only retained their old Arabic name; but were, like theirs, for a long while, and still are among many European nations, interspersed with a great number of astrological rules for planting, sowing, bleeding, purging, &c. down to the cutting of the hair and paring of

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Almanack. of the nails.—Regiomontanus appears to have been the first in Europe, however, who reduced almanacks into their present form and method, gave the characters of each year and month, foretold the eclipses and other phases, calculated the motions of the planets, &c. His first almanack was first published in 1474.

Almanacks differ from one another, chiefly, in containing some more, others fewer, particulars.

The essential part is the calendar of months and days, with the risings and settings of the sun, age of the moon, &c. To these are added various parerga, astronomical, meteorological, chronological, political, rural, &c. as calculations and accounts of eclipses, solar ingresses, prognostics of the weather, tables of the tides, terms, &c. lists of posts, offices, dignities, public institutions, with many other articles political as well as local, and differing in different countries.—A great variety are annually published, some for binding, which may be denominated *book-almanacks*; others in loose paper, called *sheet-almanacks*.

The modern almanack answers to the *Fasti* of the ancient Romans. See FASTI.

*Construction of ALMANACKS.* The first thing to be done is, to compute the sun's and moon's place for each day of the year, or it may be taken from some ephemerides and entered into the almanack; next, find the dominical letter, and, by means thereof, distribute the calendar into weeks; then, having computed the time of easter, by it fix the other moveable feasts; adding the immovable ones, with the names of the martyrs, the rising and setting of each luminary, the length of day and night, the aspects of the planets, the phases of the moon, and the sun's entrance into the cardinal points of the ecliptic, *i. e.* the two equinoxes and solstices. (See ASTRONOMY, *passim*.) By the help of good astronomical tables or ephemerides, the construction of almanacks is extremely easy.

In Britain, almanacks for one year printed on one side of the paper, pay of duty 4d.; those for more years pay for three years 1d.; but perpetual almanacks are to pay only for three years at 2d. Out of the duties by this act there shall be paid to each university L. 500 *per ann.* half yearly, at Midsummer and Christmas, and the surplus shall be paid into the exchequer to go to the sinking fund. Selling unstamped almanacks incurs the same penalty as for selling unstamped newspapers. Almanacks in bibles and common prayer books are exempted.

ALMANACK, among antiquaries, is also the name given to a kind of instrument, usually of wood, inscribed with various figures and Runic characters, and representing the order of the feasts, dominical letters, days of the week, and golden number, with other matters necessary to be known throughout the year; used by the ancient northern nations, in their computations of time, both civil and ecclesiastical. Almanacks of this kind are known by various names, among the different nations wherein they have been used; as rimstocks, primstaries, runstocks, runstuffs, *Scipiones Runicæ*, *Bacculi Annales*, clogs, &c. They appear to have been used only by the Swedes, Danes, and Norwegians. From the second of these people, their use was introduced into England, whence divers remains of them in the counties. Dr Plot has given the description and figure of one of these clogs, found in

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Staffordshire, under the title of *The perpetual Staffordshire Almanack*. The external figure and matter of these calendars appear to have been various. Sometimes they were cut on one or more wooden leaves, bound together after the manner of books; sometimes on the scabbards of swords, or even on daggers; sometimes on tools and implements, as portable steelyards, hammers, the helms of hatchets, flails, &c. Sometimes they were made of brass or horn; sometimes of the skins of eels, which, being drawn over a stick properly inscribed, retained the impressions of it. But the most usual form was that of walking-staves, or sticks, which they carried about with them to church, market, &c. Each of these staves is divided into three regions; whereof the first indicates the signs, the second the days of the week and year, and the third the golden number. The characters engraven on them are, in some, the ancient Runic; in others, the later Gothic characters of Ulfilus. The saints days are expressed in hieroglyphics, significative either of some endowment of the saint, the manner of his martyrdom, or the like. Thus, against the notch for the first of March, or St David's day, is represented a harp; against the 25th of October, or Crispin's day, a pair of shoes; against the 10th of August, or St Lawrence's day, a gridiron; and, lastly, against New-year's day, a horn, the mark of good drinking, which they gave a loose to at that season.

ALMANZA, a little town of New-Castile, on the frontiers of the kingdom of Valencia in Spain, situated in W. Long. 1. 19, N. Lat. 38. 54. It is remarkable for the defeat of the allies in 1707, under the Marquis de las Minas and the Earl of Galway. In the beginning of this action, the English troops penetrated thro' the centre of the Spanish army; but the Portuguese cavalry being broken by the Spanish, and the French infantry making a dreadful fire on their flanks, the allied army was at last broken, and began their retreat when it was almost dark. Colonel Hill carried off the remains of thirteen battalions towards the river Xucar, which, if they could have passed, they might have been safe: but being very much fatigued, they were obliged to halt; by which means they were surrounded, and forced to surrender prisoners of war. In this battle, the allies lost 120 standards, together with all their artillery and baggage; a great number were killed, and several thousands taken prisoners. The Marquis de las Minas was dangerously wounded; and his mistress, in the garb of an amazon, killed by his side. The earl of Galway had two cuts across the face, which, though not dangerous, had prevented him from seeing, or giving orders properly.

HERESY OF ALMARIC, a tenet broached in France by one Almaric, in the year 1209. It consisted in affirming, that every Christian was actually a member of Christ; and that without this faith no one could be saved. His followers went farther, and affirmed, that the power of the Father lasted only during the continuance of the Mosaic law; that the coming of Christ introduced a new law; that at the end of this began the reign of the Holy Ghost; and that now confession and the sacraments were at an end, and that every one is to be saved by the internal operations of the Holy Spirit alone, without any external act of religion. Their morals were as infamous as their doctrine

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Almé. was absurd. Their tenets were condemned by a public decree of the council of Sens, in the year 1209.

ALME, or ALMA, singing and dancing girls in Egypt, who, like the Italian *Improvvisatori*, can occasionally pour forth "unpremeditated verse." They are called *Almé*, from having received a better education than other women. They form a celebrated society in this country. To be received into it, according to Mr Savary, it is necessary to have a good voice, to understand the language well, to know the rules of poetry, and be able to compose and sing couplets on the spot, adapted to the circumstances. The *Almé* know by heart all the new songs. Their memory is furnished with the most beautiful tales. There is no festival without them; no entertainment of which they do not constitute the ornament. They are placed in a rostrum, from whence they sing during the repast. They then descend into the saloon, and form dances which have no resemblance to ours. They are pantomime ballets, in which they represent the usual occurrences of life. The mysteries of love too, generally furnish them with scenes. The suppleness of their bodies is inconceivable. One is astonished at the mobility of their features, to which they give at pleasure the impression suited to the characters they play. The indecency of their attitudes is often carried to excess. Their looks, their gestures, every thing speaks, but in so expressive a manner, that it is impossible to mistake them. At the beginning of the dance, they lay aside with their veils the modesty of their sex. A long robe of very thin silk goes down to their heels, which is slightly fastened with a rich girdle. Long black hair, plaited and perfumed, is flowing on their shoulders. A shift, transparent as gauze, scarcely hides their bosom. As they put themselves in motion, the shapes, the contours of their bodies, seem to develop themselves successively. Their steps are regulated by the sound of the flute, of castanets, the tambour de basque, and cymbals, which accelerates or retards the measure. They are still further animated by words adapted to such scenes. They appear in a state of intoxication. They are the Bacchantes in a delirium. It is when they are at this point, that throwing off all reserve, they abandon themselves totally to the disorder of their senses; it is then that a people far from delicate, and who like nothing hidden, redouble their applauses. These *Almé* are sent for into all the harems. They teach the women the new airs; they amuse them with amorous tales, and recite in their presence poems, which are so much the more interesting, as they furnish a lively picture of their manners. They initiate them into the mysteries of their art, and teach them to contrive lascivious dances. These girls, who have a cultivated understanding, are very agreeable in conversation. They speak their language with purity. The habit of dedicating themselves to poetry renders the softest and most sonorous expressions familiar to them. They repeat with a great deal of grace. In singing, nature is their only guide. Sometimes two of them sing together, but always with the same voice. It is the same with an orchestra, where all the instruments playing in unison execute the same part.

The *Almé* assist at the marriage ceremonies, and march before the bride, playing on instruments. They make a figure likewise at funerals, and accompany the

procession, singing sorrowful airs. They break forth into groans and lamentations, and give every sign of grief and despair. These women are paid very high, and seldom appear but amongst the grandes and rich men.

The common people have also their *Almé*. They are girls of the second class, who try to imitate the former; but they have neither their elegance, their graces, nor their knowledge. They are every where to be met with. The public places and the walks about Grand Cairo are full of them. As the populace require allusions still more strongly marked, decency will not permit the relation to what a pitch they carry the licentiousness of their gestures and attitudes.

ALMEDIA, a frontier-town of Portugal, in the province of Tralos Montes, on the confines of Leon, where there was a very brisk action between the French and Portuguese in 1663; 17 miles N. W. of Ciudad Rodrigo. W. Long. 7. 10. N. Lat. 40. 41.

ALMEHRAB, in the Mahometan customs, a niche in their mosques, pointing towards the kebla or temple of Mecca, to which they are obliged to bow in praying. See *KEBLA*.

ALMEISAR, a celebrated game among the ancient Arabs, performed by a kind of casting of lots with arrows, strictly forbid by the law of Mahomet, on account of the frequent quarrels occasioned by it.

The manner of the game was thus: A young camel being brought and killed, was divided into a number of parts. The adventurers, to the number of seven, being met, 11 arrows were provided without heads or feathers; seven of which were marked, the first with one notch, the second with two, the third with three, &c. the other four had no marks. These arrows were put promiscuously into a bag, and thus drawn by an indifferent person. Those to whom the marked arrows fell, won shares in proportion to their lot; the rest to whom the blanks fell, were intitled to no part of the camel, but obliged to pay the whole price of it. Even the winners tasted not of the flesh themselves more than the losers, but the whole was distributed to the poor.

ALMENE, in commerce, a weight of two pounds used to weigh saffron in several parts of the continent of the E. Indies.

ALMERIA, a sea-port town in the kingdom of Granada in Spain, pleasantly situated in a fine bay at the mouth of the river Almeria, on the Mediterranean; W. Long. 3. 20. N. Lat. 36. 51. This town is by some thought to have risen upon the ruins of the ancient Abdera, and was formerly a place of great consequence. It was taken from the Moors in 1147, by the emperor Courad III. in conjunction with the French, Genoese, and Pisans.—It was at that time the strongest place in Spain, held by the infidels; from which their privateers, which were exceedingly numerous, not only troubled the sea-coasts inhabited by the Christians, but gave equal disturbance to the maritime provinces of France, Italy, and the adjacent islands. The city being well fortified, having a strong castle, a numerous garrison, and being excellently provided with every thing necessary, made a vigorous resistance; but was at last taken by storm, when the victor put to the sword all the inhabitants who were found in arms, distributing the best part of the plunder among his al-

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Almoner. lies, whom he sent away thoroughly satisfied. The Genoese, particularly, acquired here that emerald vessel which still remains in their treasury, and is deemed invaluable.

Upon its reduction by the Christians Almeria became a bishopric; but is at present very little better than a village, indifferently inhabited, and has nothing to testify so much as the probability of its former greatness, except certain circumstances which cannot be effaced even by the indolence of the Spaniards themselves. What these are, Udal ap Rhys, a Welshman, thus describes, in his tour through Spain and Portugal. "Its climate (says he) is so peculiarly blessed, that one really wants words to express its charms and excellence. Its fields and meads are covered with flowers all the year round; they are adorned also with palms, myrtles, plane-trees, oranges, and olives; and the mountains and promontories near it are as noted for their producing a great variety of precious stones, inasmuch that the next promontory to it is called the *Cape of Gates*, which is a corruption from the word *agates*, the hills thereabouts abounding in that sort of precious stones, as well as in emeralds and amethysts, granites or coarse rubies, and extreme curious alabaster in the mountains of Filatures."

ALMISSA, a small but strong town at the mouth of the Cetina, in Dalmatia, famous for its piracies; ten miles east of Spalatro. E. Long. 39. 33. N. Lat. 43. 56.

ALMOND, the fruit of the almond tree. See AMYGDALUS.

ALMOND, in commerce, a measure by which the Portuguese sell their oil; 26 almonds make a pipe.

ALMONDS, in anatomy, a name sometimes given to two glands, generally called the *tonsils*.

ALMONDS, among lapidaries, signify pieces of rock-crystal, used in adorning branch-candlesticks, &c. on account of the resemblance they bear to the fruit of that name.

ALMOND-Furnace, among refiners, that in which the slags of litharge, left in refining silver, are reduced to lead again by the help of charcoal.

ALMONDBURY, a village in England, in the west-riding of Yorkshire, six miles from Halifax.

ALMONER, in its primitive sense, denotes an officer in religious houses, to whom belonged the management and distribution of the alms of the house. By the ancient canons, all monasteries were to spend at least a tenth part of their income in alms to the poor. The almoner of St Paul's is to dispose of the monies left for charity, according to the appointment of the donors, to bury the poor who die in the neighbourhood, and to breed up eight boys to singing, for the use of the choir. By an ancient canon, all bishops are required to keep almoners.

Lord ALMONER, or Lord High ALMONER, of England, is an ecclesiastical officer, generally a bishop, who has the forfeiture of all deodands, and the goods of *felos de se*, which he is to distribute among the poor. He has also, by virtue of an ancient custom, the power of giving the first dish from the king's table to whatever poor person he pleases, or, instead of it, an alms in money.

Great ALMONER, Grand AUMONIER, in France, is

the highest ecclesiastical dignity in that kingdom. To him belongs the superintendency of all hospitals and houses of lepers. The king receives the sacrament from his hand; and he says mass before the king in all grand ceremonies and solemnities.

ALMONER is also a more fashionable title given by some writers to chaplains. In this sense we meet with almoner of a ship, almoner of a regiment.

ALMONRY, or AUMBRY, the office or lodgings of the almoner; also the place where alms are given. See AUMBRY.

ALMS, a general term for what is given out of charity to the poor.

In the early ages of Christianity, the alms of the charitable were divided into four parts; one of which was allotted to the bishop, another to the priests, and a third to the deacons and subdeacons, which made their whole subsistence; the fourth part was employed in relieving the poor, and in repairing the churches.

No religious system is more frequent or warm in its exhortations to alms-giving than the Mahometan. The Alcoran represents alms as a necessary means to make prayer be heard. Hence that saying of one of their khalifs: "Prayer carries us half-way to God, fasting brings us to the door of his palace, and alms introduces us into the presence-chamber." Hence many illustrious examples of this virtue among the Mahometans. Hasan, the son of Ali, and grandson of Mohammed, in particular, is related to have thrice in his life divided his substance equally between himself and the poor, and twice to have given away all he had. And the generality are so addicted to the doing of good, that they extend their charity even to brutes.

ALMS, also denotes lands or other effects left to churches or religious houses, on condition of praying for the soul of the donor. Hence,

*Free ALMS* was that which is liable to no rent or service.

*Reasonable ALMS* was a certain portion of the estates of intestate persons, allotted to the poor.

*ALMS Box* or *Chest*, a small chest, or coffer, called by the Greeks *Kιβανιον*, wherein anciently the alms were collected, both at church and at private houses.

The alms-chest in English churches, is a strong box, with a hole in the upper part, having three keys, one to be kept by the parson or curate, the other two by the church-wardens. The erecting of such alms-chest in every church is enjoined by the book of canons, as also the manner of distributing what is thus collected among the poor of the parish.

*ALMS-House*, a pretty kind of hospital, for the maintenance of a certain number of poor, aged, or disabled people.

ALMUCANTARS, in astronomy, an Arabic word denoting circles of the sphere passing through the centre of the sun, or a star, parallel to the horizon, being the same as *PARALLELS of Altitude*.

*ALMUCANTARS-Staff*, is an instrument usually made of pear-tree or box, having an arch of 15 degrees; used to take observations of the sun, about the time of its rising and setting; in order to find the amplitude, and consequently the variation of the compass.

ALMUCIUM, denotes a kind of cover for the head, worn chiefly by monks and ecclesiastics: It was of a square



Almugim square form, and seems to have given rise to the bonnets of the same shape still retained in universities and cathedrals.

**ALMUGIM**, or **ALMUG-TREE**, a certain kind of wood mentioned in the first book of Kings, (x. 11.) which the vulgate translates *ligna thyina*, and the Septuagint wrought wood. The rabbins generally render it coral; others, *ebony*, *bravil*, or *pine*. But it is observed, that the almug-tree can by no means be coral, because that wood is not fit for the purposes that the Scripture tells us the almug-tree was used, such as musical instruments, stair-cases, &c. The word *thyinum* is a name for the citron-tree, known to the ancients, and very much esteemed for its sweet odour and great beauty. It came from Mauritania. The almug-tree, or almugim, algumim, or simply gummim, taking *al* for a kind of article, is therefore by the best commentators understood to be an oily and gummy sort of wood; and particularly that sort of tree which produces the gum ammoniac, which is also thought to be the same with the shittim-wood, whereof there is such frequent mention made by Moses.

**ALMUNECAR**, a sea-port town in the kingdom of Granada, seated on the Mediterranean, with a good harbour, defended by a strong castle, 20 miles south of Alhama. W. Long. 3. 45. N. Lat. 36. 50.

**ALNAGE**, or **AULNAGE**, the measuring of woollen manufactures with an ell. It was at first intended as a proof of the goodness of that commodity, and accordingly a seal was invented as a mark that the commodity was made according to the statute; but, it being now possible to purchase these seals, they are affixed whenever the vender pleases, to all cloths indiscriminately, to the great prejudice of the British woollen manufactures.

**ALNAGER**, **ALNEGER**, or **AULNEGER**, q. d. *measurer by the ell*; signifies a sworn public officer, who by himself, or deputy, is to look to the assize of woollen cloth made throughout the land, i. e. the length, width, and work thereof; and to the seals for that purpose ordained. The office of king's aulnager seems to have been derived from the statute of Richard I. A. D. 1197, which ordained, that there should be only one weight and one measure throughout the kingdom; and that the custody of the assize, or standard of weights and measures, should be committed to certain persons in every city and borough. His business was, for a certain fee, to measure all the cloth made for sale, till the office was abolished by the statute 11 and 12 W. III. chap. 20.

**ALNUS**, the **ALDER-TREE**, a species of *betula*. See **BETULA**.

**ALNUS**, in the ancient theatres, that part which was most distant from the stage.

**ALNWICK**, a thoroughfare town in Northumberland, on the road to Scotland. Here Malcolm, king of Scotland, making an inroad into Northumberland was killed, with Edward his son, and his army defeated by Robert Mowbray, earl of this county, anno 1092. Likewise William, king of Scotland, in 1174, invading England with an army of 80,000 men, was here encountered, his army routed, and himself made prisoner. The town is populous, and in general well built; it has a large town-house, where the quarter-sessions and county-courts are held, and members of

parliament elected. It has a spacious square, in which a market is held every Saturday. Alnwick appears to have been formerly fortified, by the vestiges of a wall still visible in many parts, and three gates which remain almost entire. It is governed by four chamberlains, who are chosen once in two years out of a common council, consisting of 24 members. It is ornamented by a stately old Gothic castle, which has been the seat of the noble family of Piercy, earls of Northumberland. As the audits for receipt of rents have ever been in this castle, it has always been kept in tolerable repair; and not many years ago, it was repaired and beautified by the duke of Northumberland, who made very considerable alterations, upon a most elegant plan, with a view to reside in it some part of the summer season. The manner of making freemen is peculiar to this place, and indeed is as ridiculous as singular. The persons who are to be made free, or, as the phrase is, leap the well, assemble in the market-place, very early in the morning, on the 25th of April, being St Mark's day. They appear on horse-back, with every man his sword by his side, dressed in white, and with white night-caps, attended by the four chamberlains and the castle-bailiff, mounted and armed in the same manner; from hence they proceed, with music playing before them, to a large dirty pool, called *Freeman's-well*, where they dismount, and draw up in a body, at some distance from the water; and then rush into it all at once, and scramble through the mud as fast as they can. As the water is generally very foul, they come out in a dirty condition; but taking a dram, they put on dry clothes, remount their horses, and ride full gallop round the confines of the district; then re-enter the town, sword in hand, and are met by women dressed in ribbons with bells and garlands, dancing and singing. These are called *timber-waives*. The houses of the new freemen are on this day distinguished by a great holly-bush, as a signal for their friends to assemble and make merry with them after their return. This ceremony was owing to king John, who was mired in this well; and who, as a punishment for not mending the road, made this a part of their charter. Alnwick is 310 miles north by west from London, 33 north of Newcastle, and 29 south of Berwick. W. Long. 1. 10. Lat. 55. 24.

**ALOA**, in Grecian antiquity, a festival kept in honour of Ceres by the husbandmen, and supposed to resemble our harvest-home.

**ALOE**, in botany, a genus of the monogynia order, belonging to the hexandria class of plants; and in the natural method, ranking under the 10th order, *Coronaria*. The characters are: There is no *calyx*: The *corolla* is monopetalous, erect, six-cleft, and oblong; the tube gibbous; the border spreading, and small; with a nectary-bearing bottom: The *stamina* consist of six subulated filaments, rather surpassing the corolla in length, and inserted into the receptacles; the antheræ are oblong and incumbent: The *pistillum* has an ovate germen; the stylus is simple, the length of the stamina; the stigma is obtuse and trifid: The *pericarpium* is an oblong capsule, three furrowed, three-celled, three-valved: The *seeds* are many and angular. Of this genus, botanical writers enumerate ten species; of which the most remarkable are,

1. The disticha, by some called the *soap aloe*, by others

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others *caballine aloe*. This seldom rises above two feet high. The leaves are very broad at the base, where they closely embrace the stalk, and gradually decrease to a point. The edges are set with sharp spines, and the under leaves spread open horizontally every way. These are of a dark green colour spotted with white, somewhat resembling the colour of soft soap, from whence the plant got the name of *soap-aloe*. The flowers grow in umbels on the tops of the stalks, are of a beautiful red colour, and appear in August and September. 2. The variegate, or partridge-breast aloe, is a low plant, seldom rising above eight inches high. The leaves of this are triangular, and curiously veined and spotted, somewhat like the feathers of a partridge's breast. The flowers grow in very loose spikes, and are of a fine red colour tipped with green. 3. The viscosa, with funnel-shaped flowers, grows near a foot high, with triangular leaves of a dark green colour. The flowers grow thinly upon very slender footstalks, are of a herbaceous colour, and their upper part turns backward. 4. The spiralis, with oval crenated flowers, grows somewhat like the former, only the flowers grow upon taller stalks, which branch out and grow in very long close spikes. 5. The linguiformæ, or tongue-aloe, has its leaves about six inches in length, and shaped like a tongue. The flowers grow in slender loose spikes, each hanging downward, of a red colour below, and green at the top. 6. The margaritifera, or pearl aloe, is a very beautiful plant. It is smaller than most of the aloe kind. The leaves are short, very thick, sharp pointed, and turning down, with a large thick end, appear there triangular. The colour of the leaves is a fine green, striped in an elegant manner with white, and frequently tipped with red at the point. The flower-stalk, which rises in the midst of the leaves, is round, smooth, of a purple colour, and generally about eight inches high. When the plant has been properly cultivated, the flowers are striped with green and white; and sometimes they are entirely white. This aloe is singular in not having the bitter resinous juices with which the leaves of most others abound; when a leaf of this species is cut, what runs from it is watery, colourless, and perfectly insipid. 7. The perfoliata, or focotorine aloe, hath long, narrow, succulent leaves, which come out without any order, and form large heads. The stalk grows three or four feet high; and has two, three, and sometimes four, of these heads branching out from it. The flowers grow in long spikes, each standing on a pretty long footstalk; they are of a bright red colour tipped with green, and generally appear in the winter season. 8. The retusa, or cushion aloe, hath very short, thick, succulent leaves, compressed on the upper side like a cushion. This grows very close to the ground; the flowers grow on slender stalks, and are of an herbaceous colour.

*Culture.* The proper earth for planting these vegetables in, is, one half fresh light earth from a common, and the rest an equal mixture of white sea-sand and sifted lime-rubbish. This mixture should be always made six or eight months before the plants are to be set in it. The common aloe will live in a dry greenhouse in winter; and may be placed in the open air in summer, in a sheltered situation, but must have very little water. Most of the other aloes are best preserved

in an airy glass-case, in which there is a stove; to make a little fire in very bad weather. The tenderest kinds require a greater share of heat to preserve them in winter, and should be kept in a good stove, in a degree of heat ten degrees above temperate. Many other kinds may also be kept in this heat; but the greater the heat, the more water they always require. About the beginning of June, it is usual in England to set the pots of aloes out of the house: but they should be set under the shelter of hedges or trees, to keep them from the violence of the sun; the rains also, which usually fall in this and the following month, are apt to rot them. It is therefore best to keep them under cover the greatest part of the year. The best time to shift these plants is the middle of July. They are, on this occasion, to be taken out of the pots, the loose earth to be picked from about their roots, and the decayed or mouldy parts of them cut off; then a few stones are to be put at the bottom of the pot, and it is to be filled with the composition before described, and the plants carefully put in, the roots being so disposed as not to interfere with one another. They are to be carefully watered after this, at times, for three weeks, and set in a shady place. The common kind will bear the open air from May till October, and should be shifted every year. All the aloes are propagated by off-sets, or by planting the leaves. The off-sets should be taken from the mother plant, at the time when it is shifted: they are to be planted in very small pots of the proper mixed earth; and if that part of them which joined to the mother plant be observed to be moist when taken off, it should lie on the ground in a shady place two or three days before it is planted, otherwise it will rot. After planting these, they should remain in a shady place a fortnight; and then be removed to a very moderate hot-bed, plunging the pots therein, which will help their striking new roots. Towards the end of August they must be, by degrees, hardened to the open air, by taking off the glasses of the hot-bed; and in September they may be removed into the green-house.

*Properties, &c.* The aloe is a kind of symbolic plant to the Mahometans, especially in Egypt, and in some measure dedicated to the offices of religion; for whoever returns from a pilgrimage to Mecca, hangs it over his street-door, as a token of his having performed that holy journey. The superstitious Egyptians believe that this plant hinders evil spirits and apparitions from entering the house; and on this account, whoever walks the streets in Cairo, will find it over the doors both of Christians and Jews. From the same plant the Egyptians distil a water, which is sold in the apothecaries shops at Cairo, and recommended in coughs, hysterics, and asthmas. An unexperienced French surgeon, says Hasselquist, gave a Coprite, 40 years old, afflicted with the jaundice, four tea-cups full of the distilled water of this species of aloe, and cured him in four days. This remedy, unknown to our apothecaries, is not difficult to be obtained, as the plant might easily be raised in the warm southern parts of Europe. The Arabians call it *sabbara*.

Of the leaves of the Guinea aloe, mentioned by Mr Adanson in his voyage to Senegal, the negroes make very good ropes, not apt to rot in the water.

Dr Sloane mentions two sorts of aloe; one of which is

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is used for fishing-lines, bow-strings, stockings, and hammocks; the other has leaves which, like those of the wild-pine and banana, hold rain-water, and thereby afford a very necessary refreshment to travellers in hot countries, where there is generally a scarcity of wells and water.

In Mexico, the *magueli*, a species of aloe, yields almost every thing necessary to the life of the poor. Besides making excellent hedges for their fields, its trunk served in place of beams for the roofs of their houses, and its leaves instead of tiles. From those leaves they obtained paper, thread, needles, clothing, shoes, and stockings, and cordage; and from its copious juice they made wine, honey, sugar, and vinegar. Of the trunk, and thickest part of the leaves, when well baked, they made a very tolerable dish of food. Lastly, it was a very powerful medicine in several disorders, particularly those of the urine. It is also at present one of the plants the most valued, and most profitable to the Spaniards.

The medical substance known by the name of *aloes* is the inspissated juice of some of the abovementioned species. The ancients distinguished two sorts of aloes; the one was pure and of a yellowish colour, inclining to red, resembling the colour of a liver, and thence named *hepatic*; the other was full of impurities, and hence supposed to be only the dross of the better kind. At present, various sorts are met with in the shops; which are distinguished either from the places, from the species of the plants, or from some difference in the juices themselves. These may be ranged in three classes:

1. *ALOE Perfoliata*, Socotorine aloe, brought from the island Socotora in the Indian ocean, wrapt in skins; it is obtained from the 5th species abovementioned.—This sort is the purest of the three: it is of a glossy surface, clear, and in some degree pellucid; in the lump of a yellowish red colour, with a purple cast; when reduced to powder, of a bright golden colour. It is hard and friable in the winter, somewhat pliable in summer, and grows soft betwixt the fingers. Its taste is bitter, accompanied with an aromatic flavour, but insufficient to prevent its being disagreeable; the smell is not very unpleasant, and somewhat resembles that of myrrh.

2. *ALOE Hepatica*, hepatic, Barbadoes, or common aloes (the juice of a variety of the former), is not so clear and bright as the foregoing sort; it is also of a darker colour, more compact texture, and for the most part drier. Its smell is much stronger and more disagreeable; the taste intensely bitter and nauseous, with little or nothing of the fine aromatic flavour of the Socotorine.—The best hepatic aloes come from Barbadoes in large gourd-shells; an inferior sort of it (which is generally soft and clammy) is brought over in casks.

Of the cultivation and preparation of hepatic aloes in the island of Barbadoes, we have the following account in the London Medical Journal\*. “The lands in the vicinity of the sea, that is from two to three miles, which are rather subject to drought than otherwise, and are so stony and shallow as not to admit of the planting of sugar canes with any prospect of success, are generally found to answer best for the aloe plant. The stones, at least the larger ones, are first picked up, and either packed in heaps, upon the most

shallow barren spots, or laid round the field as a dry wall. The land is then lightly ploughed, and very carefully cleared of all noxious weeds, lined at one foot distance, from row to row, and the young plants set, like cabbages, at about five or six inches distance from each other. This regular mode of lining and setting the plants is practised only by the most exact planters, in order to facilitate the weeding of them by hand, very frequently because, if they are not kept perfectly clean and free from weeds, the produce will be but very small. They will bear being planted in any season of the year, even in the driest, as they will live on the surface of the earth many weeks without a drop of rain. The most general time, however, of planting them, is from April to June.

“In the March following, the labourers carry a parcel of tubs and jars into the field, and each takes a slip or breadth of it, and begins by laying hold of a bunch of the blades, as much as he can conveniently grasp with one hand, while with the other he cuts it just above the surface of the earth, as quickly as possible, (that the juice may not be wasted), and then places the blades in the tub, bunch by bunch, or handful by handful. When the first tub is thus packed quite full, a second is begun (each labourer having two); and by the time the second is filled, all the juice is generally drained out of the blades in the first tub. The blades are then lightly taken out, and thrown over the land by way of manure; and the juice is poured out into a jar. The tub is then filled again with blades, and so alternately till the labourer has produced his jar full, or about four gallons and an half of juice, which is often done in six or seven hours, and he has then the remainder of the day to himself, it being his employer's interest to get each day's operation as quickly done as possible.—It may be observed, that although aloes are often cut in nine, ten, or twelve months after being planted, they are not in perfection till the second and third year; and that they will be productive for a length of time, say 10 or 12 years, or even for a much longer time, if good dung, or manure of any kind, is strewed over the field once in three or four years, or oftener if convenient.

“The aloe juice will keep for several weeks without injury. It is therefore not boiled till a sufficient quantity is procured to make it an object for the boiling-house. In the large way, three boilers, either of iron or of copper, are placed to one fire, though some have but two, and the small planters only one. The boilers are filled with the juice; and, as it ripens or becomes more inspissated, by a constant but regular fire, it is ladled forward from boiler to boiler, and fresh juice is added to that farthest from the fire, till the juice in that nearest to the fire (by much the smallest of the three, and commonly called by the name of *tatch*, as in the manufactory of sugar) becomes of a proper consistency to be skipped or ladled out into gourds, or other small vessels, used for its final reception. The proper time to skip or ladle it out of the tatch, is when it is arrived at what is termed a resin height, or when it cuts freely, or in thin flakes, from the edges of a small wooden slice, that is dipped from time to time into the tatch for that purpose. A little lime-water is used by some aloe-boilers, during the process, when the ebullition is too great.

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“As to the sun-dried aloes (which is most approved for medicinal purposes), very little is made in Barbadoes. The process is, however, very simple, though extremely tedious. The raw juice is either put into bladders, left quite open at top, and suspended in the sun, or in broad shallow trays of wood, pewter, or tin, exposed also to the sun, every dry day, until all the fluid parts are exhaled, and a perfect resin formed, which is then packed up for use, or for exportation.”

The Barbadoes aloes is said to be common also in the other West India Islands; and the following account of the manner of preparing it in Jamaica is given by Dr Wright in the same volume of the Medical Journal, art. 1. “The plant is pulled up by the roots, and carefully cleansed from the earth or other impurities. It is then sliced and cut in pieces into small hand-baskets or nets. These nets or baskets are put into large iron boilers with water, and boiled for ten minutes, when they are taken out, and fresh parcels supplied till the liquor is strong and black. At this period the liquor is thrown through a strainer into a deep vat, narrow at bottom, to cool, and to deposit its feculent parts. Next day the clear liquor is drawn off by a cock, and again committed to the large iron vessel. At first it is boiled briskly; but towards the end of the evaporation is slow, and requires constantly stirring to prevent burning. When it becomes of the consistence of honey, it is poured into gourds or calabashes for sale. This hardens by age.”

3. *Aloe-Caballina*, fetid caballine, or horse-aloes, is supposed to be a coarser sort obtained from the same species with the foregoing: according to others, it is the produce of the disticha. It is chiefly distinguished by its strong rank smell.

All the different kinds are gum-resins, which contain more gummy than resinous parts. Water, when of a boiling heat, dissolves all the soluble parts of aloes; but if let stand till it grows cold, it lets drop most of its resin. A strong spirit dissolves and keeps suspended almost the whole of aloes, though it contains such a large portion of gummy parts; hence it is evident, that aloes contain some principle, saline or other, which renders water capable of dissolving resin, and spirit capable of dissolving gum.

Aloe is a stimulating stomachic purge, which, given in small quantity, operates mildly by stool; but in large doses acts roughly, and often occasions an irritation about the anus, and sometimes a discharge of blood. It is a good opening medicine to people of a lax habit, or who live a sedentary life; and to those whose stomach and bowels are loaded with phlegm or mucus, or who are troubled with worms, or are debilitated; because at the same time that it carries off those viscid humours which pall the appetite, and overload the intestines, it serves as a strengthener and bracer. In small doses, repeated from time to time, it not only cleanses the *prima viæ*, but likewise tends to promote the menstrual discharge in women; and therefore it is frequently employed in chlorosis, or where the menstrua are obstructed. It is a good stomachic purge, and is given in all such cases where such a one is wanted; but it is looked upon as a heating medicine, and not proper in bilious habits, or where there is much heat or fever; and its continued use is apt to bring on the piles.

It is given in substance from five grains to a scruple,

though formerly it used to be prescribed in doses of two or three times that quantity; but these large doses sometimes brought on troublesome symptoms. As it is a slow working purge, it is generally taken at bedtime, and it operates next day.

With regard to this as well as to all other resinous purges, it ought to be observed, that when they are given in substance without any mixture, they are apt to adhere to the coats of the intestines, and to occasion griping and uneasiness; for these reasons aloes are generally mixed with some saponaceous or resolvent body, to destroy its viscid tenacity, before it is given in substance. The substances which are most used for this purpose are, a small quantity of the fixed alkaline salts; soap; the yolk of an egg; and gummy vegetable extracts. Mr Barton alleges\*, that by triturating aloes with a small quantity of alkaline salts, its tenacity was more effectually destroyed than by any other thing he tried: that Castile soap and the yolk of an egg answered best, next to it; that manna, sugar, and honey, were far inferior to them; and that gummy, or mucous vegetable extracts, such as the extracts of gentian, or of liquorice root, triturated with the aloes, in the proportion of one part of the extract to two of the aloes, and then made up in pills with a sufficient quantity of syrup, destroyed the viscidness of the aloes, and rendered its operation mild.

Socotorine aloes contains more gummy matter than the hepatic; and hence it is likewise found to purge more, and with greater irritation. The first sort therefore is most proper where a stimulus is required, as for promoting or exciting the menstrual flux; whilst the latter is better calculated to act as a common purge. For the aloetic preparations, see *PHARMACY. Index.*

*Aloes-Wood.* See *Xylo-Aloes.*

*American Aloe.* See *AGAVE.*

**ALOGIANS**, in church-history, a sect of ancient heretics, who denied that Jesus Christ was the Logos, and consequently rejected the gospel of St John—the word is compounded of the privative *a*, and *λογος*, *q. d. without Logos or Word.*—Some ascribe the origin of the name, as well as of the sect of Alogians, to Theodore of Byzantium, by trade a carrier; who having apostatized under the persecution of the emperor Severus, to defend himself against those who reproached him therewith, said that it was not God he denied, but only man. Whence his followers were called in Greek *αλογοι*, because they rejected the Word. But others, with more probability, suppose the name to have been first given them by Epiphanius in the way of reproach. They made their appearance towards the close of the second century.

**ALOGOTROPHIA**, among physicians, a term signifying the unequal growth or nourishment of any part of the body, as in the rickets.

**ALOOFF**, has frequently been mentioned as a sea-term; but whether justly or not, we shall not presume to determine. It is known in common discourse to imply *at a distance*; and the resemblance of the phrases *keep a loof*, and *keep a luff*, or *keep the luff*, in all probability gave rise to this conjecture. If it was really a sea-phrase originally, it seems to have referred to the dangers of a lee-shore, in which situation the pilot might naturally apply it in the sense commonly understood, *viz. keep all off*, or quite off: it is, however, never expressed in that

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that manner by seamen now. See LUFF. It may not be improper to observe, that besides using this phrase in the same sense with us, the French also call the weather-side of a ship, and the weather-cluc of a course, *le lof*.

ALOPECE, ALOPECIA (anc. geog.), an island placed by Ptolemy at the mouth of the Tanais, and called the island *Tanais*: now *l'Isle des Renards* (Baudrand). Also an island of the Bosphorus Cimmerius (Pliny); and another in the Egean sea, over-against Smyrna.

ALOPECIA, a term used among physicians to denote a total falling off of the hair from certain parts, occasioned either by the defect of nutritious juice, or by its vicious quality corroding the roots of it, and leaving the skin rough and colourless.

The word is formed from *αλωπηξ*, *vulpes*, "a fox;" whose urine, it is said, will occasion baldness; or because it is a disease which is common to that creature. It is directed to wash the head every night at going to bed with a ley prepared by boiling the ashes of vine branches in red wine. A powder made by reducing hermodactyls to fine flour is also recommended for the same purpose.

In cases where the baldness is total, a quantity of the finest burdock roots are to be bruised in a marble mortar, and then boiled in white wine until there remains only as much as will cover them. This liquor, carefully strained off, is said to cure baldness, by washing the head every night with some of it warm. A ley made by boiling ashes of vine branches in common water, is also recommended with this intention. A fresh cut onion, rubbed on the part until it be red and itch, is likewise said to cure baldness.

A multitude of such remedies are every where to be found in the works of Valescus de Taranta, Rondeletius, Hollerius, Trincavellius, Celsus, Senertay, and other practical physicians. See also BUXUS.

ALOPECURUS, or FOX-TAIL GRASS, in botany: A genus of the triandria digynia class; and in the natural method ranking under the 4th order, *Gramina*. The characters are; The *calyx* is a single-flower'd bivalve glume: The *corolla* is one-valved: The *stamina* consist of three capillary filaments; the antheræ bifurcated at both ends: The *pistillum* is a roundish germen; there are two styli; and the stigmata are simple: The *pericarpium* is a corolla cloathing the seed; and the *seed* is single and roundish. There are eight species, viz. the pratensis, or meadow fox-tail grass; the bulbosus, or bulbous fox-tail grass; the geniculatus, or stote fox-tail grass; and the myosuroides, or field fox-tail grass; these four grow wild in Britain: the agrestis, the monspeliensis, the paniceus, and the hordeiformis, are all natives of France and the southern parts of Europe, except the last, which is a native of India. See GRASS.

ALOPEX, in zoology, a species of the canis, with a strait tail and black tip. It is commonly called the *field fox*.

ALOSA, the shad, or mother of herrings, a species of the clupea. See CLUPEA.

ALOST, a town in Flanders, belonging to the house of Austria, seated on the river Dender, in the midway between Brussels and Ghent. It has but one parish; but the church is collegiate, and has a provost,

a dean, and twelve canons. Here is a convent of Carmelites, another of capuchines, another of bare-footed Carmelites, three nunneries, an hospital, and a convent of Guillemins, in which is the tomb of Theodore Martin, who brought the art of printing out of Germany into the Low Countries. He was a friend of Erasmus, who wrote his epitaph. E. Long. 4. 10. N. Lat. 49. 55.

ALPHA, the name of the first letter of the Greek alphabet, answering to our A.—As a numeral, it stands for one, or the first of any thing. It is particularly used among ancient writers, to denote the chief or first man of his class or rank. In this sense, the word stands contradistinguished from *beta* which denotes the second person. Plato was called the *Alpha* of the wits: Eratosthenes, keeper of the Alexandrian library, whom some called a Second Plato, is frequently named *Beta*.

ALPHA is also used to denote the beginning of any thing. In which sense it stands opposed to *omega*, which denotes the end. And these two letters were made the symbol of Christianity; and accordingly were engraven on the tombs of the ancient Christians, to distinguish them from those of idolaters. Moralez, a Spanish writer, imagined that this custom only commenced since the rise of Arianism; and that it was peculiar to the orthodox, who hereby made confession of the eternity of Christ: but there are tombs prior to the age of Constantine whereon the two letters were found, besides that the emperor just mentioned bore them on his labarum before Arius appeared.

ALPHABET, the natural or customary series of the several letters of a language (See LANGUAGE and WRITING). The word is formed from *alpha* and *beta*, the first and second letters of the Greek alphabet. The number of letters is different in the alphabets of different languages. The English alphabet contains 24 letters; to which if we add *j* and *v* consonant, the sum will be 26: the French contains 23; the Hebrew, Chaldee, Syriac, and Samaritan, 22 each; the Arabic 28; the Persian 31; the Turkish 33; the Georgian 36; the Coptic 32; the Muscovite 43; the Greek 24; the Latin 22; the Slavonic 27; the Dutch 26; the Spanish 27; the Italian 20; the Ethiopic and Tartarian, each 202; the Indians of Bengal 21; the Baramese 19. The Chinese have, properly speaking, no alphabet, except we call their whole language by that name; their letters are words, or rather hieroglyphics, amounting to about 80,000.

It has been a matter of considerable dispute whether the method of expressing our ideas by visible symbols, called *letters*, be really a human invention; or whether we ought to attribute an art so exceedingly useful, to an immediate revelation from the Deity.—In favour of the latter opinion it has been urged.

1. The five books of Moses are universally acknowledged to be the most ancient compositions as well as the most early specimen of alphabetical writing we have. If, therefore, we suppose writing to be the result of human ingenuity, it must be different from all other arts, having been brought to perfection at once; as it seems impossible to make any real improvement on the Hebrew alphabet. It may indeed be replied, that alphabetical characters perhaps have existed many ages before the writings of Moses, though the more ancient specimens have perished. This, however, being a

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Alphabet. mere unsupported assertion, without any historical testimony to corroborate it, cannot be admitted as a proof. Again, setting aside the evidence to be derived from Scripture on this subject, the simplicity of manners predominant in the early ages, the small extent of the intellectual powers of mankind, and the little intercourse which nations had with one another, which would seem more particularly to render writing necessary, can scarce allow us to suppose that such a complex and curious contrivance as alphabetical writing could be invented by a race of men whose wants were so few, their advantages so circumscribed, and their ideas so limited.

2. If alphabetical writing were a mere human invention, it might be expected that different nations would have fallen upon the same expedient independent of each other during the compass of so many ages. But no such thing has taken place; and the writing of every people on earth may be referred to one common original. If this can be proved, the argument from successive derivation, without a single instance of independent discovery, must be allowed to amount to the very highest degree of probability in favour of our hypothesis, which will now rest on the evidence for or against this fact; and which may be summed up in the following manner.

Among the European nations we find none who can pretend any right to the discovery of letters. All of them derived the art from the Romans, excepting only the Turks, who had it from the Arabians. The Romans never laid claim to the discovery; but confessed that they derived their knowledge from the Greeks, and the latter owned that they had it from the Phœnicians; who, as well as their colonists the Carthaginians, spoke a dialect of the Hebrew scarcely varying from the original. The Coptic, or Egyptian, resembles the Greek in most of its characters, and is therefore to be referred to the same original. The Chaldee, Syriac, and latter Samaritan, are dialects of the Hebrew, without any considerable deviation, or many additional words. The Ethiopic differs more from the Hebrew, but less than the Arabic; yet these languages have all issued from the same stock, as the similarity of their formation, and the numberless words common to them, all sufficiently evince; and the Persian is very nearly allied to the Arabic. Alterations indeed would naturally be produced, in proportion to the civilization of the several nations, and their intercourse with others; which will account for the superior copiousness of some above the rest. It appears then, that all the languages in use amongst men that have been conveyed in alphabetical characters, have been the languages of people connected ultimately or immediately with the Hebrews, who have handed down the earliest specimens of writing to posterity; and we have therefore the greatest reason to believe, that their method of writing, as well as their language, was derived from the same source.

This proposition will be farther confirmed from considering the sameness of the artificial denominations of the letters in the Oriental Greek, and Latin languages, accompanied also by a similar arrangement, as *alpha*, *beta*, &c. It may still be objected, however, that the characters employed by the ancients to discriminate their letters are entirely dissimilar. Why

should not one nation, it may be urged, adopt from the other the mode of expressing the art as well as the art itself? To what purpose did they take the trouble of inventing other characters? To this objection it may be replied, 1. From the instance of our own language we know what diversities may be introduced in this respect merely by length of time and an intercourse with neighbouring nations. And such an effect would be more likely to take place before the art of printing had contributed to establish an uniformity of character: For when every work was transcribed by the hand, we may easily imagine how many variations would arise from the fancy of the scribe, and the mode of writing so constantly different in individuals. 2. This diversity might sometimes arise from vanity. When an individual of another community had become acquainted with this wonderful art, he might endeavour to recommend himself as the inventor; and, to avoid detection, might invent other characters. 3. The characters of the alphabet might sometimes be accommodated as much as possible to the symbolical marks already in use amongst a particular people. These having acquired a high degree of sanctity by the use of many generations, would not be easily superseded without the aid of some such contrivance. 4. This is supported by the testimony of Herodotus; who informs us, that "those Phœnicians who came with Cadmus introduced many improvements among the Greeks, and alphabetical writing too, not known among them before that period. At first they used the Phœnician character; but in process of time, as the pronunciation altered, the standard of the letters was also changed. The Ionian Greeks inhabited at that time the parts adjacent to Phœnicia: who having received the art of alphabetical writing from the Phœnicians, used it, with an alteration of some few characters, and confessed ingenuously, that it was called Phœnician from the introducers of it." He tells us that he had himself seen the characters of Cadmus in a temple of Iſmenian Apollo at Thebes in Bœotia, engraven upon tripods, and very much resembling the Ionian characters. 5. The old Samaritan is precisely the same as the Hebrew language: and the Samaritan Pentateuch does not vary by a single letter in twenty words from the Hebrew: but the characters are widely different: for the Jews adopted the Chaldaic letters during their captivity at Babylon, instead of the characters of their forefathers.

3. What we know of those nations who have continued for many centuries unconnected with the rest of the world, strongly militates against the hypothesis of the human invention of alphabetical writing. The experiment has been fairly made upon the ingenuity of mankind for a longer period than that which is supposed to have produced alphabetical writing by regular gradations; and this experiment determines peremptorily in their favour. The Chinese, a people famous for their discoveries and mechanical turn of genius, have made some advances towards the delineation of their ideas by arbitrary signs; but have nevertheless been unable to accomplish this exquisite device; and after so long a trial to no purpose, we may reasonably infer, that their mode of writing, which is growing more intricate and voluminous every day, would never terminate in so clear, so comparatively simple,

Alphabet. simple an expedient as that of alphabetical characters. The Mexicans, too, had made some rude attempts of the same kind ; but with less success than the Chinese. We know also that hieroglyphics were in use among the Egyptians posterior to the practice of alphabetical writing by the Jews : but whether the epistolography, as it is called, of the former people, which was in vogue during the continuance of the hieroglyphics, might not possibly be another name for alphabetical writing, cannot be decided.

4. We shall consider the argument on which the commonly received supposition entirely depends ; that is, the natural gradation through the several species of symbols acknowledged to have been in use with various people, terminating at last by an easy transition, in the detection of alphabetical characters. The strength of this argument will be best understood from the following representation.

“ 1. The first method of embodying ideas would be by drawing a representation of the objects themselves. The imperfection of this method is very obvious, both on account of its tediousness and its inability of going beyond external appearances to the abstract ideas of the mind.

“ 2. The next method would be somewhat more general, and would substitute two or three principal circumstances for the whole transaction. So two kings, for example, engaging each other with military weapons, might serve to convey the idea of a war between the two nations. This abbreviated method would be more expeditious than the former ; but what it gained in conciseness would be lost in perspicuity. It is a description more compendious indeed, but still a description of outward objects alone, by drawing their resemblance. To this head may be referred the picture-writing of the Mexicans.

“ 3. The next advance would be to the use of symbols : the incorporation, as it were, of abstract and complex ideas in figures more or less generalized, in proportion to the improvement of it. Thus, in the earlier stages of this device, a circle might serve to express the sun, a semicircle the moon ; which is only a contraction of the foregoing method. This symbol-writing in its advanced state would become more refined, but enigmatical and mysterious in proportion to its refinement. Hence it would become less fit for common use, and therefore more particularly appropriated to the mysteries of philosophy and religion. Thus, two feet standing upon water served to express an impossibility ; a serpent denoted the oblique trajectories of the heavenly bodies ; and the beetle, on account of some supposed properties of that insect, served to represent the sun. The Egyptian hieroglyphics were of this kind.

“ 4. This method being still too subtle and complicated for common use, the only plan to be pursued was a reduction of the first stage of the preceding method. Thus a dot, instead of a circle, might stand for the sun ; and a similar abbreviation might be extended to all the symbols. On this scheme every object and idea would have its appropriated mark ; these marks therefore would have a multiplicity proportionable to the works of nature and the operations of the mind. This method was likewise practised by the Egyptians ; but has been carried to greater per-

fection by the Chinese. The vocabulary of the latter is therefore infinite, or at least capable of being extended to any imaginable length. But if we compare this tedious and awkward contrivance with the astonishing brevity and perspicuity of alphabetical writing, we must be persuaded that no two things can be more dissimilar ; and that the transition from a scheme constantly enlarging itself, and growing daily more intricate, to the expression of every possible idea by the modified arrangement of four-and-twenty marks, is not so very easy and perceptible as some have imagined. Indeed this seems still to be rather an expression of things in a manner similar to the second stage of symbol-writing than the notification of ideas by arbitrary signs.”

To all this we shall subjoin the following remarks, which seem to give additional force to the foregoing reasoning.

“ 1. Pliny asserts the use of letters to have been eternal ; which shows the antiquity of the practice to extend beyond the æra of authentic history.

“ 2. The cabalistical doctors of the Jews maintain, that alphabetical writing was one of the ten things which God created on the evening of the Sabbath.

“ 3. Most of the profane authors of antiquity ascribe the first use of alphabetical characters to the Egyptians ; who, according to some, received them from Mercury ; and, according to others, from their god Teuth.

“ 4. There is very little reason to suppose that even language itself is the effect of human ingenuity and invention.”

Thus we have stated the arguments in favour of the revelation of alphabetical writing ; which are answered, by those who take the contrary side, in the following manner.

1. Moses nowhere says that the alphabet was a new thing in his time ; nor does he give the least hint of his being the inventor of it. The first mention we find of *writing* is in the 17th chapter of Exodus ; where Moses is commanded to *write in a book* ; and which took place before the arrival of the Israelites at Sinai. This shows that writing did not commence with the delivery of the two tables of the law, as some have supposed. Neither are we to conclude that the invention had taken place only a short time before ; for the *writing in a book* is commanded as a thing commonly understood, and with which Moses was well acquainted. It is plain, from the command to engrave the names of the twelve tribes of Israel upon stones *like the engravings of a signet*, that writing had been known and practised among them, as well as other nations, long before. We must also remember, that the people were commanded to write the law on their door-posts, &c. so that the art seems not only to have been known, but universally practised among them. But had writing been a new discovery in the time of Moses, he would probably have commemorated it as well as the other inventions of music, &c. : Nor is there any reason to suppose that God was the immediate revealer of the art ; for Moses would never have omitted to record a circumstance of such importance, as the memory of it would have been one of the strongest barriers against idolatry.

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<sup>2</sup> Additional remarks in confirmation of these arguments.

<sup>3</sup> Answers to the above arguments.

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Again, though several profane writers attribute the origin of letters to the gods, or to some divine person, yet this is no proof of its being actually revealed; but only that the original inventor was unknown. The learned bishop of Gloucester observes, that the ancients gave nothing to the gods of whose original they had any records; but where the memory of the invention was lost, as of seed-corn, wine, writing, civil society, &c. the gods seized the property, by that kind of right which gives strays to the lord of the manor.

As neither the sacred nor profane historians, therefore, have determined any thing concerning the invention of letters, we are at liberty to form what conjectures we think most plausible concerning the origin of them; and this, it is thought, might have taken place in the following manner.

“ 1. Men, in their rude uncultivated state, would have neither leisure, inclination, nor inducement, to cultivate the powers of the mind to a degree sufficient for the formation of an alphabet: but when a people arrived at such a pitch of civilization as required them to represent the conceptions of the mind which have no corporeal forms, necessity would occasion further exertions, and urge them to find out a more expeditious manner of transacting their business than by picture-writing.

“ 2. These exertions would take place whenever a nation began to improve in arts, manufactures, and commerce; and the greater genius such a nation had, the more improvements would be made in the notation of their language; whilst those people who had made less progress in civilization and science, would have a less perfect system of elementary characters; and perhaps advance no farther for many ages than the marks or characters of the Chinese. Hence we may see, that the business of princes, as well as the manufactures and commerce of each country, would produce the necessity of devising some expeditious manner of communicating information to one another.”

The art of writing, however, is of so great antiquity; and the early history of most nations so full of fable, that it must be extremely difficult to determine what nation or people may justly claim the honour of the invention. But as it is probable that letters were the produce of a certain degree of civilization among mankind, we must therefore have recourse to the history of those nations who seem to have been first civilized.

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The Egyptians have an undoubted title to a very early civilization; and many learned men have attributed the invention of letters to them. The late bishop of Gloucester contends, that Egypt was the parent of all the learning of Greece, and was resorted to by all the Grecian legislators, naturalists, and philosophers; and endeavours to prove that it was one of the first civilized countries on the globe. Their writing was of four kinds: 1. *Hieroglyphic*; 2. *Symbolic*; 3. *Epistolical*; and, 4. *Hierogrammatic*. In the most early ages they wrote like all other infant nations, by pictures; of which some traces yet remain amongst the hieroglyphics of Horapollon, who informs us, that they represented a *fuller* by a man's two feet in water; *fire*, by smoke ascending, &c. But to render this rude invention less inconvenient, they soon devised the method of putting one thing of similar qualities for another.

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The former was called the *curiologic*, the latter the *tropical* hieroglyphic; which last was a gradual improvement of the former. These alterations in the manner of delineating hieroglyphic figures produced and perfected another character, called the *running-hand of the hieroglyphics*, resembling the Chinese writing; which having been first formed by the outlines of each figure, became at length a kind of *marks*; the natural effects of which were, that the constant use of them would take off the attention from the symbol and fix it on the thing signified. Thus the study of symbolic writing would be much abbreviated; because the writer or decypherer would then have little to do but to remember the power of the symbolic mark; whereas before, the properties of the thing or animal delineated were to be learned. This, together with the other marks by institution, to denote mental conceptions, would reduce the characters to a similar state with the present Chinese; and these were properly what the ancients called *hieroglyphical*. We are informed by Dr Robert Huntington, in his account of the Porphyry pillars, that there are some ancient monuments of this kind yet remaining in Egypt.

The sacred book or ritual of the Egyptians, according to Apuleius, was written partly in symbolic and partly in these hieroglyphic characters, in the following manner: “ He (the hierophant) drew out certain books from the secret repositories of the sanctuary, written in unknown characters, which contained the words of the sacred formula compendiously expressed, partly by figures of animals, and partly by certain marks or notes intricately knotted, revolving in the manner of a wheel, crowded together, and curled inward like the tendrils of a vine, so as to hide the meaning from the curiosity of the profane.”

But though letters were of great antiquity in Egypt, there is reason to believe that they were not first invented in that country. Mr Jackson, in his *Chronological Antiquities*, has endeavoured to prove, that they were not invented or carried into Egypt by *Taaut* or *Thoth*, the first Hermes, and son of Misraim, who lived about 500 years after the deluge; but that they were introduced into that country by the second Hermes, who lived about 400 years after the former. This second Hermes, according to Diodorus, was the inventor of grammar and music, and added many words to the Egyptian language. According to the same author also, he invented letters, rhythm, and the harmony of sounds. This was the Hermes so much celebrated by the Greeks, who knew no other than himself. On the other hand, Mr Wise asserts that Moses and Cadmus could not learn the alphabet in Egypt; and that the Egyptians had no alphabet in their time. He adduces several reasons to prove that they had none till they received what is called the *Coptic*, which was introduced either in the time of the Ptolemies or under Psammitichus or Amasis; and the oldest alphabetic letters which can be produced as Egyptian, appear plainly to have been derived from the Greek. Herodotus confesses, that all he relates before the reign of Psammitichus is uncertain; and that he reports the early transactions of that nation on the credit of the Egyptian priests, on which he did not greatly depend; and Diodorus Siculus is said to have been greatly imposed upon by them. Manetho, the oldest Egyptian historian, translated

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Alphabet. translated the sacred registers out of Egyptian into Greek, which are said by Syncellus to have been written in the sacred letters, and to have been laid up by the second Mercury in the Egyptian temples. He allows the Egyptian gods to have been mortal men: but his history was very much corrupted by the Greeks, and hath been called in question by several writers from the account which he himself gave of it. After Cambyfes had carried away the Egyptian records, the priests, to supply their loss, and to keep up their pretensions to antiquity, began to write new records; wherein they not only unavoidably made great mistakes, but added much of their own invention, especially as to distant times.

<sup>6</sup> Claim of the Phœnicians. The Phœnicians have likewise been supposed the inventors of letters; and we have the strongest proofs of the early civilization of this people. Their most ancient historian, Sanchoniatho, lived in the time of Abibalus, father of Hiram king of Tyre. He informs us, that letters were invented by *Taaut*, who lived in Phœnicia in the 12th and 13th generations after the creation. "Misor (says he) was the son of Hamyn; the son of Misor was *Taaut*, who invented the first letters for writing." The Egyptians call him *Thoth*; the Alexandrians *Thoyth*; and the Greeks *Hermes*, or *Mercury*. In the time of this *Taaut*, or Mercury, (the grandson of Ham the son of Noah), Phœnicia and the adjacent country was governed by Uranus, and after him by his son Saturn or Cronus. He invented letters either in the reign of Uranus or Cronus; and staid in Phœnicia with Cronus till the 32d year of his reign. Cronus, after the death of his father Uranus, made several settlements of his family, and travelled into other parts; and when he came to the south country, he gave all Egypt to the god *Taautus*, that it should be his kingdom. Sanchoniatho began his history with the creation, and ended it with placing *Taautus* on the throne of Egypt. He does not mention the deluge, but makes two more generations in Cain's line from Protogonus to Agrovonus (or from Adam to Noah) than Moses. As Sanchoniatho has not told us whether *Taaut* invented letters either in the reign of Uranus or Cronus, "we cannot err much (says Mr Jackson) if we place his invention of them 550 years after the flood, or 20 years after the dispersion, and 2619 years before the Christian æra, and six, or perhaps ten, years before he went into Egypt." This prince and his posterity reigned at Thebes in Upper Egypt for 15 generations.

Several Roman authors attribute the invention of letters to the Phœnicians. Pliny says (A), the Phœnicians were famed for the invention of letters, as well as for astronomical observations and novel and martial arts. Curtius informs us, that the Tyrian nation are related to be the first who either taught or learned letters; and Lucan says, that they were the first who attempted to express sounds or words by letters. Eusebius also tells us from Porphyry, that "Sanchoniatho studied with great application the writings of *Taaut*, knowing that he was the first who invented letters."

The Greeks, as we have already observed, knew no older Hermes than the second, who lived about 400 years after the Mezrite *Taaut* or Hermes. This second Hermes is called by Plato *Theuth*, and counsellor or sacred scribe to king Thanius; but it is not said that he ever reigned in Egypt: but the former *Taaut*, or *Athotes*, as Manetho calls him, was the immediate successor of Menes the first king of Egypt. This second Mercury, if we may believe Manetho, composed several books of the Egyptian history; and having improved both the language and letters of that nation, the Egyptians attributed the arts and inventions of the former to the latter. The Phœnician language is generally allowed to have been a dialect of the Hebrew; and tho' their alphabet does not entirely agree with the Samaritan, yet there is a great similarity between them. Astronomy and arithmetic were much cultivated among them in the most early ages; their fine linen, purple, and glass, were much superior to those of other nations; and their extraordinary skill in architecture and other arts was such, that whatever was great, elegant, or pleasing, whether in building, apparel, or toys, was distinguished by the epithet of Tyrian or Sidonian; these being the chief cities of Phœnicia. Their great proficiency in learning and arts of all kinds, together with their engrossing all the commerce of the western world, are likewise thought to give them a just claim to the invention of letters.

The Chaldeans also have laid claim to the invention of letters; and with regard to this, there is a tradition among the Jews, Indians, and Arabians, that the Egyptians derived their knowledge from Abraham, who was a Chaldean. This tradition is in some degree confirmed by most of the western writers, who ascribe the inventions of arithmetic and astronomy to the Chaldeans. Josephus positively asserts, that the Egyptians were ignorant of the sciences of arithmetic and astronomy before they were instructed by Abraham; and Sir Isaac Newton admits, that letters were known in the line of that patriarch for many centuries before Moses. The Chaldaic letters appear to have been derived from the Hebrew or Samaritan; which are the same, or nearly so, with the old Phœnician. Ezra is supposed to have exchanged the old Hebrew characters for the more beautiful and commodious Chaldee, which are still in use. Berofus, the most ancient Chaldean historian, who was born in the minority of Alexander the Great, does not say that he believed his countrymen to have been the inventors of letters.

The Syrians have also laid claim to the invention of letters. It is certain, indeed, that they yielded to no nation in knowledge and skill in the fine arts. Their language is said to have been the vernacular of all the oriental tongues, and was divided into three dialects. 1. The Aramean, used in Mesopotamia, and by the inhabitants of Roha and Edessa of Harram, and the Outer Syria. 2. The dialect of Palestine; spoken by the inhabitants of Damascus, Mount Libanus, and the Inner Syria. 3. The Chaldee or Nabathean dialect, the most unpolished of the three; and spoken in the mountainous parts of Assyria, and the villages of

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(A) See above, n<sup>o</sup> 2. where he says that the knowledge of letters was eternal. What dependence can we put in the testimony of such a writer?

Alphabet. Irac or Babylonia. It has been generally believed, that no nation of equal antiquity had a more considerable trade than the Syrians: they are supposed to have first brought the commodities of Persia and India into the west of Asia; and they seem to have carried on an inland trade by engrossing the navigation of the Euphrates, whilst the Phœnicians traded to the most distant countries. Notwithstanding these circumstances, however, which might seem to favour the claim of the Syrians, the oldest characters they have are but about three centuries before Christ. Their letters are of two sorts. 1. The Estrangelo, which is the more ancient; and, 2. The Fhito, the simple or common character, which is the more expeditious and beautiful.

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We must next examine the claims of the Indians, whose pretensions to antiquity yield to no other nation on earth. Mr Halhed, who has written a grammar of the Shanscrit language, informs us, that it is not only the grand source of Indian literature, but the parent of almost every dialect from the Persian gulph to the Chinese seas, and which is said to be a language of the most venerable antiquity. At present it is appropriated to the religious records of the Bramins, and therefore shut up in their libraries; but formerly it appears to have been current over the greatest part of the eastern world, as traces of its extent may be found in almost every district of Asia.

Mr Halhed informs us, that "there is a great similarity between the Shanscrit words and those of the Persian and Arabic, and even of Latin and Greek; and these not in technical or metaphorical terms, but in the main ground-works of language; in monosyllables, the names of numbers, and the appellations of such things as would be first discriminated on the immediate dawn of civilization. The resemblance which may be seen of the characters on medals and signets of different parts of Asia, the light they reciprocally throw upon one another, and the general analogy which they all bear to the grand prototype, affords another ample field for curiosity. The coins of Assam, Nappaul, Cashmiria, and many other kingdoms, are all stamped with Shanscrit letters, and mostly contain allusions to the old Shanscrit mythology. The same conformity may be observed in the impressions of seals from Bootan and Thibet."

The country between the Indus and the Ganges still preserves the Shanscrit language in its original purity, and offers a great number of books to the perusal of the curious; many of which have been handed down from the earliest periods of human tradition.

There are seven different sorts of Indian hand-writings, all comprised under the general term of *Naagoree*, which may be interpreted *writing*. The Bramins say that letters were of divine original; and the elegant Shanscrit is styled *Daeb-naagoree*, or the writings of the Immortals, which might not improbably be a refinement from the more simple *Naagoree* of former ages. The Bengal letters are another branch of the same stock. The Bramins of Bengal have all their Shanscrit books copied in their national alphabet, and they transcribe into them all the *Daeb-naagoree* manuscripts for their own perusal. The Moorish dialect is that species of Hindostanic which we owe to the conquests of the Mahometans.

The Shanscrit language contains about 700 radical

words; the fundamental part being divided into three classes, viz. *Dhaat*, or roots of verbs; 2. *Sbudd*, or original nouns; 3. *Evyā*, or particles. Their alphabet contains 50 letters, viz. 34 consonants and 16 vowels. They assert that they were in possession of letters before any other nation in the world; and Mr Halhed conjectures, that the long-boasted original civilization of the Egyptians may still be a matter of dispute. The Rajah of Kishinagur affirms, that he has in his possession Shanscrit books, where the Egyptians are constantly described as disciples, not as instructors; and as seeking in Indostan that liberal education, and those sciences, which none of their own countrymen had sufficient knowledge to impart. Mr Halhed hints also, that the learning of Hindostan might have been transplanted into Egypt, and thus have become familiar to Moses. Several authors, however, are of opinion, that the ancient Egyptians possessed themselves of the trade of the East by the Red Sea, and that they carried on a considerable traffic with the Indian nations before the time of Sesostris; whom they suppose to have been cotemporary with Abraham, though Sir Isaac Newton conjectures him to have been the Shishak who took Jerusalem in the time of Rehoboam.

In the year 1769, one of the sacred books of the Gentoos, called *Bagavadam*, translated by Meridas Poule, a learned man of Indian origin, and chief interpreter to the supreme council of Pondicherry, was sent by him to M. Bertin in France. In his preface he says, that it was composed by Viassar the son of Brahma, and is of sacred authority among the worshippers of Vischnow. This book claims an antiquity of 5000 years; but M. de Guines has shown, that its pretensions to such extravagant antiquity are entirely inconclusive and unsatisfactory: whence we may conclude, says Mr. Astle, that though a farther inquiry into the literature of the Indian nations may be laudable, yet we must by no means give too easy credit to their relations concerning the high antiquity of their manuscripts and early civilization.

It is not pretended that the Persians had any great learning among them till the time of Hystaspes the father of Darius. The former, we are told, travelled into India, and was instructed by the Bramins in the sciences for which they were famed at that time. The ancient Persians despised riches and commerce, nor had they any money among them till after the conquest of Lydia. It appears by several inscriptions taken from the ruins of the palace of Persepolis, which was built near 700 years before the Christian æra, that the Persians sometimes wrote in perpendicular columns like the Chinese. This mode of writing was first made use of on the stems of trees, pillars, or obelisks. As for those simple characters found on the west side of the stair-case of Persepolis, some have supposed them to be alphabetic, some hieroglyphic, and others antediluvian. Dr Hyde pronounces them to have been mere whimsical ornaments, though the author of *Conjectural Observations on Alphabetic Writing* supposes them to be fragments of Egyptian antiquity brought by Cambyfes from the spoils of Thebes. The learned are generally agreed, that the Persians were later in civilization than many of their neighbours; and they are not supposed to have any pretensions to the invention of letters.

As the Arabians have been in possession of the country

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Letters not  
invented in  
Persia;

Alphabet. try they now inhabit for upwards of 3700 years, without being intermixed with foreign nations, or subjugated by any other power, their language must be very ancient. The two principal dialects of it were that spoken by the Hamyarites and other genuine Arabs; and that of the Koreith, in which Mahomet wrote the Alcoran. The former is named by oriental writers *the Arabic of Hamyar*; the latter, *the pure, or defecated Arabic*. Mr Richardson observes, as a proof of the richness of this language, that it consists of 2000 radical words.

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Nor by the  
Arabians.

The old Arabic characters are said to have been of very high antiquity; for Ebn Hashem relates, that an inscription in it was found in Yaman as old as the days of Joseph. Hence some have supposed that the Arabians were the inventors of letters; and Sir Isaac Newton is of opinion, that Moses learned the alphabet from the Midianites, who were Arabians.

The alphabet of the Arabs consists of 28 letters similar to the ancient Cufic, in which the first copies of the Alcoran were written. The present Arabic characters were formed by Ebn Moklah, a learned Arabian, who lived about 300 years after Mahomet. The Arabian writers themselves inform us, that their alphabet is not very ancient, and that they received it only a short time before the introduction of Islamism.

On this account of the pretensions of different nations to the invention of letters, Mr Astle makes the following reflections. "The vanity of each nation induces them to pretend to the most early civilization; but such is the uncertainty of ancient history, that it is difficult to determine to whom the honour is due. It should seem, however, that the contest may be confined to the Egyptians, the Phœnicians, and the Chaldeans. The Greek writers, and most of those who have copied them, decide in favour of Egypt, because their information is derived from the Egyptians themselves. The positive claim of the Phœnicians does not depend entirely upon the testimony of Sanchoniatho; the credit of his history is so well supported by Philo of Byblus his translator, Porphyry, Pliny, Curtius, Lucan, and other ancient writers, who might have seen his works entire, and whose relations deserve at least as much credit as those of the Egyptian and Greek writers. It must be allowed, that Sanchoniatho's history contains many fabulous accounts; but does not the ancient history of the Egyptians, the Greeks, and most other nations, abound with them to a much greater degree? The fragments which we have of this most ancient historian are chiefly furnished by Eusebius, who took all possible advantages to represent the Pagan writers in the worst light, and to render their theology absurd and ridiculous.

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most probably  
invented in  
Phœnicia.

"The Phœnician and Egyptian languages are very similar; but the latter is said to be more large and full, which is an indication of its being of a later date. The opinion of Mr Wise, however, that the ancient Egyptians had not the knowledge of letters, seems to be erroneous; as they had commercial intercourse with their neighbours the Phœnicians, they probably had the knowledge of letters, if their policy, like that of the Chinese at this day, did not prohibit the use of them.

"The Chaldeans, who cultivated astronomy in the most remote ages, used symbols or arbitrary marks in

their calculations; and we have shown, that these were the parents of letters. This circumstance greatly favours their claim to the invention; because Chaldea, and the countries adjacent, are allowed by all authors, both sacred and profane, to have been peopled before Egypt; and it is certain that many nations said to be descended from Shem and Japhet, had their letters from the Phœnicians, who are descended from Ham.

Alphabet.

"It is observable, that the Chaldeans, the Syrians, Phœnicians, and Egyptians, all bordered upon each other; and as the Phœnicians were the greatest as well as the most ancient commercial nation, it is very probable that they communicated letters to the Egyptians, the ports of Tyre and Sidon being not far distant from each other.

"Mr Jackson is evidently mistaken when he says, that letters were invented 2619 years before the birth of Christ. The deluge recorded by Moses was 2349 years before that event; and if letters were not invented till 550 years after, as he asserts, we must date their discovery only 1799 years before the Christian æra, which is 410 years after the reign of Menes the first king of Egypt, who, according to Syncellus and others, is said to have been the same person with the Misor of Sanchoniatho, the Mizraim of the Scriptures, and the Osiris of the Egyptians; but whether this be true or not, Egypt is frequently called in Scripture *the land of Mizraim*.

"This Mizraim, the second son of Amyn or Ham, seated himself near the entrance of Egypt at Zoan, in the year before Christ 2188, and 160 years after the flood. He afterwards built Thebes, and some say Memphis. Before the time that he went into Egypt, his son Taant had invented letters in Phœnicia; and if this invention took place ten years before the migration of his father into Egypt, as Mr Jackson supposes, we may trace letters as far back as the year 2178 before Christ, or 150 years after the deluge recorded by Moses: and beyond this period, the written annals of mankind, which have been hitherto transmitted to us, will not enable us to trace the knowledge of them; though this want of materials is no proof that letters were not known until a century and an half after the deluge. As for the pretensions of the Indian nations, we must be better acquainted with their records before we can admit of their claim to the first use of letters; especially as none of their manuscripts of any great antiquity have as yet appeared in Europe. That the Arabians were not the inventors of letters, has appeared by their own confession.—Plato somewhere mentions Hyperborean letters very different from the Greek; these might have been the characters used by the Tartars or ancient Scythians.

"It may be expected that something should be said concerning the books mentioned by some authors to have been written before the deluge. Amongst others, Dr Parsons, in his *Remains of Japhet*, p. 346. 359. supposes letters to have been known to Adam; and the Sabeans produce a book which they pretend was written by Adam. But concerning these we have no guide to direct us any more than concerning the supposed books of Enoch; some of which, Origin tells us, were found in Arabia Felix, in the dominions of the queen of Saba. Tertullian affirms, that he saw  
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Alphabet. and read several pages of them; and in his treatise *De Habitu Mulierum*, he places those books among the canonical: but St Jerom and St Austin look upon them to be apocryphal. William Postellus pretended to compile his book *De Originibus* from the book of Enoch; and Thomas Bangius published at Copenhagen, in 1657, a work which contains many singular relations concerning the manner of writing among the antediluvians, which contains several pleasant stories concerning the books of Enoch.

“ With regard to this patriarch, indeed, St Jude informs us, that he *prophefied*, but he does not say that he *wrote*. The writings, therefore, attributed to the antediluvians, must appear quite uncertain; though it might be improper to assert that letters were unknown before the deluge recorded by Moses.”

14 All the alphabets in the world cannot be proved to arise from one original. Our author proceeds to show that all the alphabets in the world cannot be derived from one original; because there are a variety of alphabets used in different parts of Asia, which vary in name, number, figure, order, and power, from the Phœnician, ancient Hebrew, or Samaritan. In several of these alphabets also, there are marks for sounds peculiar to the language of the east, which are not necessary to be employed in the notation of the languages of Europe.

None of the alphabets to the east of Persia have any connection with the Phœnician or its derivatives, except where the Arabic letters have been introduced by the conquest of the Mahometans. The foundation of all the Indian characters are those called *Shanscrit*, or *Sungskrit*. This signifies something brought to perfection, in contradistinction to *prakrit*, which signifies vulgar or unpolished. Hence the refined and religious language and characters of India are called *Sungskrit*, and the more vulgar mode of writing and expression *Prakrit*. From this Shanscrit are derived the sacred characters of Thibet, the Cashmirian, Bengalese, Malabaric, and Tamoul; the Singalese, Siamese, Maharattan, Concanee, &c. From the same source we may derive the Tangatic or Tartar characters, which are similar, in their great outlines, to the Shanscrit; though it is not easily determined which is derived from the other. The common Tartar is generally read, like the Chinese, from top to bottom.

There are, however, several alphabets used in different parts of Asia, entirely different not only from the Shanscrit and all those derived from it, but also from the Phœnician, and those which proceed from it. Some of these are the alphabet of Pegu, the *Batta* characters used in the island of Sumatra, and the *Barman* or *Boman* characters used in some parts of Pegu. The names and powers of the letters of which these alphabets are composed, differ entirely from the Phœnician, or those derived from them. It is impossible to assimilate their forms, and indeed it is by no means easy to conceive how the 50 letters of the Shanscrit language could be derived from the Phœnician alphabet, which consisted originally only of 13; though it is certain, that by far the greater number of alphabets now in use are derived from the ancient Hebrew, Phœnician, or Samaritan.

Alphabet. 15 Alphabets derived from the Phœnician. Mr. Aftle next proceeds to consider what alphabets are derived from the Phœnician. These he supposes to have been immediately the ancient Hebrew or Samaritan; the Chaldaic; the Bastulian (A) or Spanish Phœnician; the Punic, Carthaginian, or Sicilian; and the Pelasgian. From the ancient Hebrew proceeded the Chaldaic or square Hebrew; the round Hebrew; and what is called the *running hand of the Rabbins*. The Pelasgian gave birth to the Etruscan, Eugubian, or Umbrian, Oscan, Samnite, and Ionic Greek, written from the left. From the Chaldaic or square Hebrew are derived the Syriac, and the ancient and modern Arabic. The Syriac is divided into the Estrangelo and Mendæan, and the modern Arabic has given rise to the Persian and Turkish. From the ancient Arabic are derived the Kufic or Oriental, the Mauritanic or Occidental; the African or Saracen, and the Moorish. The Ionic Greek gave rise to the Arcadian, Latin, ancient Gaulish, ancient Spanish, ancient Gothic, Coptic, Ethiopic, Russian, Illyrian, or Sclavonic, Bulgarian and Armenian. From the Roman are derived the Lombardic, Visigothic, Saxon, Gallican, Franco-Gallic or Merovingian, German, Caroline, Capetian, and modern Gothic.

The Punic letters are also called *Tyrian*, and were much the same with the Carthaginian or Sicilian. The Punic language was at first the same with the Phœnician; it is nearly allied to the Hebrew, and has an affinity with the Chaldee and Syriac. Some remains of it are to be met with in the Maltese. To make a complete Punic, Carthaginian, or Sicilian alphabet, we must admit several pure Phœnician letters.

The Pelasgi were likewise of Phœnician original; and, according to Sanchoniatho, the Dioscuri and Cabiri wrote the first annals of the Phœnician history, by order of Taant the inventor of letters. They made ships of burthen, and being cast upon the coast near mount Casius, about 40 miles from Pelusium, where they built a temple in the second generation after the deluge related by Moses, they were called *Pelasgi* from their passing by sea, and wandering from one country to another. Herodotus informs us, that the Pelasgi were descendants of the Phœnician Cabiri, and that the Samothracians received and practised the Cabiric mysteries from them. The Pelasgic alphabet prevailed in Greece till the time of Deucalion, when the Pelasgi were driven out of Thessaly or Oenotria by the Hellenes; after which some of them settled at the mouth of the Po, and others at Croton, now *Cartona* in Tuscany. Their alphabet consisted of 16 letters; and the Tyrrhenian alphabet, brought into Italy before the reign of that prince, consisted of no more than 13. Deucalion is said to have reigned about 820 years after the deluge, and 1529 before the Christian æra.

That the Tyrrheni, Tyrseni, or Hetrusci, settled in Italy long before this period, appears from the testimony of Herodotus, who informs us that a colony went by sea from Lydia into Italy under Tyrrhenus; and Dionysius of Halicarnassus proves that many authors called them Pelasgi. He then cites Hellanicus Lesbicus, an author somewhat more ancient than Herodotus;

(A) The Bastuli are said to have been a Canaanitish or Phœnician people who fled from Joshua, and settled afterwards in Spain.

**Alphabet.** rodotus, to prove, that they were first called *Pelasgi Tyrreni*; and when they passed into Italy, they settled in that part of it called *Etruria*. Their emigration took place about the year of the world 2011, or 1993 years before the Christian æra, which is 350 years before the Pelasgi left Greece. Bishop Cumberland adduces many proofs to show that the Tyrrenians originally came out of Lydia into Italy. Several Roman authors also speak of this Lydian colony; and Horace compliments his patron Mæcenas upon his Lydian descent:

*Lydorum quicquid Etruscos  
Incoluit fines, nemo generosior est te.*

The Etruscan letters are Pelasgic, and several of the Etruscan inscriptions are written in the Pelasgic language. The Roman letters are Ionic. The Oscan language was a dialect of the Etruscan; their characters are nearer the Ionic or Roman than the Etruscan. There is also very little difference between the Pelasgian, Etruscan, and most ancient Greek letters, which are placed from right to left. The Arcadians were ancient Greeks, and used the Ionic letters; but at what time they began to write from left to right is not known, as their chronology is very uncertain. The Etruscan, Oscan, and Samnite alphabets, are derived from the Pelasgic; they differ from each other more in name than in form, but a far greater number are derived from the Ionic Greek; namely, the Arcadian, the Latin or Roman, and the others already enumerated. The Runic is immediately derived from the Gothic.

According to Dionysius of Halicarnassus, the first Greek colony which came into Italy consisted of Arcadians under the conduct of Oenotrus the son of Lycæon, and fifth in descent from Phoroneus the first king of Argos, who reigned about 566 years before the taking of Troy, and 1750 years before the Christian æra. These Oenotrians were called *Aborigines*: and after they had been engaged for many years in a war with the Siculi, entered into an alliance with a colony of the Pelasgi, who came out of Thessaly into Italy, after having been driven from the former country.—About 1476 B. C. another colony of the Pelasgi, who had been driven out of Thessaly by the Curetes and Leleges, arrived in Italy, where they assisted the Aborigines to drive out the Siculi; possessing themselves of the greatest part of the country between the Tiber and the Liris, and building several cities. Solinus and Pliny tell us, that the Pelasgi first carried letters into Italy; and the latter distinguishes between the Pelasgi and the Arcades: so the letters first carried into Italy were not the Ionic Greek, but those more ancient Pelasgic characters which the Pelasgi carried with them before Deucalion and Cadmus are said to have come into Bœotia and Thessaly. The story of Cadmus is much involved in fable; but it is agreed by most of the ancients, that the children of Agenor, viz. Cadmus, Europa, Phœnix, and Cilix, carried with them a colony, composed of Phœnicians and Syrians, into Asia Minor, Crete, Greece, and Lybia, where they introduced letters, music, poetry, and other arts, sciences, and customs, of the Phœnicians.

Dionysius enumerates the following Greek colonies which came into Italy: 1. The Aborigines, under Oenotrus from Arcadia. 2. The Pelasgic colony which came from Hœmonia or Thessaly. 3. Another Arca-

dian colony which came with Evander from Palantium. 4. Those who came from Peloponnesus with Hercules; and, 5. Those who came with Æneas from Troy. It is not easy to discover when the Ionic way of writing from left to right was introduced into Italy; but it is certain, that it did not universally prevail even in Greece till several ages after it was found out. The Athenians did not comply with it till the year of Rome 350; nor was it practised by the Samnites even in the sixth century of that city, or 230 years before Christ: for M. Gæbelin, Vol. VI. pl. 2. gives us the Samnite alphabet of that century, wherein the letters are placed from right to left; although the Ionic way of writing prevailed in some parts of Italy in the third century of Rome. “In time (says Pliny), the tacit consent of all nations agreed to use the Ionic letters. The Romans consented to this mode about the time of Tarquinius Priscus their fifth king.” The letters brought by Damaratus the Corinthian, the father of Tarquin, Mr Wise thinks, must have been the new or Ionic alphabet, and not the same with that brought by Evander 500 years before. After the Romans had established the use of the Ionic letters, they seem not to have acknowledged the Pelasgian and Etruscan to have been Greek alphabets: the most learned of them knew none older than the Ionic, as appears from the Greek Farnese inscriptions of Herodes Atticus. This learned man, out of a regard to antiquity, caused the oldest orthography to be observed in the writing, and the letters to be delineated after the most antique forms that could be found; and they are plainly no other than the Ionic or right-handed characters.

The ancient Gaulish letters are derived from the Greek, and their writing approaches more nearly to the Gothic than that of the Romans: this appears by the monumental inscription of Gordian, messenger of the Gauls, who suffered martyrdom in the third century with all his family. These ancient Gaulish characters were generally used by that people before the conquest of Gaul by Cæsar; but after that time the Roman letters were gradually introduced. The ancient Spaniards used letters nearly Greek before their intercourse with the Romans. The ancient Gothic alphabet was very similar to the Greek, and is attributed to Ulphilas, bishop of the Goths, who lived in Mæsia about 370 years after Christ. He translated the bible into the Gothic tongue. This circumstance might have occasioned the tradition of his having invented these letters; but it is probable that these characters were in use long before this time. The Runic alphabet is derived from the ancient Gothic.

The Coptic letters are derived immediately from the Greek. Some have confounded them with the ancient Egyptian; but there is a very material difference between them. The Ethiopic alphabet is derived from the Coptic.

The alphabet proceeding from that of the Scythians established in Europe, is the same with what St Cyril calls the *Servien*. The Russian, Illyrian or Slavonic, and the Bulgarian, are all derived from the Greek. The Armenian letters differ very much from the Greek, from which they are derived, as well as from the Latin.

With regard to the alphabets derived from the Latin, the Lombardic relates to the manuscripts of Italy; from the the Latin.

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See Plates XI & XII. for specimens of the ancient alphabets here enumerated.

Alphabet. the Visigothic to those of Spain; the Saxon to those of England; the Gallican and Franco-Gallic or Merovingian to the manuscripts of France; the German to those of that country; and the Caroline, Capetian, and Modern Gothic, to all the countries of Europe who read Latin. The first six of these alphabets are before the age of Charlemagne, the last three posterior to it. They are more distinguished by their names than the forms of their characters, and the former indicate all of them to have been of Roman extraction. Each nation, in adopting the letters of the Romans, added thereto a taste and manner peculiar to itself, which obviously distinguished it from the writings of all other people; whence arose the differences between the writings of the Lombards, Spaniards, French, Saxons, Germans, and Goths, and all the strange terms observable in the writings of the Francic Gauls or Merovingians; and those of the Carolingians their successors may be traced from the same source. From these distinctions the name of *national writing* was derived.

The writing of Italy was uniform till the irruption of the Goths, who disfigured it by their barbarous taste. In 569, the Lombards, having possessed themselves of all Italy, excepting Rome and Ravenna, introduced that form of writing which goes under their name; and as the Popes used the Lombardic manner in their bulls, the name of *Roman* was sometimes given to it in the 11th century; and though the dominion of the Lombards continued no longer than 206 years, the name of their writing continued in Italy from the 7th to the 13th century, and then ceased; when learning, having declined in that as well as in other countries, the manner of writing degenerated into the modern Gothic.

The Visigoths introduced their form of writing into Spain, after having over-run that country; but it was abolished in a provincial synod held at Leon in 1091, when the Latin characters were established for all public instruments, though the Visigothic were used in private writings for three centuries afterwards.

The Gauls, on being subjected by the Romans, adopted their manner of writing; but by subsequent additions of their own, their characters were changed into what is called the Gallican or *Roman Gallic* mode. This was changed by the Franks into the *Franco-Gallic* or *Merovingian* mode of writing, being practised under the kings of the Merovingian race. It took place towards the close of the sixth century, and continued till the beginning of the ninth.

The German mode of writing was improved by Charlemagne, and this improvement occasioned another distinction in writing by introducing the alphabet named *Caroline*, which declined in the 12th century, and was succeeded in the 13th by the modern Gothic. In France it had degenerated by the middle of the 10th century, but was restored in 987 by Hugh Capet, whence it obtained the name of *Capetian*. It was used in England as well as Germany and France.

The modern Gothic, which spread itself all over Europe in the 12th and 13th centuries, is improperly named, as not deriving its origin from the writing anciently used by the Goths. It is, however, the worst and most barbarous way of writing, and originated among the schoolmen in the decline of the arts; being

indeed nothing else than Latin writing degenerated. Alphabet. It began in the 12th century, and was in general use, especially among monks and schoolmen, in all parts of Europe, till the restoration of arts in the 15th century, and continued longer in Germany and the northern nations. The statute-books are still printed in Gothic letters. The most barbarous writing of the seventh, eighth, and ninth centuries, was preferable to the modern Gothic. It is diversified in such a manner as can scarce admit of description; and the abbreviations used by the writers were so numerous, that it became very difficult to read it; which was one of the great causes of the ignorance of those times. Along with this, however, the Lombardic, Gothic, Roman, Caroline, and Capetian modes of writing, were occasionally used by individuals.

The idea that all the alphabets above mentioned are derived from the Roman, tends to prove the distinction of national writing, and is of great use in discovering the age of manuscripts: for though we may not be able exactly to determine the time when a manuscript was written, we may be able nearly to ascertain its age. For example, if a writing is Merovingian, it may be declared not to be posterior to the ninth, nor prior to the fifth, century. If another be Lombardic, it may be affirmed to be posterior to the middle of the 6th, and prior to the 13th. Should it be Saxon, it cannot be of an earlier date than the 7th, nor later than about the middle of the 12th.

Having considered whence the alphabets now in use throughout the various nations of the world are derived, it remains to say something concerning them as the elements of words, or how far they are capable of expressing those sounds, which, by proper combination and arrangement, constitute articulate language. The number of simple sounds in any language cannot be very numerous; and it is plainly these simple sounds alone that we have occasion to represent by alphabetical characters. Hence the person who first invented letters, must have been capable of analysing language in a manner which seems by no means easy to do, and concerning which even the learned among ourselves are not yet agreed. It is this difficulty which has produced the great diversity in the number of alphabetical characters used by different nations; and where we see a vast number of them used, we may account the writing not the better, but much the worse for it; and whoever the pretended inventor was, it is more reasonable to suppose that he had disfigured an alphabet already invented, by unnecessary additions, than been the author of one himself.

When we consider alphabetical characters as thus resulting from an analysis of language, it will by no means appear probable that it was derived from a gradual and progressive operation of the human mind through many ages. There is not the least affinity betwixt representing an object by a picture and finding out the sounds which compose the word by which it is expressed; nor, though a nation had been in use to represent things either in this method, or by any kind of arbitrary marks, for thousands of years, could the one ever have led to the other. Arbitrary marks must always be the same with pictures in this respect, that they must always be fixed to particular objects, and thus be increased *ad infinitum*. Letters, on the other hand, are indifferent to all

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Letters could not take place but from a decomposition of language.

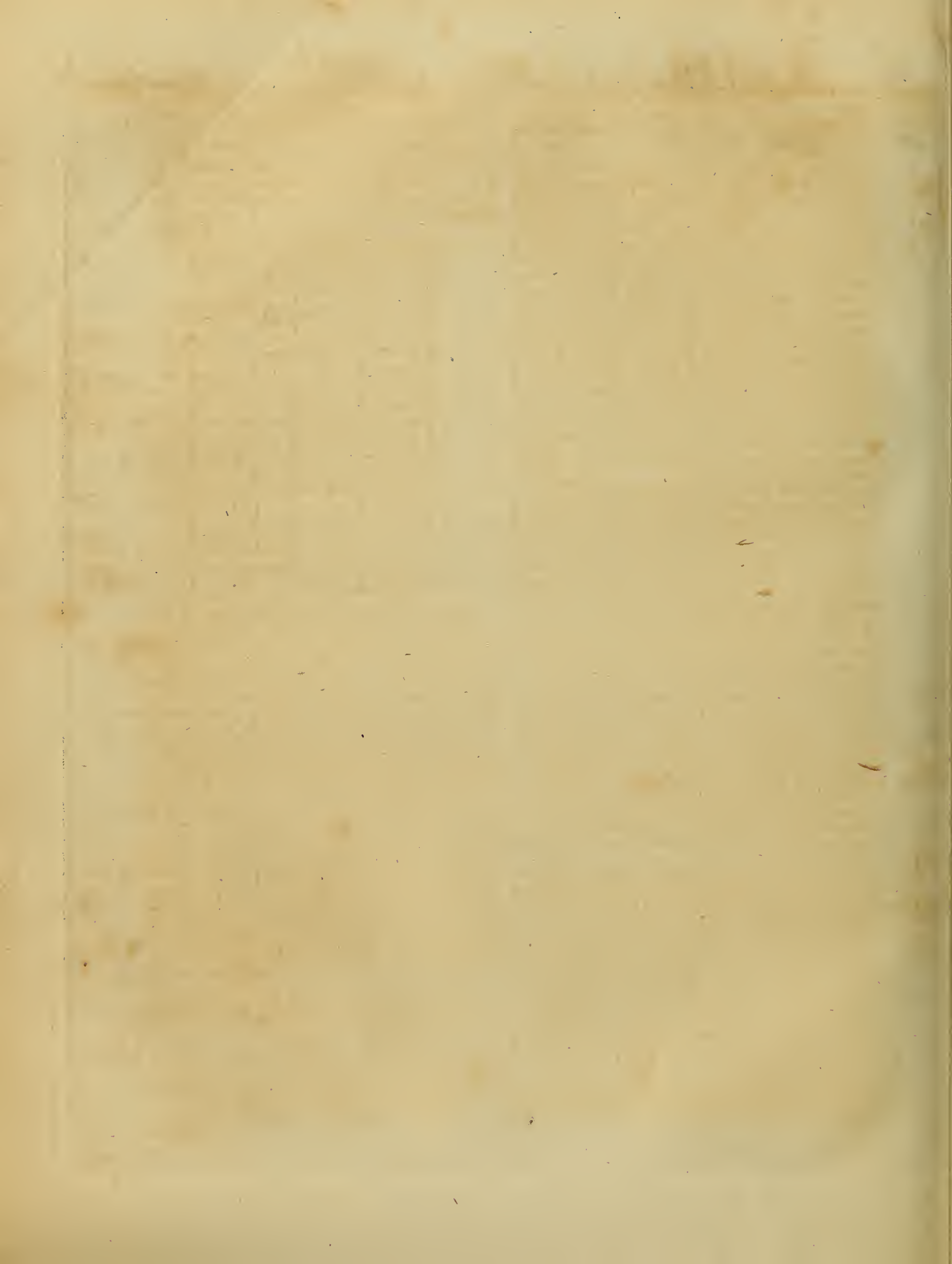
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Alphabet. all objects; and therefore, by their combinations, which are more numerous than as many arbitrary marks as we could remember, may express all the objects in nature. This might furnish an argument of some strength for the divine revelation of writing, were it not that other arts, seemingly as useful, and as difficult to be invented, have been expressly ascribed to particular persons whom we cannot suppose to have been divinely inspired. Thus metallurgy, music, the keeping of cattle, the use of tents, are all ascribed to a single family; and though writing be not expressly mentioned as an invention in Scripture, there is no reason to have recourse to a revelation for it, as long as the human faculties are known to have been sufficient for the invention of it. Nevertheless, if we take a review of the different arts which mankind have invented, we shall find, that few of them resulted from any gradual progress or evolution of the powers of the human mind, but rather by some sudden and almost unaccountable turn of thought in an individual. Thus, the art of printing, little inferior in its utility to that of writing, lay hid for ages, and was at last invented we scarce know how; so that if one inclined to suppose this a divine revelation, he could be at little loss for arguments to support his hypothesis. This was what all the inventions and evolutions of human powers since the creation had never been able to accomplish; yet nobody believes that it required supernatural abilities to be the author of this art, because we see plainly that it might have occurred to the human mind from various sources, and are surprised that it did not occur long before. In like manner, the method of accounting for the celestial motions by the united forces of projection and gravitation, was no result of the progress that mankind had made in science, but luckily occurred to Mr Horrox, without any thing that we know to direct him, or perhaps from causes almost unknown to himself. Thus also, the steam-engine, aërostation, &c. were suddenly invented only by a slight review of principles well known before, and which had been a thousand times overlooked by those who might have invented both. Alphabetic writing, therefore, might have been no deduction from hieroglyphic or picture writing, from which it is essentially different; and it seems to be some confirmation of this, that all nations who ever pretended to the invention of letters, have ascribed it to the labours of one particular person, without taking notice of the progress made towards it in preceding ages.

19 Of the elementary sounds of language. The learned author of *Hermes* informs us, that to about 20 plain elementary sounds, we owe that variety of articulate voices which have been sufficient to explain the sentiments of such an innumerable multitude as all the past and present generations of men. Mr Sheridan says, that the number of simple sounds in our tongue are 28; while Dr Kenrick says, that we have only 11 distinct species of articulate sounds, which even by contraction, prolongation, and composition, are increased only to the number of 16; every syllable or articulate sound in our language being one of the number. Bishop Wilkins and Dr William Holder speak of 33 distinct sounds.

After the analysis or decomposition of language into the elementary sounds, the next towards the notation of it by alphabetical characters, would be the de-

Alphabet. lineation of a separate mark or letter to represent each sound; which marks, though few in number, would admit of such a variety of arrangements and combinations, as might be capable of producing that infinity of articulate sounds which compose language. The ingenious Wachter, in his *Natura et Scriptura Concordia*, p. 64, endeavours to show, that ten marks or characters are sufficient for this purpose.—His scheme is as follows:

Genus.	Figura.	Potestas.
Vocal.	○	a. e. i. o. u.
Guttural.	⊙	k. c. ch. q. g. h.
Lingual.	∟	l.
Lingual.	∩	d. t.
Lingual.	→	r.
Dental.	⊏	f.
Labial.	3	b. p.
Labial.	Ⓜ	m.
Labial.	Ⓜ	s. ph. v. w.
Nasal.	∧	n.

If this is the case, then the most simple alphabet, which consisted only of 13 letters, must have been abundantly sufficient to answer all the purposes of mankind, and much of our twenty-four letter alphabet may appear superfluous. That able mathematician Tacquet has calculated the various combinations of the 24 letters, even without any repetition, to amount to no fewer than 620,448,401,733,239,439,360,000; while Clavius makes them only 5,852,616,738,497,664,000. Either of these numbers, however, are infinite to the human conceptions, and much more than sufficient to express all the sounds that ever were articulated by man. As there are more sounds in some languages than in others, it follows of course, that the number of elementary characters, or letters, must vary in the alphabets of different languages. The Hebrew, Samaritan, and Syriac alphabets, have 22 letters; the Arabic 28, the Persian and Egyptian, or Coptic, 32; the present Russian 41; the Sanscrit 50; while the Cashmirian and Malabaric are still more numerous. The following is the scheme of the English alphabet as given by Mr Sheridan in his *Rhetorical Grammar*, p. 9.

Number of simple sounds in our tongue 28.

- 9 Vowels, <sup>á</sup> a <sup>á</sup> á <sup>á</sup> ä <sup>é</sup> e <sup>ó</sup> o <sup>ó</sup> o <sup>é</sup> e <sup>í</sup> i <sup>ú</sup> u  
 hall hat hate beer note noose bet fit but  
 w y  
 short oo short ee
- 19 Consonants, } ch ed ef eg ek el em en ep er es  
 et ev ez eth erh esh ezh ing.
- 2 Superfluous, c which has the power of ck or q;  
 q, that of ck before u.
- 3 R 2 Compounds

Alphabet.

2 Compound, *j*, which stands for *edzh*;

*x*, for *ks* or *gz*.

1 No letter, *h*, merely a mark of aspiration.

Consonants divided into Mutes and Semivowels ;

6 Mutes, eb ed eg ek ep et.

3 Pure Mutes, ek ep et.

3 Impure, eb ed eg.

13 Semivowels, } ef el em en er es ev ez eth eth  
or liquids, } esh ezh ing.

9 Vocal, el em en er ev ez eth ezh ing.

4 Aspirated, ef es eth esh.

Divided again into

4 Labial, eb ep ev ef.

8 Dental, ed et eth eth ez es ezh esh.

4 Palatine, eg ek el er.

3 Nasal, em en ing.

21 Imperfection in the English alphabet.

Mr Sheridan observes, that our alphabet is ill calculated for the notation of the English tongue, as there are many sounds for which we have no letters or marks : and there ought to be nine more characters or letters to make a complete alphabet, in which every simple sound ought to have a mark peculiar to itself. The reason of the deficiency is, that the Roman alphabet was formerly adopted for the notation of the English language, though by no means suited to the purpose.

22 Of the forms of letters.

It now remains only to take some notice of the forms of the different letters; some knowledge of which is absolutely necessary for ascertaining the age and authenticity of inscriptions, manuscripts, charters, and ancient records. Many authors are of opinion that letters derive their forms from the positions of the organs of speech in their pronunciation. Van Helmont has taken great pains to prove, that the Chaldaic characters are the genuine alphabet of Nature; because, according to him, no letter can be rightly founded without disposing the organs of speech into an uniform position with the figure of each letter; and in support of this system, he has anatomised the organs of articulation.

Mr Nelme has endeavoured to show, that all elementary characters or letters derive their forms from the line and the circle. His alphabet consists of 13 radical letters, four diminished, and four augmented.—The radicals are L, O, S, A, B, C, D, N, U, I, E, M, R.—H, according to him is derived from A; P from B; T from D; and F from U: these are all called diminished letters. The augmented ones are Z from S; G from C; W from U; and Y from I. He proves that his characters are very similar to those of the ancient Etruscans; but all characters are composed either of lines, and circles of the former, or of parts of the latter.—Mr Gebelin deduces them from hieroglyphic representations, and has given several delineations of human figures, trees, &c. in confirmation of this hypothesis.

One of the most simple alphabets has been formed, by making two perpendicular and two horizontal lines:

thus,  $\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline a & b & c \\ \hline d & e & f \\ \hline g & h & i \\ \hline \end{array}$  from which may be deduced nine different characters or letters; thus

$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline a \\ \hline \end{array}$   $\begin{array}{|c|} \hline b \\ \hline \end{array}$   $\begin{array}{|c|} \hline c \\ \hline \end{array}$   $\begin{array}{|c|} \hline d \\ \hline \end{array}$   $\begin{array}{|c|} \hline e \\ \hline \end{array}$   $\begin{array}{|c|} \hline f \\ \hline \end{array}$   $\begin{array}{|c|} \hline g \\ \hline \end{array}$   $\begin{array}{|c|} \hline h \\ \hline \end{array}$   $\begin{array}{|c|} \hline i \\ \hline \end{array}$

Nine more may be made by adding a point to each, *Alphænix*,

$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline k & l & m \\ \hline n & o & p \\ \hline q & r & s \\ \hline \end{array}$

*Alphery.*

and as many more as  $\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline n & o & p \\ \hline q & r & s \\ \hline \end{array}$  may be sufficient

for the notation of any language, by adding two or more points to each character. Though these square characters are not calculated for dispatch; yet they may be made as expeditiously, or more so, than the Tartar, the Bramin, the Cashmirian, or many others. Writing composed of these characters, is at first sight somewhat like the Hebrew. Mr Dow, author of the history of New Indostan, lately formed a new language and alphabet. This language, and the characters formed for its notation, were so easy, that a female of his acquaintance acquired a knowledge of them in three weeks, and corresponded with him therein during their intimacy.

23 New language invented by Mr Dow.

ALPHÆNIX, white barley-sugar, to which is given an extraordinary name, to render it more valuable. This sugar, which is thought good for colds, is made of common sugar, which is boiled until it becomes easy to crack, when they pour it upon a marble table, greased with oil of sweet almonds, and mould it into various figures with a brass crotchet. It is easily falsified with starch.

ALPHERY (Mikipher), born in Russia, and of the Imperial line. When that country was torn to pieces by intestine quarrels, in the latter end of the 16th century, and the royal house particularly was so severely persecuted by impostors, this gentleman and his two brothers were sent over to England, and recommended to the care of Mr Joseph Biddel, a Russian merchant. Mr Biddel, when they were of age fit for the university, sent them all three to Oxford, where the small-pox unhappily prevailing, two of them died of it. We know not whether this surviving brother took degrees or not, but it is very probable he did, since he entered into holy orders; and in the year 1618, had the rectory of Wooley in Huntingtonshire, a living of no very considerable value, being rated at under L.10 in the king's books. Here he did his duty with great cheerfulness and alacrity; and although he was twice invited back to his native country by some who would have ventured their utmost to have set him on the throne of his ancestors, he chose rather to remain with his flock, and to serve God in the humble station of a parish priest. Yet in 1643, he underwent the severest trials from the rage of the fanatics; who, not satisfied with depriving him of his living, insulted him in the most barbarous manner; for having procured a file of musqueteers to pull him out of his pulpit, as he was preaching on a Sunday, they turned his wife and small children into the street, into which also they threw his goods. The poor man in this distress raised him a tent under some trees in the church-yard, over against his house, where he and his family lived for a week. One day having gotten a few eggs, he picked up some rotten wood and dry sticks, and with these made a fire in the church-porch, in order to boil them; but some of his adversaries, to show how far they could carry their rage against the church, for this poor man was so harmless they could have none against him, came and kicked about his fire, threw down his skillet and broke his eggs. After this, having still a little money, he made a small purchase in that neighbourhood, built

him

Alpheus || Alphonfus. him a house, and lived there some years. He was encouraged to this by a presbyterian minister who came in his room, who honestly paid him the fifth part of the annual income of the living, which was the allowance made by parliament to ejected ministers, treated him with great humanity, and did him all the services in his power. It is a great misfortune that this gentleman's name is not preserved, his conduct in this respect being the more laudable, because it was not a little singular. Afterwards, probably on the death or removal of this gentleman, Mr Alphery left Huntingdonshire, and came and resided at Hammersmith till the Restoration put him in possession of his living again. He returned on this occasion to Huntingdonshire, where he did not stay long; for being upwards of 80, and withal very infirm, he could not perform the duties of his function. Having, therefore, settled a curate, he retired to his eldest son's house at Hammersmith, where shortly after he died, full of years and of honour.

ALPHEUS, (Strabo); ALPHEIUS, (Ptolemy); a noted and large river of the Peloponnesus; which, rising in, and after several windings running through, Arcadia, and by Olympia in Elis, with a south-west course, pours into the Sinus Chelonites, about ten miles to the south of Olympia. It has a common spring with the Eurotas, at the foot of mount Parthenius, near the village Asea, (Strabo.) The Alpheus and Eurotas mix and run together for 20 stadia; after which, they enter a subterraneous passage at Mantinea; then again emerge, the Eurotas in Laconica, and the Alpheus in the territory of Megalopolis, (Pausanias.) The poets fable strange things of this river; particularly, that, out of love to the nymph *Arethusa*, it runs under the sea to Sicily, and bursts out at the fountain of that name in Syracuse, (Virgil). Its waters are reckoned good in the leprosy, which is called *Alphos* by the Greeks; and hence the name *Alpheus*.—Pausanias adds, that the Eleians had a law, which condemned any woman to death that should either appear at the Olympic games, or even cross this river during that solemnity: and the Eleians add, that the only woman who transgressed it, had disguised herself in the habit of a master or keeper of these games, and conducted her son thither; but when she saw him come off victorious, her joy made her forget her disguise, so that her sex was discovered. She was pardoned, but from that time a law was made that the keepers should appear there naked.

ALPHONSIN, in surgery, an instrument for extracting bullets out of gun-shot wounds. This instrument derives its name from the inventor Alphonfus Ferrer, a physician of Naples. It consists of three branches, which are closed by a ring. When closed and introduced into the wound, the operator draws back the ring towards the handle, upon which the branches opening take hold of the ball; and then the ring is pushed from the haft, by which means the branches grasp the ball so firmly, as to extract it from the wound.

ALPHONSUS X. king of Leon and Castile, surnamed the Wise, was author of the astronomical tables called *Alphonsine*. Reading of Quintus Curtius gave him such delight, that it recovered him out of a dangerous illness. He read the Bible fourteen times, with several comments on it. He is said to have found fault with the structure of the mundane system, and has been

charged with impiety on that score; but unjustly, for he only found fault with the involved system of some astronomers. He was dethroned by his son Sancho; and died of grief, A. D. 1284.

ALPINI (Prospero), a famous physician and botanist, born in the Venetian territory, in 1553. He travelled into Egypt to acquire a knowledge of exotic plants, and was the first who explained the fructification and generation of plants by the sexual system. Upon his return to Venice, in 1586, Andrea Doria, prince of Melfi, appointed him his physician: and he distinguished himself so much in this capacity, that he was esteemed the first physician of his age. The republic of Venice began to be uneasy, that a subject of theirs, of so great merit as Alpini, should continue at Genoa, when he might be of so much service and honour to their state: they therefore recalled him in 1593, to fill the professorship of botany at Padua; and he had a salary of 200 florins, which was afterwards raised to 750. He discharged this office with great reputation; but his health became very precarious, having been much broken by the voyages he had made. According to the register of the university of Padua, he died the 5th of February 1617, in the 64th year of his age; and was buried the day after, without any funeral pomp, in the church of St Anthony.—Alpini wrote the following works in Latin: 1. Of the physic of the Egyptians, in four books. Printed at Venice, 1591, in 4to. 2. A treatise concerning the plants of Egypt. Printed at Venice, 1592, in 4to. 3. A dialogue concerning balsams. Printed at Venice, 1592, in 4to. 4. Seven books concerning the method of forming a judgment of the life or death of patients. Printed at Venice, 1691, in 4to. 5. Thirteen books concerning methodical Physic. Padua, 1611, folio, Leyden, 1719, in 4to. 6. A Disputation held in the school at Padua, concerning the Raphonticum. Padua, 1612, and 1629, 4to. 7. Of exotic plants, in two books. Venice, 1699, in 4to. He left several other works, which have never been printed; particularly, 8. The fifth book concerning the physic of the Egyptians. 9. Five books concerning the natural history of things observed in Egypt, adorned with a variety of draughts of plants, stones, and animals.

ALPINIA, in botany: A genus of the monogynia order, belonging to the monandria class of plants; and in the natural method ranking under the 8th order, *Scitamineæ*. The characters are: The *calyx* is a perianthium above, small, and trifid: The *corolla* is monopetalous, unequal, and as if doubled: The *stamina* consist of one filament, with linear antheræ joining to the margin: The *pistillum* has a roundish germen, beneath; the stylus simple, and the stigma obtusely trigonous: The *pericarpium* is a fleshy ovate trilocular capsule, with three valves: The *seeds* are ovate, and very numerous; the receptaculum is pulpy and very large. Of this genus there is but one species, which is a native of the West Indies, where it grows naturally in moist places. The leaves decay every winter, and are pushed out from the roots in the spring, like the ginger and maranta; so must be managed in the same manner as directed for these two plants, and may be propagated by parting the roots when the leaves decay.

Alpiste,  
Alps.

ALPISTE, or ALPIA, a sort of seed used to feed birds with, especially when they are to be nourished for breeding. The alpiste seed is of an oval figure, of a pale yellow, inclining to an isabel colour, bright and glossy. It is an article of the corn-chandlers, and seedfman's trade.

ALPS (anc. geog.) a range of high mountains, separating Italy from Gaul and Germany, in the form of a crescent. They take their rise from the Vada Sabatia, or Savona; and reach to the Sinus Flanaticus (now Golfo di Carnaro of the Adriatic), and the springs of the river Colapis (now the Kulpe) extending, according to Livy, 2000 stadia in length, or 250 miles: they are divided into several parts, and accordingly have different names. From Savona to the springs of the Varus, where the Alps lie against the sea of Genoa, they are called *Maritimæ*, now *le Montagne di Tenda*. These extend from south to north, between Gaul to the west, and Genoa to the east, beginning at Monaco on the Mediterranean; then running out thro' the east of the country of Nice, and between that and the marquisate of Saluzzo, terminate at length at mount Viso, between Dauphine and Piedmont. Hence to Susa run the *Alpes Cotticæ* (Sæton.); *Cottanicæ* (Tacitus); mountains extremely high, separating Dauphine from Piedmont, and extending from mount Viso to Mount Cenis, between the *Alpes Maritimæ* to the south, and the *Graia* to the north. The *Alpes Graia* (Pliny), so called from the passage of Hercules, begin from mount Cenis, where the *Cotticæ* terminate; and run out between Savoy and the Tarentese to the west, and Piedmont and the Duché d'Aouste to the east, quite to the Great St Bernard, where the *Alpes Penninæ* begin. They are also called by some *Graia Alpes*, and *Graius Mons* (Tacitus); which extend from west to east, between St Bernard and the Adula, or St Godard; and thus they run out between the Valcse to the north, and the Milanese to the south. With these are continued the *Alpes Rhaeticæ*, to the head of the river Piave; a part of which are the *Alpes Tridentinæ*, to the north of Trent. To these join the *Alpes Noricæ*, reaching to Doblach in Tyrol, to the north of the river Tajamento: thence begin the *Alpes Carnicæ*, or of *Carniola*, extending to the springs of the Save: and the last, called *Alpes Panonicæ*, and *Julia*, extend to the springs of the Kulpe. Some, however, extend the Alps to the north of Dalmatia; others, again, to Thrace and the Euxine. But their termination at the Kulpe, as above, is more generally received. They were formerly called *Alpia*, and *Alpionia* (Strabo). Through these mountains Hannibal forced his passage into Italy, by pouring vinegar on the rock, heated by burning large piles of wood on them, by which means they became crumbled (Livy.) They are covered with perpetual snow.

The ALPS are the highest mountains in Europe; being, according to some geometricians, about two miles in perpendicular height. They begin at the Mediterranean; and stretching northward, separate Piedmont and Savoy from the adjacent countries; whence directing their course to the east, they form the boundary between Switzerland and Italy, and terminate near the extremity of the Adriatic Sea, north-east of Venice. It was over the western part of these mountains, towards Piedmont, that Hannibal forced his passage into Italy.

Alps.

The prospect from many parts of this enormous range of mountains is extremely romantic, especially towards the north-west. One of the most celebrated is the Grande Chartreuse; where is a monastery founded by St Bruno about the year 1084. From Echelles, a little village in the mountains of Savoy, to the top of the Chartreuse, the distance is six miles. Along this course, the road runs winding up, for the most part not six feet broad. On one hand is the rock, with woods of pine trees hanging over head; on the other a prodigious precipice almost perpendicular; at the bottom of which rolls a torrent; that, sometimes tumbling among the fragments of stone which have fallen from on high, and sometimes precipitating itself down vast descents with a noise like thunder, rendered yet more tremendous by the echo from the mountains on each side, concurs to form one of the most solemn, the most romantic, and most astonishing scenes in nature. To this description may be added the strange views made by the crags and cliffs, and the numerous cascades which throw themselves from the very summit down into the vale. On the top of the mountain is the convent of St Bruno, which is the superior of the whole order. The inhabitants consist of 100 fathers, with 300 servants; who grind their corn, press their wine, and perform every domestic office, even to the making of their clothes. In the Album of the fathers is an admired alcaic ode, written by the late ingenious Mr Gray when he visited the Chartreuse, and which has since been published among his works.

The glaciers of Savoy are also justly reckoned among the most stupendous works of nature. These are immense masses of ice, lodged upon the gentler declivities amidst the Alps, and exhibiting representations beyond conception fantastic and picturesque. In the extraordinary narrative of Mr Bourrit's journey hither, we meet with the following account of the Prieuré, in the valley of Chamouni. We had, says he, the magnificent prospect of a chain of mountains, equally inaccessible, and covered with ice; and above the rest that of Mount Blanc, whose top seemed to reach, and even pierce, the highest region of the clouds. The chain upon which this mountain looks down like a giant, is composed of masses of rocks, which terminate in pikes or spires, called the *Needles*, and which are ranged like tents in a camp. Their sides appear lighter and more airy, from the ornament of several hollow breaks and furrows fretted in the rock itself, as well as from the different streaks and panes of ice and snow, which, without changing the general character of their form, or the majesty of their appearance, give them a picturesque variety. Lower down, the eye surveys with rapture the hills of ice, and the several glaciers, extending almost into the plain, whilst this appears like an artificial garden, embellished with the mixture of a variety of colours. We have a picturesque opposition to this chain, which is formed by innumerable mountains at the distance of near 50 leagues, between whose tops we have a glimpse of those several plains which they environ.

M. de Sauffure, who had visited those mountains about two months before M. Bourrit, felt himself naturally electrified in this place. This extraordinary phenomenon seems not to have been experienced by the latter or his company; but they heard a long-con-

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*Alps.* *Alps.* tinued rumbling noise, like that of thunder, which was rendered more awful by the silence of the place where they stood. This noise proceeded from the subsequent causes, viz. the avalanches of snow, which separated from the tops of the mountains, and rolled down to the bottom; considerable fragments of the rocks which followed them, overturning others in their fall; and massy blocks of ice, which precipitated from the summits.

The valley of Montanvert appears to be peculiarly romantic. Here, says M. Bourrit, we beheld a spacious icy plain entirely level. Upon this there rose a mountain all of ice, with steps ascending to the top, which seemed the throne of some divinity. It likewise took the form of a grand cascade, whose figure was beyond conception beautiful; and the sun, which shone upon it, gave a sparkling brilliance to the whole. The valley on our right hand was ornamented with prodigious glaciers, that, shooting up to an immeasurable height between the mountains, blend their colours with the skies, which they appear to reach.

*ALPS*, besides its proper signification, by which it denotes a certain chain of mountains which separate Italy from France and Germany, is frequently used as an appellative to denote any mountains of extraordinary height or extensive range. In this sense, Ausonius and others call the Pyrenean mountains, *Alps*; and Gellius the Spanish Alps, *Alpini Hispani*.

Hence also we say, the *British Alps*, the *Asiatic Alps*, the *Alps of America*.

The *Scottish Alps* terminate in a most sublime and abrupt manner, at the great promontory the Alta Ripa of Ptolemy, the *Ord* or *Aird*, i. e. the *Height, of Caithness*. The upper part is covered with gloomy heath; the lower is a stupendous precipice, excavated into vast caverns, the haunt of seals and different sea-fowl. On the eastern side of the kingdom, this is the striking termination of the vast mountains of Scotland which form its Highlands, the habitation of the original inhabitants, driven from their ancient seats by the ancestors of Lowland Scots, descendants of Saxons, French, and Normans; congenerous with the English, yet absurdly and invidiously distinguished from them. Language, as well as striking natural boundaries, mark their place. Their mountains face on the west the Atlantic ocean; wind along the west of Caithness; among which Morvern and Scaraben, Ben-Hop and Ben-Lugal, arise pre-eminent. Sutherland is entirely Alpine, as are Ross-shire and Inverness-shire. Their *Summae Alpes* are, Meal Fourvounich, the Coryarich, Benewish, and Benevish near Fort William; the last of which is reported to be 1450 yards in height. Great part of Aberdeenshire lies in this tract. It boasts of another Morvern, soaring far beyond the others. This is in the centre of the Grampian hills, and perhaps the highest from the sea of any in Great Britain. They again comprehend the eastern part of Perthshire; and finish on the magnificent shores of Lochlomond; on the eastern side of which Benlomond rises, distinguished among its fellows. From hence the rest of North Britain forms a chain of humble hills; but in Cumberland, part of Westmoreland, Yorkshire, Lancashire, and Derbyshire, the Alps resume their former majesty. A long and tame interval succeeds. The long sublime tract of Wales arises, the ancient possession of the ancient British race. From the

*Ord*, the great mountains recede inland, and leave a vast flat between their bases and the sea, fronting the waves with a series of lofty rocky precipices, as far as the little creek of Staxigo; the whole a bold, but most inhospitable shore for shipping. Wick and Staxigo have indeed their creeks, or rather chasms, which open between the cliffs, and may accidentally prove a retreat, unless in an eastern gale.

The *Asiatic Alps* are described under the articles *ALTAIC Chain* and *WERTURIAN Mountains*.

The *American Alps* are, The *ANDES* or *Cordilleras*, in South America; and the *APALACHIAN* or *Alleghany* mountains, in North America.

The highest ground in North America is placed by Captain Carver in lat. 47° west long. from Lond. 98° between a lake from which the Oregon flows, and another called *White-bear Lake*, from which arises the Mississippi.

This exalted situation is part of the Shining Mountains, which are branches of the vast chain which pervades the whole continent of America. It may be fairly taken from the southern extremity, where Staten Land and Terra del Fuego rise out of the sea as insulated links to an immense height, black, rocky, and marked with rugged spiry tops, frequently covered with snow. New Georgia may be added as another horribly congenial, rising detached farther to the east. The mountains about the straits of Magellan soar to an amazing height, and infinitely superior to those of the northern hemisphere, under the same degree of latitude. From the north side of the Straits of Magellan; they form a continued chain through the kingdoms of Chili and Peru, preserving a course not remote from the Pacific Ocean. The summits, in many places, are the highest in the world. There are not less than 12, which are from 2400 toises high to above 3000. Pichincha, which impends over Quito, is about 35 leagues from the sea; and its summit is 2430 toises above the surface of the water. Cayambé, immediately under the equator, is above 3000; and Chimborazo higher than the last by 200. Most of them have been volcanic, and in different ages marked with eruptions far more horrible than have been known in other quarters of the globe. They extend from the equator through Chili; in which kingdom is a range of volcanoes, from lat. 26. south, to 45. 30. and possibly from thence into Terra del Fuego itself; which, forming the Straits of Magellan, may have been rent from the continent by some great convulsion, occasioned by their labourings; and New Georgia forced up from the same cause. An unparalleled extent of plain appears on their eastern side. The river of Amazon runs along a level clothed with forests; after it bursts from its confinement at the Pongo of Borjas, till it reaches its sea-like discharge into the Atlantic Ocean.

In the northern hemisphere, the Andes pass through the narrow Isthmus of Darien into the kingdom of Mexico, and preserve a majestic height and their volcanic disposition. The mountain Popocatepec made a violent eruption during the expedition of Cortez, which is most beautifully described by his historian Antonio de Solis. This, possibly, is the same with the volcano observed by the Abbé d'Auteroche, in his way from Vera Cruz to Mexico; which, from the nakedness of the lavas, he conjectured to have been but lately

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Alpuxarras.

ly extinguished. From the kingdom of Mexico, this chain is continued northward, and to the east of California; then verges so greatly towards the west, as to leave a very inconsiderable space between it and the Pacific Ocean; and frequently detached branches jut into the sea, and form promontories; which, with parts of the chain itself, were often seen by navigators in the course of their voyage. Some branches, as we have before observed, extend towards the east, but not to any great distance. A plain, rich in woods and savannas, swarming with bisons or buffaloes, stags, and Virginian deer, with bears, and great variety of game, occupies an amazing tract, from the great lakes of Canada, as low as the Gulph of Mexico; and eastward to the other great chain of mountains, the Apalachian, which are the Alps of that side of northern America. Its commencement is supposed to be about Lake Champlain and Lake George, with branches pointing obliquely to the river St Laurence eastward, and rising on its opposite coasts; others extending, with lowering progress, even into Nova Scotia. The main chain passes through the state of New York, where it is distinguished by the name of the *Highlands*, and lies within 40 miles of the Atlantic. From thence it recedes from the sea, in proportion as it advances southward; and near its extremity in South Carolina, is 300 miles distant from the water. It consists of several parallel ridges, divided by most enchanting vallies, and generally clothed with variety of woods. These ridges rise gradually from the east, one above the other, to the central; from which they gradually fall to the west, into the vast plains of the Mississippi. The middle ridge is of an enormous bulk and height. The whole extends in breadth about 70 miles; and in many places leaves great chasms for the discharge of the vast and numerous rivers which rise in the bosoms of the mountains, and empty themselves into the Atlantic Ocean, after yielding a matchless navigation to the provinces they water.

Beyond the branch of the Apalachian mountains called *The Endless*, is another of amazing extent, nearly as high as the mountains themselves. This plain (called the *Upper Plains*) is exceedingly rich land; begins at the Mohock's River; reaches to within a small distance of Lake Ontario; and to the westward forms part of the extensive plains of the Ohio, and reaches to an unknown distance beyond the Mississippi. Vast rivers take their rise, and fall to every point of the compass; into Lake Ontario, into Hudson's River, and into the Delaware and Susquehanna. The tide of the Hudson's River flows thro' its deep-worn bed far up, even to within a small distance of the head of the Delaware; which, after a furious course down a long descent, interrupted with rapids, meets the tide not very remote from its discharge into the ocean.

ALPUXARRAS, or ALPAXARES, mountains of Spain, in the province of Granada, on the coast of the Mediterranean sea. They are about 17 leagues in length, and 11 in breadth, reaching from the city of Velez to Almeria. They are inhabited by Moors, who are the remains of the dispersion and ruin of their empire. They embraced the Christian religion; but preserve their own manner of living, and their language, though much corrupted. Here is a rivulet between

Pitros and Portugos, which dyes linen that is dipped in it black in an instant. Near this rivulet is a cavern, from which proceeds so malignant a steam, that it destroys such animals as come near it. The Moriscos cultivate the soil extremely well, and plant fruit-trees; some of which grow to a prodigious height and thickness, and give the mountains a very agreeable aspect.

ALQUIER, a liquid measure, used in Portugal to measure oil, two of which make an almond. See ALMOND.

ALQUIFOU, or ARQUIFOU, is a sort of lead-ore, which, when broken, looks like antimony. It is used by the potters to give a green varnish to their works, and thence is called potter's ore. It is met with in Cornwall, &c. The potters mix a small portion of manganese with the alquifou, and then the varnish or glazing on their ware is of a blackish hue.

ALREDUS, ALURED, or ALUREDUS, of Beverley, one of the most ancient and best English historians. He wrote in the reign of Henry I. There are no circumstances of his life known with any degree of certainty. It is generally believed that he was educated at Cambridge, and that he afterwards became one of the canons and treasurer of St John's at Beverley. And we learn in a note of bishop Tanner's, that, for the sake of improvement, he travelled through France and Italy; and that at Rome he became domestic chaplain to cardinal Othoboni. He died in the year 1128 or 1129; leaving behind him the following works: 2. *The Annals of Alured of Beverley*. Oxford, 1726. Published by Mr Hearne, from a manuscript belonging to Thomas Rawlinson, Esq. It contains an abridgment of the history from Brutus to Henry I. written in good Latin; and with great accuracy. 2. *Libertates ecclesie S. Johannis de Beverlac*, &c. a manuscript in the Cotton library. It is a collection of records relative to the church at Beverley, translated by our author from the Saxon language. The Biographia Britannica evidently proves these to be all that were written by Alredus.

ALRESFORD, a town of Hampshire, seated on the road from London to Southampton, close by the river Itching, which feeds a great pond to the left of the town. Part of a Roman highway runs from hence to Alton. It is a rectory, with the mediety of Old Alresford, of L.49 : 12 : 8 in the king's books. It consists of about 200 houses; has one church; two principal streets, which are large and broad; and a small manufacture of linseys.

ALSA, a river of Carniola (Pliny), now the *Ausa*; running by Aquileia, with a short course from north to south, into the Adriatic; where Constantine, the son of Constantine the Great, fighting against Constans his brother, lost his life.

ALSACE, a province of France, bounded on the east by the Rhine, on the South by Swisserland, on the west by Lorrain, and on the north by the palatinate of the Rhine. It was formerly a part of Germany, but was given to France by the treaty of Munster. It is one of the most fruitful and plentiful provinces of Europe, abounding in corn, wine, wood, flax, tobacco, pulse, fruits, &c. The mountains which divide it from Lorrain are very high; and generally covered with fir, beech, oak, and horn-beam. Those on the side of Swisserland are less high; and furnished with all sorts of wood,

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wood, as well for fuel as building. The country itself is diversified with rising hills and fertile vales, besides large forests; but that between the rivers Ill, Hart, and the Rhine, as far as Strasburgh, is inferior to the rest, on account of the frequent overflowing of the Rhine. In High Alface there are mines of silver, copper, and lead. They however work none but those of Giromany, from which are annually drawn 1600 marks of silver, each mark being eight ounces; and 24,000 pounds of copper: but the expence of working them is almost equal to the profit. There are iron-works in several parts of Alface, and particularly at Betford. There is a mineral spring at Sultzbach, near Munster, in High Alface; which is in great reputation for the palsy, weakness of the nerves, and the gravel.—The original inhabitants of Alface are honest and good-natured, but wedded to their own manners and customs. The fruitfulness of their country renders them indolent and inactive; for the Swiss make their hay and reap their corn, as well as manage the vintage of High Alface, which sends a great deal of money out of the province. The common language is the German: however, the better sort of people speak French in the towns; and even in the country, they speak French well enough to be understood.

ALSEN, an island of Denmark in the lesser Belt, or entrance into the Baltick sea, between Sleswick and Funen. It is remarkable for nothing except two castles, and producing large crops of aniseeds, a carminative much used in seasoning the food and mixing with the bread all over the Danish dominions. E. Long. 10. 12. N. Lat. 55. 12.

ALSFIELD, a town of Germany, in the landgraviate of Hesse Cassel, ten miles north-west of Marpurg, and 35 south of Hesse Cassel. It is an ancient town, and well-built; and the inhabitants were the first of this country who embraced the Reformation. E. Long. 9. 5. N. Lat. 50. 40.

ALSHASH, a very beautiful city in Bukharia, supposed to be the same with that which is now called *Tashcant*, the capital of the Eastern part of Turkestan, possessed by the Kassats. It is situated on the river *Sihân*, now *Sir*, and had a well-watered garden for every house; but was ruined by Jenghiz Khan, who took the city, and caused a great number of its inhabitants to be massacred.

ALSHEDA, a parish of Sweden, in the province of Smaland, where a gold mine was discovered in 1731.

ALSINA, in botany, a synonyme of the theligonum. See THELIGONUM.

ALSINASTRUM, in botany, the trivial name and also a synonyme of the elatine. See ELATINE.

ALSINE, or CHICKWEED: A genus of the trigynia order, belonging to the pentandria class of plants; and, in the natural method, ranking under the 22d order, *Caryophyllei*. The characters are: The *calyx* is quinquephyllous: The *corolla* consists of five equal petals, longer than the calyx: The *stamina* consist of five capillary filaments; the antheræ are roundish: The  *pistillum* has an oval germen, three filiform styli, and obtuse stigmata: The *pericarpium* is an ovate unilocular capsule, with three valves: The *seeds* are roundish and numerous. Of this genus a great number of species are enumerated by some botanical writers; but none

of them possess any remarkable properties, except the media, or common chickweed, with white blossoms, which is so well known as to need no particular description.—This species affords a notable instance of what is called the *sleep of plants*: for, every night, the leaves approach in pairs, so as to include within their upper surfaces the tender rudiments of the new shoots; and the uppermost pair but one at the end of the stalk are furnished with longer leaf-stalks than the others; so that they can close upon the terminating pair, and protect the end of the branch. The young shoots and leaves, when boiled, can hardly be distinguished from spring spinach. They are deemed refrigerating and nutritive, and an excellent food for persons of a consumptive habit of body.—Swine are extremely fond of chickweed; cows and horses eat it; sheep are indifferent to it; and goats refuse it.

ALSIRAT, in the Mahometan theology, denotes a bridge laid over the middle of hell, finer than a hair, and sharper than the edge of a sword, over which people are to pass, after their trial, on the day of judgment. To add to the difficulty of the passage, Mahomet assures; that the alsirot, narrow as it is, is beset with briars and thorns; none of which, however, will be any impediment to the good, who shall fly over it like the wind; Mahomet and his Mussulmen lead the way; whereas the wicked, by the narrowness of the path, the entangling of the thorns, and extinction of the light which directed the former to paradise, will soon miss their footing, and tumble headlong into hell, which is gaping beneath to receive them.

ALSIUM, a city of ancient Etruria, occupying (according to Culverius) the spot on which *Pala* now stands. We are told by Dionysius Halicarnassensis, that Alsium was built by the Aborigines, long before the Tyrsenians invaded Italy. In this case it must have been founded not long after the dispersion in the days of Peleg. Its founder is said to have been one *Alæsus*, *Alesus*, or *Alisa*; whom some conjecture to have been Alifah, or Eliha, the son of Javan, mentioned in scripture.

ALSOP (Anthony), a divine and poet, was educated at Westminster-school, and thence elected to Christ-church, Oxford, where he took the degree of M. A. in March 1696, and of B. D. in Decem. 1706. On his coming to the university, he was very soon distinguished by Dean Aldrich, and published *Fabularum Æsopicarum Delectus*, Oxon, 1698, 8vo. with a poetical dedication to lord viscount Scudamore, and a preface in which he took part against Dr Bently in the famous dispute with Mr Boyle. He passed through the usual offices in his college to that of censor with considerable reputation; and for some years had the principal noblemen and gentlemen belonging to the society committed to his care. In this employment he continued till his merit recommended him to Sir Jonathan Trelawney, bishop of Winchester, who appointed him his chaplain, and soon after gave him a prebend in his own cathedral, together with the rectory of Brightwell in the county of Berks, which afforded him ample provision for a learned retirement, from which he could not be drawn by the repeated solicitations of those who thought him qualified for a more public character and a higher station. In 1717 an action was brought against him by Mrs Elizabeth Astrey of Oxford, for a breach;

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breach of a marriage-contract; and a verdict obtained against him for 2000*l.* which probably occasioned him to leave the kingdom for some time. His death, which happened June 10, 1726, was occasioned by his falling into a ditch that led to his garden-door. A quarto volume was published in 1752, under the title of *Antourii Alfopi, Ædis Christi olim Alumui Odarum libri duo*. Four English poems of his are in Doddsley's Collection, one in Pearch's; several in the early volumes of the Gentleman's Magazine, and some in "The Student." Mr Alfop is respectfully mentioned by the facetious Dr King of the Commons (vol. I. p. 236), as having enriched the commonwealth of learning, by "Translations of Fables from Greek, Hebrew, and Arabic;" and not less detractingly by Dr Bentley, under the name of "Tony Alfop, a late editor of the Æsopian Fables."

ALSOPI (Vincent), an eminent divine, was educated in St John's college in Cambridge, where he took the degree of Master of Arts. He received deacon's orders from a bishop, after which he went down into Rutlandshire, and settled at Oakham, where he was an assistant to the master of the free-school. As he was a man of a sprightly turn, he fell there into indifferent company; but was reclaimed by the frequent admonitions of the reverend Mr Benjamin King. He afterwards married that gentleman's daughter, and becoming a convert to his principles, received ordination in the Presbyterian way, not being satisfied with that which he had from the bishop. He was settled at Wilbee in the county of Northampton, whence he was ejected in 1662, for nonconformity. After this he ventured to preach sometimes at Oakham, and at Wellingborough where he lived, and was once six months in prison for praying by a sick person. A book he wrote against Dr Sherlock in a humorous style, made him well known to the world, and induced Mr Cawton, an eminent nonconformist in Westminster, to recommend him to his congregation for his successor. On receiving this call, he quitted Northamptonshire and came to London, where he preached constantly, and wrote several pieces which were extremely well received by the public. His living in the neighbourhood of the court exposed him to many inconveniences; but these ended with the reign of Charles II. or at least in the beginning of the next reign, when Mr Alfop's son engaging in treasonable practices was freely pardoned by king James. After this our divine went frequently to court, and is generally supposed to have been the person who drew the Presbyterian's address to that prince for his general indulgence. After the Revolution, Mr Alfop gave very public testimonies of his affection for the government; yet upon all occasions he spoke very respectfully of king James, and retained a very high sense of his clemency in sparing his only son. The remainder of his life he spent in the exercise of his ministry, preaching once every Lord's day; besides which he had a Thursday lecture, and was one of the lecturers at Pinner's hall. He lived to be a very old man, and preserved his spirits to the last. On grave subjects he wrote with a becoming seriousness; but where wit might properly be shown, he displayed his to great advantage. His funeral sermon was preached by Mr Slater, and his memory will be always preserved by his own learned

and elegant writings. Of these the most remarkable, besides his sermons, are, 1. *Antifozzo*; in vindication of some great truths opposed by Dr William Sherlock, 8vo, 1675. 2. *Melius Inquirendum*; in answer to Dr Goodman's Compassionate Inquiry, 8vo, 1679. 3. The Mischief of Impositions; in answer to Dr Stillingfleet's Mischief of Separation, 1680. 4. A Faithful Re-proof to a false Report, with reference to the Differences among the United Ministers in London, 8vo.

ALSTEDIUS (John Henry), a German Protestant divine, and one of the most indefatigable writers of the 17th century. He was some time professor of philosophy and divinity at Herborn in the county of Nassau: from thence he went into Transylvania, to be professor at Alba Julia; where he continued till his death, which happened in 1638, being then 50 years of age. His *Encyclopedia* has been much esteemed even by the Roman Catholics; it was printed at Lyons, and sold very well throughout all France. His *Thesaurus Chronologicus* is by some esteemed one of his best works, and has gone through several editions. He also wrote *Triumphus Biblicus*, to show that the principles of all arts and sciences are to be found in the Scriptures; but he gained very few to his opinion. He was a Millennarian; and published, in 1627, a treatise *De mille annis*, in which he asserted that the reign of the saints on earth was to begin in 1694.

ALSTON-MORE, a town in Cumberland, seated on a hill, at the bottom of which runs the river Tyne, with a stone bridge over it. Near this place is plenty of lead-ore. W. Long. 2. 4. N. Lat. 54. 45.

ALSTONIA, in botany; a genus of the monogynia order, belonging to the hexandria class of plants. The characters are: The *calyx* is a perianthium beneath, imbricated: The *corolla* is monopetalous, and shorter than the calyx; the border expanding, eight or ten parted, with alternate divisions: The *stamina* consist of numerous short filaments, the exterior ones longer; the antheræ are orbicular and furrowed: The *pistillum* has a small ovate germen above; a simple stylus the length of the corolla, filiform and erect; the stigma inverse egg-headed. There is but one species, the *theaformis*, a native of America.

ALSTROEMERIA, in botany: A genus of the monogynia order belonging to the hexandria class of plants; and, in the natural method, ranking under the 11th order, *Sarmentacea*. The characters are: There is no *calyx*: The *corolla* is nearly bilabiated; and consists of six petals, the two inferior tubular at the base: The *stamina* consist of six subulated filaments, declining and unequal; the antheræ oblong: The *pistillum* has an hexangular germen beneath; the stylus declining, filiform, the length of the stamina; and three oblong bifid stigmata: The *pericarpium* is a roundish hexangular capsule, with three cells and three valves: The *seeds* are globular and numerous. There are five species, natives of Italy and Peru.

ALT, in music, a term applied to the high notes in the scale.

ALTAIC CHAIN, a range of mountains which bounds Asia on the south. It begins at the vast mountain Bogdo, passes above the head of the Irtysh, and then takes a course rugged, precipitous, clothed with snow, and rich in minerals, between the Irtysh and Ob-

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Ob; then proceeds by the lake Telezkoi, the rise of the Ob; after which it retires in order to comprehend the great rivers which form the Jenesei, and are locked up in these high mountains; finally, under the name of the *Sainnes*, is uninterruptedly continued to the lake of Baikal. A branch insinuates itself between the sources of the rivers Onon and Ingoda, and those of Ichikoi, accompanied with very high mountains, running without interruption to the north-east, and dividing the river of Amur, which discharges itself into the east, in the Chinese dominions, from the river Lena and lake Baikal. Another branch stretches along the Olecma, crosses the Lena below Jakoutsk, and is continued between the two rivers Tongouka to the Jenesei, where it is lost in wooded and morassy plains. The principal chain, rugged with sharp-pointed rocks, approaches and keeps near the shores of the sea of Ockhotz, and passing by the sources of the river Outh, Alden, and Maia, is distributed in small branches, which range between the eastern rivers which fall into the Icy Sea; besides two principal branches, one of which, turning south, runs through all Kamtschatka, and is broken, from the cape Lopatka, into the numerous Kurile isles, and to the east forms another marine chain, in the islands which range from Kamtschatka to America; most of them, as well as Kamtschatka itself, distinguished by fierce volcanoes, or the traces of volcanic fires. The last chain forms chiefly the great cape Tschutski, with its promontories and rocky broken shores.

ALTAMONT, a very handsome town of Italy, in the kingdom of Naples, and in Calabria Citerior, 15 miles north-west of Basigniano. E. Long. 16. 22. N. Lat. 30. 40.

ALTAMURA, a town of Naples, in the territory of Bari, with the title of a principality, seated on the foot of the Apennine mountains. E. Long. 16. 54. N. Lat. 41. 0.

ALTAR, a place upon which sacrifices were anciently offered to some deity.

The heathens at first made their altars only of turf; afterwards they were made of stone, of marble, of wood, and even of horn, as that of Apollo in Delos.

Altars differed in figure as well as in materials. Some were round, others square, and others triangular. All of them were turned towards the east, and stood lower than the statues of the gods; and were generally adorned with sculpture, representing either the gods to whom they were erected, or their symbols. See the Pagan ALTARS represented on Plate XIII. Upon the sides of N<sup>o</sup>. 1. a trident and two dolphins are exhibited, which denote it to have been dedicated to Neptune. N<sup>o</sup>. 2. a four-square altar, was dedicated to the nymphs, as the inscription imports. N<sup>o</sup>. 3. exhibits a Bacchanal holding a thyrsus in his hand, a mark of the altar's being built to Bacchus: it had two other sides, which made it appear triangular. Of N<sup>o</sup>. 4. which was also triangular, each face or side exhibited a genius, one of whom (on the side represented) carries an oar upon his neck, which seems to denote it an altar of Neptune. N<sup>o</sup>. 5. an altar of a round shape, is inscribed *Ara Neptuni*: the god himself is there represented, all naked, saving the pallium upon his shoulder; and holding in his left hand a trident, and in his right a dolphin.

The height of altars also differed according to the

different gods to whom they sacrificed. According to Servius, those altars set apart for the honour of the celestial gods, and gods of the higher class, were placed on some pretty tall pile of building; and for that reason were called *altaria*, from the words *alta* and *ara*, "a high elevated altar." Those appointed for the terrestrial gods were laid on the surface of the earth, and called *aræ*. And, on the contrary, they dug into the earth and opened a pit for those of the infernal gods, which they called *βοθροι λακκοι*, "scrobiculi." But this distinction is not every where observed: the best authors frequently use *ara* as a general word, under which are included the altars of the celestial and infernal, as well as those of the terrestrial, gods. Witness Virgil, Ecl. 5.

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Where *aræ* plainly includes *altaria*; for, whatever we make of Daphnis, Phœbus was certainly a celestial god. So Cicero, pro Quint. *Aras delubraque Hecates in Græcia vidimus.* The Greeks also distinguished two sorts of altars; that whereon they sacrificed to the gods was called *βωμος*, and was a real altar, different from the others whereon they sacrificed to the heroes, which was smaller, and called *εσχαρα*. Pollux makes this distinction of altars in his Onomasticon; he adds, however, that some poets used the word *εσχαρα* for the altar whereon sacrifice was offered to the gods. The Septuagint version does sometimes also use the word *εσχαρα* for a sort of little low altar, which may be expressed in Latin by *craticula*; being a hearth rather than an altar.

Before temples were in use, altars were erected sometimes in groves, sometimes in the highways, and sometimes on the tops of mountains; and it was a custom to engrave upon them the name, ensign, or character, of the deity to whom they were consecrated.

In the great temples of ancient Rome there were ordinarily three altars: The first was placed in the sanctuary, at the foot of the statue of the divinity, upon which incense was burnt and libations offered; the second was before the gate of the temple, and upon it they sacrificed the victims; and the third was a portable altar, upon which was placed the offering and the sacred vessels.

Besides these uses of altars, the ancients swore upon them, and swore by them, in making alliances, confirming treaties of peace, and other solemn occasions. Altars also served as places of refuge to all those who fled to them, whatever crime they had committed.

Altars are doubtless as ancient as sacrifices themselves; consequently their origin is not much later than that of the world; Gen. ch. iv. Some attribute their origin to the Egyptians; others to the Jews; others to the patriarchs before the flood. Some carry them as far back as Adam, whose altar is much spoken of by Jewish, and even Christian writers. Others are contented to make the patriarch Enoch the first who consecrated a public altar. Be this as it will, the earliest altars we find any express testimony of are those erected by Abraham.

Altars, in the patriarchal times, were very rude. The altar which Jacob set up at Beth-el was nothing but a stone, which served him instead of a bolster; that of Gideon, a stone before his house: and the first which

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**Altar.** God commanded Moses to erect was probably of earth, or unpolished stones, without any iron; for if any use was made of that metal, the altar was declared impure.

The principal altars of the Jews were, The altar of *incense*; that of *burnt-offering*; and the *altar*, or *table*, for the *shew-bread*.

The *altar of incense* was a small table of shittim-wood, covered with plates of gold, of one cubit in length, another in width, and two in height. At the four corners, were four kinds of horns, and all round a little border or crown over it. This was the altar hidden by Jeremiah before the captivity; and upon it the officiating priest offered, every morning and evening, incense of a particular composition. See Plate XIII.

The *altar of burnt-offerings* was made of shittim-wood, and carried upon the shoulders of the priests by staves of the same wood overlaid with brass. In the time of Moses, this altar was five cubits square and three high; but in Solomon's temple it was much larger, being 20 cubits square and 10 in height. It was covered with brass; and at each corner was a horn or spire, wrought out of the same wood with the altar, to which the sacrifices were tied. Within the hollow was a grate of brass, on which the fire was made; through it fell the ashes, and were received in a pan below. At the four corners of the grate were four rings and four chains, which kept it up at the horns. This altar was placed in the open air, that the smoke of the burnt-offerings might not sully the inside of the tabernacle. See Plate XIII.

The *altar*, or *table*, for the *shew-bread*, was likewise of shittim-wood, covered with plates of gold, having a little border round it, adorned with sculpture. It was two cubits long, one wide, and one and an half in height. Upon this table, which stood in the holy of holies, were put, every sabbath-day, 12 loaves, with salt and incense.

The Jewish altars, after their return from the captivity, and the building of the second temple, were in some respects different from those described above. That of burnt-offerings was a large pile, built of unhewn stone, 32 cubits square at the bottom, and 24 square at the top. The ascent was by a gentle rising, 32 cubits in length, and 16 in breadth.

ALTAR, is also used among Christians for the Communion-table.

In the primitive church, the altars were only of wood; as being frequently to be removed from place to place. But the council of Paris, in 509, decreed that no altar should be built but of stone.—At first there was but one altar in each church; but the number soon increased; and from the writings of Gregory the Great, who lived in the sixth century, we learn, that there were sometimes in the same church 12 or 13. In the cathedral of Magdeburg there are no less than 49 altars.

The altar is sometimes sustained on a single column, as in the subterraneous chapels of St Cecilia, at Rome, &c.; and sometimes by four columns, as the altar of St Sebastian of Crypta Arcnaria; but the customary form is, to be a massive of stone-work, sustaining the altar-table. These altars bear a resemblance to tombs:

to this purpose, we read in church-history, that the primitive Christians chiefly held their meetings at the tombs of the martyrs, and celebrated the mysteries of religion upon them; for which reason, it is a standing rule to this day in the church of Rome, never to build an altar, without inclosing the relics of some saint in it.

ALTAR-THANE, or ALTARIST, in old law-books, an appellation given to the priest or parson of a parish, to whom the altarage belonged. See ALTARAGE.

ALTARAGE, in law, altars erected in virtue of donations, before the Reformation, within a parochial church, for the purpose of singing a mass for deceased friends.

ALTARAGE likewise signifies the profits arising to the priest on account of the altar.

AL-TAYEFF, a town of Hajaz, a district of Arabia Felix. It is situated about 60 miles east of Mecca, behind mount Gazwan, where the cold is more intense than in any other part of the district, but the air very wholesome. Its territory abounds in fountains, and produces excellent raisins. The town is surrounded with a wall, but is not very large.

ALTDORF, a large handsome town in Switzerland, and the chief of the canton of Uri. It is situated below the lake of the four cantons, in a plain, at the foot of a mountain, whose passages are difficult, and serve instead of fortifications. It has four churches and two convents; St Martin's church and that of the Holy Cross are the finest. The town-house and the arsenal are also worth seeing. E. Long. 8. 30. N. Lat. 46. 50.

ALTEA, a sea-port town of Valencia, in Spain. It was taken in 1705, in favour of the archduke Charles; but lost after the battle of Almanza. W. Long. 0. 15. N. Lat. 46. 34.

ALTEMBURG, a town of Transylvania, 17 miles S. W. of Wisemburg, and 35 S. of Clausenburg. E. Long. 23. 5. N. Lat. 46. 25.

ALTENA, a sea-port town of Germany, in the duchy of Holstein, in Lower Saxony. It is a modern town, built by the king of Denmark, and was burnt by the Swedes in 1712; but has since been beautifully re-built. The merchandize brought from Asia, by the Danish East-India company, is sold here. E. Long. 10. 0. N. Lat. 53. 51.

ALTENBERG, an ancient town of Germany situated on the river Pleiss, with a good castle placed on a rock, in Misnia, in the circle of the Upper Saxony. It was formerly an imperial city, but at present belongs to the house of Saxony. Here is a college which has always been in a flourishing condition. In 1705, there was a nunnery founded for women of a high rank, who are Protestants. E. Long. 15. 8. N. Lat. 50. 59.

ALTENBURG, a small fortified town of Hungary, in the territory of Moson, near the Danube, about 55 miles from Vienna. E. Long. 35. 30. N. Lat. 48. 15.

ALTENBURG, or OWAR, a small but strong town of Hungary, seated in a marsh, with wide streets. It is near the river Danube, and is surrounded with deep ditches. It is 15 miles south of Presburg, 40 south-east of Vienna, and 65 south-west of Buda. E. Long. 17. 56. N. Lat. 44. 0.

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**ALTERANTS**, or *ALTERATIVE Medicines*, such as correct the bad qualities of the blood and other humours, without occasioning any sensible evacuation.

**ALTERATION**, in physics, the acts of changing the circumstances and manner of a thing; its general nature and appearance remaining the same. Or, it is an accidental and partial change in a body; without proceeding so far as to make the subject quite unknown, or to take a new denomination thereupon.—Or, it may be defined, the acquisition or loss of such qualities as are not essential to the form of the body. Thus, a piece of iron, which before was cold, is said to be *altered*, when it is made hot; since it may still be perceived to be iron, is called by that name, and has all the properties thereof. By this *alteration* is distinguished from *generation* and *corruption*; those terms expressing an acquisition or loss of the essential qualities of a thing.—The modern philosophers, after the ancient chemists and corpuscularians, hold all *alteration* to be effected by means of local motion. According to them, it always consists either in the emission, accession, union, separation, or transposition, of the component particles.

**ALTERCATION**, a debate or contest between two friends or acquaintance. The word comes from *altercari*, which anciently signified to converse or hold discourse together.—Thus, we say, They never come to an open quarrel, but there is continually some little *altercation* or other.

**ALTERN-BASE**, in trigonometry, a term used in contradistinction to the true base. Thus in oblique triangles, the true base is either the sum of the sides, and then the *difference* of the sides is called the *altern-base*; or the true base is the difference of the sides, and then the *sum* of the sides is called the *altern-base*.

**ALTERNATE**, in a general sense, a term applied to such persons or things as succeed each other by turns. Thus, two who command each his day, are said to have an alternate command, or to command alternately.

**ALTERNATE**, in heraldry, is said in respect of the situation of the quarters. Thus the first and fourth quarters, and the second and third, are usually of the same nature, and are called *alternate quarters*.

**ALTERNATE**, in botany, when the leaves or branches of plants arise higher on opposite sides alternately.

**ALTERNATION**, in its primary sense, denotes a succession by turns.

**ALTERNATION** is sometimes used to express the different changes or alterations of orders in any number of things proposed. This is also called *permutation*, &c. and is easily found by a continual multiplication of all the numbers, beginning at unity. Thus, if it be required to know how many changes or alternations can be rung on six bells, multiply the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, continually into one another; and the last product gives the number of changes.

**ALTERNATIVE**, is particularly used for the choice of two things proposed. In this sense we say, to take the *alternative* of two propositions.

**ALTHÆA**, MARSHMALLOW: A genus of the polyandria order, belonging to the monodelphia class of plants; and, in the natural method, ranking under the 37th order, *Columnifera*. The characters are: The calyx is a double perianthium, the exterior one nine-cleft:

The *corolla* consists of five petals, coalesced at the base: The *stamina* consist of numerous filaments inserted into the corolla; the antheræ are kidney-shaped. The *perispermium* has an orbicular germ; a short cylindrical stylus; and numerous bristly stigmata, the length of the stylus: The *pericarpium* consist of numerous arillæ: The *seeds* are solitary, and kidney-shaped. There are three

*Species*. 1. The *vulgaris*, or common marshmallow, is a native of Britain, and hath a perennial root, and an annual stalk, which perishes every autumn. The stalks grow erect to the height of four or five feet. These are garnished with leaves which are hoary, soft to the touch, and placed alternately on the branches. The flowers come out from under the wings of the leaves, like the mallow, and are of a purplish white. 2. The *hirsuta*, or hairy marshmallow, is a native of Spain and Portugal. It is a low plant, whose branches trail on the ground, unless they are supported by stakes. The leaves and stalks are beset with strong hairs, the flowers come out like those of the common sort, but are smaller, and have purplish bottoms. 3. The *cannabina*, or shrubby marshmallow, is a native of Hungary and Istria. It has a woody stem, which rises to the height of four or five feet; and puts out many side-branches. The flowers come out in the same manner as in the others, but are of a deeper red colour. This sort seldom flowers the first year, unless the summer proves warm; but when the plants live through the winter, they will flower early in the following summer, and produce good seeds.

*Culture*. Though the first sort is found naturally in salt marshes, it will thrive when transplanted into any soil, or in any situation; however, it will always grow larger in moist than in dry soil. It may be propagated either by parting the roots in autumn when the stalks decay, or by sowing the seeds in the spring. If the seeds of the second species are sown in April, the plants will flower in July, and carry ripe seed in September. They ought to be sown in the places where they are to remain, as the roots shoot deep in the ground; so that unless the plants are removed very young, they seldom survive it. The seeds of the *cannabina* ought also to be sown where the plants are to remain, for the reason just now given. They should have a sheltered situation and dry soil, otherwise they will not live through the winter. Indeed they seldom continue in Britain above two years, with all the care that can be taken of them.

*Medicinal Uses*. The first is the only species used in medicine. The whole plant, especially the root, abounds with a mild mucilage. It has the general virtues of an emollient medicine; and proves serviceable in a thin acrimonious state of the juices, and where the natural mucus of the intestines is abraded. It is chiefly recommended in sharp defluxions upon the lungs, hoarseness, dysenteries; and likewise in nephritic and calculous complaints: not, as some have supposed, that this medicine has any peculiar power of dissolving or expelling the calculus; but as, by lubricating and relaxing the vessels, it procures a more free and easy passage. The root is sometimes employed externally for softening and maturing hard tumours; chewed, it is said to give ease in difficult dentition of children.

This root gave name to an officinal syrup, decoction,

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tion, and ointment; and was likewise an ingredient in the compound powder of gum tragacanth and the oil and plaster of mucilages. But of all these formulæ the syrup alone is now retained.

*ALTHÆA Frutex.* See HIBISCUS.

ALTIMETRY, the art of measuring altitudes or heights, whether accessible or inaccessible. See GEOMETRY.

ALTIN, a money of account in Muscovy; worth three *copecs*; one hundred of which make a ruble, worth about 4s. 6d. sterling.

ALTIN, a lake in Siberia, from whence issues the river Ob, or Oby, in N. Lat. 52. 0. E. Long. 85°. 55. This lake is called by the Russians *Teloskoi Ozero*, from the Teleffi, a Tartarian nation, who inhabit the borders of it, and who give it the name of *Altin-Kul*. By the Calmucks it is called *Altinnor*. It is near ninety miles long and 50 broad, with a rocky bottom. The north part of it is sometimes frozen so hard as to be passable on foot, but the southern part is never covered with ice. The water in the Altin lake, as well as in the rivers which run through the adjacent places, only rises in the middle of summer, when the snows on the mountains are melted by the heat of the sun.

ALTINCAR, among mineralists, a species of factitious salt used in the fusion and purification of metals.

The altincar is a sort of flux powder. Divers ways of preparing it are given by Libavius.

ALTING (Henry), professor of divinity at Heidelberg and Groningen, was born at Embden in 1583, of a family which had been long conspicuous in Friseland. His father, Menso Alting, was the first, who, with two others, preached the reformation in the territory of Groningen, about the year 1566, under the tyrannical government of the duke of Alva; and the first that preached in the great church of Groningen, after the reduction of that town by the States General in 1594. Henry was chosen, in 1605, preceptor to the three young counts of Nassau, Solms, and Izenberg. After various difficulties, he settled at Groningen, where he continued till his death, August 25. 1644. He was a sound protestant divine, a pious Christian, a useful member of society in many respects, and one who suffered much for the truth. Most of his works were never published; those which have been are the following: *Notæ in decadem problematum J. Behm.* 1618. *Loci communes explicatio catecheseos Palatinae*, 1646, in 3 vols. *Exegesis Augustanæ confes.* 1647. *Methodus theologiae*, 1650. It appears from the catalogue of his works annexed to his life, that the *Medulla hist. profanae*, published by Dr Pareus, was composed by Alting. The most remarkable piece among Alting's MS. is, The ecclesiastical history of the Palatinate, from the reformation to the administration of John Casimir.

ALTING (James), son of the former, was born at Heidelberg in 1618. He travelled into England in 1640, where he was ordained by the learned Dr Prideaux, bishop of Worcester. He afterwards accepted of the professorship of Groningen, vacant by the death of Gomarus; but his situation was rendered very disagreeable by the continual disputes which he had with his colleague Sam. des Marets, who favoured the school-divinity. He died in 1697. He recommended the edition of his works to Menso Alting (author of *Notitia*

*German. Infer. Antiquæ*, fol. Amst. 1679); but they were published in 5 vols. folio, with his life, by Mr Bekker of Amsterdam. They contain various analytical, exegetical, practical, problematical, and philosophical tracts, which show his great industry and knowledge. Alting was a divine greatly addicted to the text of the scripture, to Cocceianism, and Rabbiniism. He preached well in German, Dutch, and English.

ALTITUDE, accessible, and inaccessible. See GEOMETRY.

The method of taking considerable terrestrial altitudes, of which those of mountains are the greatest, by means of the barometer, is very easy and expeditious. It is done by observing, on the top of the mountain, how much the mercury has fallen below what it was at the foot of the mountain. See BAROMETER.

ALTITUDE of the Eye, in perspective, is a right line let fall from the eye, perpendicular to the geometrical plane.

ALTITUDE, in astronomy, is the distance of a star, or other point, in the mundane sphere, from the horizon.

This altitude may be either *true* or *apparent*.—If it be taken from the rational or real horizon, the altitude is said to be true or real; if from the apparent or sensible horizon, the altitude is apparent.—Or rather, the apparent altitude is such as it appears to our observation; and the *true* is that from which the refraction has been subtracted.

The true altitudes of the sun, fixed stars, and planets, differ but very little from their apparent altitudes; because of their great distance from the centre of the earth, and the smallness of the earth's semidiameter, when compared thereto. But the difference between the true and apparent altitude of the moon is about 52. This subject is further explained under ASTRONOMY.

ALTITUDE Instrument, or Equal Altitude Instrument, is that used to observe a celestial object when it has the same altitude on the east and west sides of the meridian. See ASTRONOMY, the last section.

ALTKIRK, a town of Alsace in Germany, situated on the river Ill, in N. Lat. 47. 40. and E. Long. 7. 15.

ALTMORE, a town of Ireland, in the county of Tyrone, and province of Ulster, situated in N. Lat. 54. 34. and W. Long. 7. 2.

ALTON, a town in Hampshire, seated on the river Wey; W. Long. 0. 46. N. Lat. 51. 5. It is governed by a constable; and consists of about 300 houses, indifferently built, chiefly laid out in one pretty broad street. It has one church, a Presbyterian, and a Quaker meeting, a famous free school, a large manufacture of plaid and figured baragons, ribbed druggets, and ferges de Nifines; and round the town is a large plantation of hops.

ALTON, or AVELTON, a village in Staffordshire, five miles north of Uttoxeter. There are the ruins of a castle here, which some would have to be built before the Norman conquest; but Dr Plott is pretty certain that it was erected by Theobald de Verdum, in the beginning of the reign of Edward II. A great part of the walls are still standing, but they are in a very ruinous condition.

ALTO *et* BASSO, or in ALTO & in BASSO, in law, signifies

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signifies the absolute reference of all differences, small and great, high and low, to some arbitrator or indifferent person.—*Pateat univērsis per præsentes, quod Wilhelmus Tylar de Yetton, & Thomas Gower de Amestres, posuerunt se in Alto & in Basso, in arbitrio quatuor hominum; viz. de quadam querela pendente inter eos in curia.—Nos & terram nostram altè & bassè ipsius domini Regis supposuimus voluntati.*

*ALTO-Relievo.* See RELIEVO.

*ALTO-Ripieno*, in music, the tenor of the great chorus which sings and plays only now and then in some particular places.

**ALTORF**, a town of the circle of Franconia, in Germany. It has a physic garden, with 2000 different plants; a theatre for dissections, which has many curiosities in the anatomical way; and a handsome library. It is subject to the house of Brandenburg; and is seated on the confines of Bavaria, 15 miles from Nuremberg. E. Long. 9. 35. N. Lat. 47. 46.

**ALT-RANSTADT**, a town in Saxony, famous for the treaty between Charles XII. king of Sweden and Augustus elector of Saxony, in 1706, wherein the latter resigned the kingdom of Poland.

**ALTRINGHAM**, a town of Cheshire in England, upon the borders of Lancashire, seven miles from Manchester. W. Long. 1. 30. N. Lat. 53. 25.

**ALTZEG**, a town of Germany in the Lower Palatinate, the capital of a territory of the same name, with an old castle. W. Long. 7. 25. N. Lat. 49. 44.

**ALVA DE TORMES**, a considerable town in Spain, in the kingdom of Leon, and territory of Salamanca, with a very handsome castle. It is seated on the north bank of the river Tormes. W. Long. 6. 1. N. Lat. 41. 0.

**ALVAH**, the wood wherewith Moses sweetened the waters of Marah, Exod. ch. xv. ver. 25.—The name of this wood is not found in scripture; but the Malometans give it that of *alvah*, and pretend to trace its history from the patriarchs before the flood. Josephus, on the contrary, says, that Moses used the wood which he found next lying before him.

**ALVARES DE LUNA**, or as some call him **ALVARO**, is a character too edifying to be omitted in this work. He was the favourite of John II. king of Castile: was famous for the prodigious ascendancy he gained over this prince, and for the punishment which at length overtook him. He was natural son of Don Alvaro de Luna, Lord of Canete in Arragon, and of a woman infamous for unbounded lust. He was born in 1388, and named Peter; but Anti-Pope Benedict XIII. who was charmed with his wit tho' yet a child, changed Peter to Alvares. He was introduced to court in 1408, and made a gentleman of the bedchamber to king John, with whom he grew into the highest favour. In 1427 he was obliged to retire: the courtiers exerted all their endeavours to ruin him: they complained, that a man of no military skill, of no virtues whatever, should, by mere artifice and dissimulation, be advanced to the highest authority; and they could not bear that, by the assistance of a few upstart men, whom he had raised and fixed to his interest, he should reign as absolutely as if he were king.

They prevailed against him, and Alvares was banished from court a year and an half: but this was the greatest affliction imaginable to the king; who show-

ed all marks of distress the moment he was removed from his presence, and now thought and spoke of nothing but Alvares. He was therefore recalled; and, being invested with his usual authority, revenged himself severely upon his enemies, by persuading the king to banish them. Of the 45 years he spent at court, he enjoyed for thirty of them so entire an ascendancy over the king, that nothing could be done without his express orders: nay, it is related by Mariana, that the king could not change an officer or servant, or even his clothes or diet, without the approbation of Alvares. In short, he wanted nothing to complete his grandeur but the name of king: he had all the places in the kingdom at his disposal; he was master of the treasury, and by bounties had so gained the hearts of the subjects, that the king, though his eyes now were opened, and his affections sufficiently turned against him, durst not complain.

But the day of reckoning was approaching, and at length he was seized; yet not directly, openly, and violently, but with some of that management which upon a similar occasion was formerly employed by Tiberius against Sejanus. During his confinement, he made several attempts to speak to the king in person; but not being able to effect this, he sent the following letter, from which, as well as from the rest of Alvares's history, all court favourites may draw abundant matter for edification and instruction. "Sir, it is five and forty years since I was admitted into your service. I do not complain of the rewards I have received: they were greater than my merits or expectation, as I shall not deny. There was but one thing wanted to complete my happiness; and that was to have fixed proper limits in time to this great fortune of mine. While, instead of choosing retirement, after the example of the greatest men, I still continued in the employment, which I thought not only my duty, but necessary for your interest, I fell into this misfortune. It is very hard that I should be deprived of liberty, when I have risked life and fortune more than once to restore it to you. Grief prevents me from saying more. I know that the Deity is provoked against me by my sins; but it will be sufficient for me, if his anger is appeased by the calamities I now suffer. I can no longer bear the prodigious mass of riches, which it was wrong in me to have heaped together. I should willingly resign them, but that every thing I have is in your power; and I am denied the opportunity of showing mankind, that you have raised a person to the height of greatness, who can contemn wealth as well as procure it, and give it back to him from whom he received it. But I desire you in the strongest terms, that, as I was obliged by the lowness of the treasury to raise 10,000 or 12,000 crowns by methods I ought not to have taken, you will restore them to the persons from whom they were extorted. If you will not grant this on account of the services I have done, yet I think it necessary to be done from the reason of the thing."

This letter, however, produced no effect in his favour: Alvares was tried, and condemned to lose his head. After condemnation, he was removed to Valladolid; and, having confessed himself, and received the sacrament, he was carried upon a mule to the market place,

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Aludels. in the middle of which a large scaffold was erected. Mounting the scaffold he paid reverence to the cross, and presently gave his hat and signet to his page, saying, "These are the last gifts you will ever receive from me." He then submitted himself to the axe with the utmost intrepidity. Dr Geddes relates, that he was executed the 4th of June, others the 5th of July, 1453.

ALUDELS, in chemistry, are earthen pots without bottoms, inserted into each other, and used in sublimations.

ALVEARIUM, in anatomy, the bottom of the *concha*, or hollow of the outer ear.

ALVEARIUM also signifies a bee-hive. The word is formed of *alveus*, a "channel or cavity;" in allusion to the *alveoli*, or cells in bee-hives.

Some of the ancients used also the word *alvearium* for a bee-house, more usually called among us *apiary*.

ALVEARIUM is sometimes also used figuratively, to denote a collection. In which sense, *alvearium* amounts to much the same with what we otherwise call *thesaurus*, *cornucopia*, or the like. Vinc. Boreus has published an *alvearium* of law.

ALVEOLUS, in natural history, the name of the waxen cells in bee-hives. Also the name of a sea-fossil of a conic figure, composed of a number of cells, like bee-hives, joined into each other, with a pipe of communication.

ALVEOLUS, in anatomy, the sockets in the jaws wherein the teeth are fixed.—Some writers speak of teeth growing without alveoli. Pliny mentions a person who had a tooth in his palate. Eustachius relates, that he saw a man who at 60 had a tooth growing out of the middle of his fauces. Holler gives an instance of a person, whose teeth were of a piece with his jaws, without any insertion into alveoli.

ALUM, in chemistry, a clear and transparent saline matter, usually sold in large masses, of a very austere and astringent taste, useful in medicine and in various arts.

Most of the alum to be met with is artificially prepared by the methods related in their proper place under the article CHEMISTRY, or by others similar to them; though sometimes a small quantity is produced naturally. This native alum is mixed with heterogeneous matters, or effloresces in various forms upon the ores during calcination. It rarely occurs in a crystallized state, though thus it is said to be met with in Egypt, Sardinia, Spain, Bohemia, and other places. It is also found in the waters, impregnated with fixed air, but very seldom in fountains or hot medicated waters.

There are several kinds of alum, to be met with; but these differ from one another only in being mixed with some salts which are not of the aluminous kind. That called the Roman alum has been considered as preferable to any other. This is usually met with in small crystals, and has a reddish colour, most probably owing to a small quantity of calx of iron, which, however, does not in the least impair its qualities. The other kinds of alum contain a portion either of vitriolated tartar or sal ammoniac, according to the nature of the alkali used in its preparation. Mr Bergman informs us, that the vegetable alkali, if pure, does not hurt the alum, though it be added in the preparation; but that the volatile alkali, by adulterating it with a

portion of vitriolic sal ammoniac, renders it unfit for some purposes. The alum, made by adding a portion of clay to the liquor at the beginning of the boiling, he considers as equal, if not superior, to Roman alum. He informs us also, that a kind of alum some time ago began to be manufactured at Brunswick, which was equal in quality to the Roman alum. On a chemical analysis of this alum he found it mixed with cobalt.

This salt is extremely useful in the art of dyeing; as by means of it a great number of colours are fixed and rendered permanent upon cloth, which otherwise would either not adhere in any degree, or only for a very short time. In what manner this is accomplished we are very much ignorant; the conjectures and theories on this subject are related under the article DYEING. It constitutes the basis of crayons, which generally consist of the earth of alum finely powdered and tinged for the purpose. In the preparation of Prussian blue, it prevents the basis of martial vitriol, which is soluble in acids, from being precipitated by the superfluous alkali employed in the preparation of that pigment; that is, the alkali which is not saturated by the colouring matter. As this basis adheres more strongly than the clay to the vitriolic acid, and would form a green by the mixture of its yellowness, the white earth of alum likewise, according to its quantity, dilutes the darker colours, even black itself, and produces an infinite number of shades. It is also of use in the making of candles; for being mixed with the tallow, it gives it an hardness and consistence which it has not naturally. Wood sufficiently soaked in a solution of alum does not easily take fire, and the same is true of paper impregnated with it; which for that reason is very properly employed in preserving gun-powder, as it also excludes the moisture of the air. Paper impregnated with alum is useful in whitening silver, and silvering brass without heat. Alum is also of use in tanning, where it assists in restoring the cohesions of the skins almost entirely destroyed by the lime. Vintners fine down their wines, &c. with alum; fishers use it to dry codfish with; and bakers have mixed it with the flour to make their bread compact and white: to this last use of it great objections have been made, but unjustly, for it is entirely innocent, and now seldom used.

In medicine it is of considerable use as an astringent and tonic. It is reckoned particularly serviceable for restraining hemorrhagies, and immoderate secretions from the blood; but less proper in intestinal fluxes. In violent hemorrhagies, it may be given in doses of 15 or 20 grains, and repeated every hour or half hour till the bleeding abates: in other cases, smaller doses are more advisable; large ones being apt to nauseate the stomach, and occasion violent constipations of the bowels. It is used also externally, in astringent and repellent lotions and collyria. Burnt alum taken internally has been highly extolled in cases of colic. In such instances, when taken to the extent of a scruple for a dose, it has been said gently to move the belly, and give very great relief from the severe pain. Its officinal preparations are, for internal use, *pulvis stypticus*, and *aqua styptica* for external applications, the *aqua aluminis*, and *coagulum aluminis* and *alumen ustum*; which last is no other than the alum dried by fire, or freed from the watery moisture, which, like other salts, it always retains in its crystalline form. By this



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this loss of its water it becomes sharper, so as to act as a slight escharotic; and it is chiefly with this intention that it is employed in medicine, being very rarely taken internally. For these preparations, see PHARMACY.

*ALUM Mines* are said to have been first found in Italy in the year 1460; and in 1506 king Henry VII. made a monopolizing grant of this commodity to Augustine Chigi, a merchant of Sienna. In the year 1603 the manufacture of alum was first invented, and successively practised in England, meeting with great encouragement in Yorkshire, where it was first made, from Lord Sheffield, and other gentlemen of that county. King James I. by advice of his ministry, assumed the monopoly of it to himself, and therefore prohibited the importation of foreign alum; and in 1625 the importation of it was further prohibited by the proclamation of Charles I.

*ALUM-works*, places where alum is prepared, and manufactured in quantities for sale. They differ from alum-mines, as in the former an artificial alum, and in the latter natural alum, is produced.

*ALUNTIUM, ALONTIUM*, (anc. geog.), a town in the north of Sicily, situated on a steep eminence, at the mouth of the Chydas; said to be as old as the war of Troy. Now in ruins; from which arose the hamlet *St Filadelfo*, in the Val di Demona. The inhabitants were called *Haluntini*.

*ALVUS*, in anatomy, a term used for the belly in general, but more frequently applied to the bowels.

*ALWAIIDII*, a sect of Mahometans who believe all great crimes to be unpardonable.—The Alwaidii stand in opposition to the Morgii. They attribute less efficacy to the true belief in the salvation of men than the rest of the Mussalmans.

*ALYSSUM, ALLYSON, or ALLYSOIDES*, Madwort; (from *αλυσσα*, to be mad; because it was believed to have the property of curing madness): A genus of the filiculosa order, belonging to the tetradynamia class of plants: and, in the natural method, ranking under the 39th order, *Siliquosa*. The characters are: The calyx is an oblong four-leav'd perianthium: The corolla consists of four cruciform petals; with claws the length of the calyx, the petals shorter: The stamina consist of six filaments, the length of the calyx, two of them rather shorter and denticulated; the antheræ are erect and expanding: The pistillum has an ovate germen; the stylus is simple, and the length of the stamina; the stigma is obtuse: The pericarpium is a sub-globular emarginated filicle, furnished with a bilocular stylus, having an elliptic partition: The seeds are few, orbicular, and affixed to filiform receptacles.

*Species*. Of this genus, Linnæus enumerates 19 species; but none of them are remarkable either for beauty, or any other property, except the halimifolium, or madwort with whole spear-shaped leaves. This spreads itself upon the ground, and never rises to any height. It produces, at the extremity of its branches, very pretty tufts of small white flowers; of which it is seldom destitute for six or seven months successively; for which reason it well deserves a place in the gardens of the curious.

*Culture*. Though these plants are natives of the southern parts of Europe; yet, if planted on a dry, lean, or rubbishy soil, they will endure the severest win-

ters in the open air.—The halimifolium seldom continues above two or three years, and must therefore be often sown to preserve it; or, if the seeds are suffered to fall, the plants will rise without any trouble. It may also be propagated by cuttings, which ought to be planted in April or May, and are very apt to take root, if kept shaded in the heat of the day, and gently refreshed with water.

This plant, as already observed, was thought to cure some kinds of madness; but the present practice has entirely rejected it for this or any other purpose.

*ALYTARCHA*, a priest of Antioch in Syria, who, in the games instituted in honour of the gods, presided over the officers who carried rods to clear away the crowd and keep order.

In the Olympic games, the alytarches had the same command, and obliged every person to preserve order and decency.

*ALZIRA*, a town of Spain, in the kingdom of Valencia, seated on the river Xucar. E. Long. 0. 20. N. Lat. 39. 10.

*AMA*, in ecclesiastical writers, denotes a vessel wherein wine, water, or the like, were held, for the service of the eucharist. In this sense the word is also written amula: sometimes also hama, and hamula.

*AMA* is sometimes also used for a wine-measure, as a cask, pipe, or the like.

*AMABYR*, a barbarous custom which formerly prevailed in several parts of England and Wales, being a sum of money paid to the lord when a maid was married within his lordship. The word is old British, and signifies "the price of virginity."

*AMADABAT*, a corruption from *AHMED ABAD*, or *Ahmed's city* (so called from a king of that name); a large and populous city of Indostan, and the capital of the province of Guzerat. It is situated in E. Long. 72. 12. N. Lat. 23. 0. Amadabat was formerly called *Guzerat*, and by Shah Jehân nicknamed *Gherd-abâd*, or "the habitation of dust," because it was much incommoded therewith. It was the seat of the Guzerat kings, as it is now of the Mogul governor. The city stands in a beautiful plain; and is watered by the little river Sabremetti, which, though not deep, in time of rains overflows the plain prodigiously. The walls are built with stone and brick, flanked at certain distances with great round towers and battlements. It has twelve gates; and, including the suburbs, is about four miles and an half long. The streets are wide. The *meydân shâh*, or king's square, is 700 paces long and 400 broad, planted round with trees. On the west side is the castle, well walled with free stone, and as spacious as a little city; but its inward appearance is not conformable to its external magnificence. The caravanera is on the south of the square, and its chief ornament. Near the meydan also is the king's palace, whose apartments are richly ornamented: and in the midst of the city is the English factory, where they purchase fine chintz, calicoes, and other Indian merchandize. The place is so full of gardens stored with fruit trees, that from an eminence it looks like a wood. The Hindoos have here an hospital for sick beasts, and another for sick birds, which they take great care of. According to some late accounts, this city is little inferior to the best in Europe, and is thought to yield ten times as much revenue as Surat.

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AMADAN, or HAMADAN, a town of Persia between Taurus and Ispahan, E. Long. 47. 4. N. Lat. 35. 15. It is seated at the foot of a mountain, where there are a great many springs, which water the adjacent country. The extent of the city is very large; but there are a great many waste spots within it, as well as cultivated land. The houses are built of brick hardened in the sun, and have but a very indifferent aspect. There is but one tolerable street; and that is where stuffs, garments, and the like, are exposed to sale: it is straight, long, and wide; and the shops are very well furnished. The adjacent parts are fruitful in corn and rice, inasmuch that the neighbouring provinces are supplied from hence. It is said to enjoy a very salubrious air, but the cold in winter is intense. The Armenians have a church in this town, but it is a very ill-contrived structure. The Jews have a synagogue near a tomb, where they pretend Esther and Mordecai lie interred. To this place they come in pilgrimage from several parts of the Levant. About a league from Amadan, there is a mountain called *Nalbana*, which abounds with all sorts of curious herbs. In the spring, people flock to this mountain from all parts to recover their health, by sucking in the salutary effluvia with their breath.

Amadan is a very ancient city. It is said to have been destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar, and rebuilt by Darius, who brought hither all his riches. The kings of Persia frequently retired to this place on account of its delightful situation; for which reason it obtained the name of the *Royal city*. It was conquered by the khalif Othman, and narrowly escaped being destroyed by Jenghiz Khan in 1220. It had then strong walls and a good castle which are now in ruins. Its present beauty consists in its gardens and springs.

AMADANAGER, a town in the hither peninsula of India, in the province of Decan. E. Long. 74. 15. N. Lat. 18. 10.—It was taken by the Moguls in 1598, after a siege of six months; being at that time defended by a strong castle, situated on an eminence, and surrounded with deep ditches, into which several springs discharged their waters.

AMADIA, a trading town of Asia, in Curdistan, belonging to the Turks; seated on a high mountain. E. Long. 43. 1. N. Lat. 36. 25.

AMADOW, a kind of black-match, tinder, or touch-wood, which comes from Germany. It is made of a sort of large mushrooms, or spongy excrescences, which commonly grow on old trees, especially oaks, ash, and firs. This substance being boiled in common water, and afterwards dried and well beaten, is then put into a strong ley prepared with salt-petre, after which it is again put to dry in an oven. The druggists sell this match wholesale in France, and several hawkers retail it. Some give to the amadow the name of *Pyro-technical Sponge*, because of its aptness to take fire.

AMADOWRY, a kind of cotton which comes from Alexandria, by the way of Marseilles.

AMAIN, in the sea-language, a term importing to lower something at once. Thus, to *strike amain*, is to lower, or to let fall, the top-sails; to *wave amain*, is to make a signal, by waving a drawn sword, or the like, as a demand that the enemy strike their top-sails.

AMAK, a small island in the Baltic sea, near Copenhagen, from which it is separated by a canal,

over which there is a draw-bridge. Amak is about four miles long and two broad; and is chiefly peopled by the descendants of a colony from East Friesland, to whom the island was consigned by Christian II. at the request of his wife Elizabeth, sister of Charles V. for the purpose of supplying her with vegetables, cheese, and butter. From the intermarriages of these colonies with the Danes, the present inhabitants are chiefly descended; but as they wear their own dress, and enjoy peculiar privileges, they appear a distinct race from the natives. The island contains about six villages, and between 3000 and 4000 souls. It has two churches, in which the ministers preach occasionally in Dutch and Danish. The inhabitants have their own inferior tribunals; but in capital offences are amenable to the king's court of justice at Copenhagen. The old national habit, brought by the original colony when they first migrated to the island, is still in use amongst them. It resembles the habit of the ancient Quakers, as represented in the pictures of the Dutch and Flemish painters. The men wear broad-brimmed hats, black jackets, full glazed breeches of the same colour, loose at the knee, and tied round the waist. The women were dressed chiefly in black jackets and petticoats, with a piece of blue glazed cloth bound round their heads. The island is laid out in gardens and pastures; and still, according to the original design, supplies Copenhagen with milk, butter, and vegetables. E. Long. 12. 10. N. Lat. 55. 20.

AMAL, a town of Sweden, in the province of Daland, seated on the river Weser. It has a good harbour; and carries on a great trade, especially in timber, deals, and tar. E. Long. 12. 40. N. Lat. 58. 50.

AMALEK, the son of Eliphaz, by Timna his concubine, and the grandson of Esau. Gen. xxxvi. 12. and 1. Chr. i. 36. Amalek succeeded Gatam in the government of Edom. He was the father of the Amalekites; a powerful people who dwelt in Arabia Petraea, between the Dead Sea and the Red Sea, or between Havila and Shur (1. Sam. xv. 7.); sometimes in one canton, and sometimes in another. It does not appear that they had cities: for there is no mention of any but one in the Scriptures (*id. ib.* 5.); they living generally in hamlets, caves, or tents.

The Israelites had scarce passed the Red Sea on their way to the wilderness, before the Amalekites came to attack them in the deserts of Raphidim (Ex. xvii. 8, &c.); and put those cruelly to the sword who were obliged, either through fatigue or weakness, to remain behind. Moses, by divine command, directed Joshua to fall upon this people; to record the act of inhumanity which they had committed, in a book, in order to have it always before his eyes; and to revenge it in the most remarkable manner. Joshua therefore fell upon the Amalekites, and defeated them while Moses was upon the mountain, with Aaron and Hur in company. Moses, during the time of the engagement, held up his hands, to which the success of the battle was owing; for as often as he let them down, Amalek prevailed. But Moses's hands being tired, Aaron and Hur supported his arms, and held them extended, while the battle lasted, which was from morning till the approach of night, when the Amalekites were cut in pieces. This happened in the year of the world 2513, before Christ 1491.

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The ground of the enmity of the Amalekites against the Israelites is generally supposed to have been an innate hatred from the remembrance of Jacob's depriving their progenitor both of his birth-right and blessing. Their falling upon them, however, and that without any provocation, when they saw them reduced to so low a condition by the fatigue of their march and the excessive drought they laboured under, was an inhuman action, and justly deserved the defeat which Joshua gave them. Under the Judges (v. 3.) we see the Amalekites united with the Midianites and Moabites, in a design to oppress Israel; but Ehud delivered the Israelites from Eglon king of the Moabites (Judges iii.), and Gideon (chap. viii.) delivered them from the Midianites and Amalekites. About the year of the world 2930, Saul marched against the Amalekites, advanced as far as their capital, and put all the people of the country to the sword; but spared the best of all the cattle and moveables, contrary to a divine command; which act of disobedience was the cause of Saul's future misfortunes.

After this war, the Amalekites scarce appear any more in history. However, about the year of the world 2949, a troop of Amalekites came and pillaged Ziklag, which belonged to David (1 Sam. xxx.), where he had left his two wives Ahinoam and Abigail; but he returning from an expedition which he had made in the company of Achish into the valley of Jezreel, pursued them, overtook and dispersed them, and recovered all the booty which they had carried off from Ziklag.

The Arabians maintain Amalek to have been the son of Ham and grandson of Noah; that he was the father of Ad and grandfather of Schedad. Calmet thinks that this opinion is by no means to be rejected; as it is not very probable that Amalek the son of Eliphaz, and grandson of Esau, should be the father of a people so powerful and numerous as the Amalekites were when the Israelites departed out of Egypt. Moses in the book of Genesis (xiv. 7.) relates, that in Abraham's time, long before the birth of Amalek the son of Eliphaz, the five confederate kings carried the war into Amalek's country, about Kadesh; and into that of the Amorites, about Hazezontamar. The same Moses (Numb. xxiv. 20.) relates, that the diviner Balaam, observing at a distance the land of Amalek, said, in his prophetic style, "Amalek is the first, the head, the original of the nations; but his latter end shall be that he perish forever." Our commentator observes, that this epithet of the first of nations cannot certainly agree with the Amalekites descended from the son of Eliphaz, because the generation then living was but the third from Amalek. Besides, Moses never reproaches the Amalekites with attacking their brethren the Israelites; an aggravating circumstance which he would not have omitted were the Amalekites descended from Esau; in which case they had been the brethren of the Israelites. Lastly, we see the Amalekites almost always joined in the Scripture with the Canaanites and Philistines, and never with the Edomites; and when Saul made war upon the Amalekites, and almost utterly destroyed them, we do not find that the Edomites made the least motion towards their assistance, nor to revenge them afterwards. Thence it is thought probable, that the Amalekites who are so often mentioned in Scrip-

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ture were a free people descended from Canaan, and devoted to the curse as well as the other Amorites, and very different from the descendants of Amalek the grandson of Esau.

The accounts which the Arabians give us of the Amalekites destroyed by Saul are as follow. Amalek was the father of an ancient tribe in Arabia, exterminated in the reign of Saul. This tribe contained only the Arabians who are called *Pure*; the remains whereof were mingled with the posterity of Joktan and Adnan and so became Mosarabes or Mostaarabes; that is to say, Arabians blended with foreign nations. They farther believe, that Goliah, who was overcome by David, was king of the Amalekites, and that the giants who inhabited Palestine in Joshua's time were of the same race. That at last part of the Amalekites retired into Africa while Joshua was yet living, and settled upon the coasts of Barbary, along the Mediterranean sea. The son of Amalek was Ad, a celebrated prince among the Arabians. Some make him the son of Uz, and grandson of Aram the son of Shem. Let this be as it will, the Mahometans say that Ad was the father of an Arabian tribe called *Adians*; who were exterminated, as they tell us, for not hearkening to the patriarch Eber, who preached the unity of God to them. Ad had two sons, Schedad and Schedid.

AMALFI, an ancient city of Italy, situated in E. Long. 15. 20. N. Lat. 40. 35.—It is said to have derived its origin from a number of Roman families, who, about the middle of the fourth century, either from private views of emolument, or in consequence of compulsory orders from the emperor, had left Rome and embarked for Constantinople; but meeting with storms on their passage, were cast away on the shores of Salerno, and deprived of the means of pursuing their voyage. In this state of perplexity they long remained, but at last came to the resolution of settling on the present site of Amalfi, where they expected to enjoy security and sufficient plenty of the necessaries of life. The earliest notice of them in this settlement dates no higher than the latter end of the sixth century. Impervious mountains and inaccessible coasts preserved their infant state from the first fury of the Lombards, who seldom attempted the conquest of a maritime people.

In the year 825, when this little republic had, under the patronage of the eastern emperors, attained a degree of wealth and reputation sufficient to excite the ambition of its neighbours, Sico, prince of Salerno, marched a body of troops by night; surprised Amalfi; and, carrying off the greatest part of the inhabitants, compelled them to fix at Salerno, which had lately suffered a great loss of people by an epidemical disorder. But before the fourth year of their captivity was expired, the Amalfians took advantage of the absence of the Salernian chiefs, who were then carrying on a war with the Beneventans; armed themselves; and, after burning and plundering Salerno, marched in triumph back to their own country.

Here they framed a better system of government, and reformed many abuses in their former legislation; adopting various measures that were likely to promote internal concord and defeat the evil intentions of foreign enemies. Their first plan was to vest the supreme authority in a temporary prefect; but the experience

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of a few years caused them to prefer lodging that power in the hands of a duke elected for the term of his natural life. Under these governors Amalfi attained the summit of her military and commercial glory. It extended its territory, which reached eastward from Vico Vecchio, and westward to the promontory of Minerva, including likewise the island of Caprea, and the two islands of the Galli. Towards the north it comprehended the cities of Lettere, Gragnans, Pimontio, and Capule di Franchi; towards the south, those of Scala, Ravelli, Minori, Majuri, Atrani, Tramonti, Agerula, Citara, Prajano, and Rosilano.

Leo IV. found the Amalfians an useful ally in his wars with the Infidels, and honoured the commonwealth with the title of *Defender of the Faith*. The Neapolitans, with whom, as Greek vassals, they were united in strict bonds of friendship, experienced many signal favours at their hands; and the Mussulmen themselves found it expedient to court their alliance, and to enter into treaty with them. Their situation had from the beginning given them a turn to commerce, and their attention to naval affairs so much consequence in the eyes of their protector, the emperor of Constantinople, that by his orders a court was established at Amalfi for the decision of all controversies arising in maritime transactions. Its code and reports became the general rule in those cases throughout this part of Europe; its precedents and decrees were allowed to be good authority to found judgment upon even in foreign tribunals.—To crown the mercantile and naval glory of the republic, it was reserved to the lot of an Amalfian to make, or at least to perfect, the most important discovery ever made for the improvement of navigation. Pasitano, a village which stands on the shore a few miles west of Amalfi, boasts of having given birth to Flavius Gioia, the inventor of the mariner's compass.

The merchants of this town engrossed the trade of the Levant, and transacted the commercial business of the world in a lucrative and exclusive manner. The Pisans, Venetians, and Genoese, rose upon their ruin; and, after monopolizing the emoluments of trade for some ages, made way for the more comprehensive and daring spirit of the present maritime powers.

At present Amalfi is subject to Naples, and is the see of an archbishop. It is but a shadow of what it was in its flourishing state, when it extended over the stupendous rocks that hang on each side, still crowned with battlemented walls and ruined towers. Its buildings, Mr Swinburne says, are not remarkable for elegance or size; and contain at most 4000 inhabitants, who seem to be in a poor line of life. The cathedral is an uncouth building. Under the choir is the chapel and tomb of the apostle St Andrew; to whose honour the edifice was dedicated, when Cardinal Capuano in 1208 brought his body from Constantinople.

AMALGAM, mercury united with some metal.

AMALGAMATION, the operation of making an amalgam, or mixing mercury with any metal.

For the combination of one metal with another, it is generally sufficient that one of them be in a state of fluidity. Mercury being always fluid, is therefore capable of amalgamation with other metals without

heat; nevertheless, heat considerably facilitates the operation.

To amalgamate without heat requires nothing more than rubbing the two metals together in a mortar; but the metal to be united with the mercury should be previously divided into very thin plates or grains. When heat is used (which is always most effectual, and with some metals indispensibly necessary), the mercury should be heated till it begins to smoke, and the grains of metal made red-hot before they are thrown into it. If it be gold or silver, it is sufficient to stir the fluid with an iron rod for a little while, and then throw it into a vessel filled with water. This amalgam is used for gilding or silvering on copper, which is afterwards exposed to a degree of heat sufficient to evaporate the mercury.

Amalgamation with lead or tin is effected by pouring an equal weight of mercury into either of these metals in a state of fusion, and stirring with an iron rod. Copper amalgamates with great difficulty, and iron not at all.

AMALTHÆA, the name of the Cumæan Sibyl, who offered to Tarquinius Superbus nine books, containing the Roman destinies, and demanded 300 pieces of gold for them. He derided her; whereupon she threw three of them into the fire; and returning, asked the same price for the other six; which being denied, she burnt three more; and returned, still demanding the same price. Upon which Tarquin consulting the pontiffs, was advised to buy them. These books were in such esteem, that two magistrates were created to consult them upon extraordinary occasions.

AMALTHEA, in pagan mythology, the daughter of Melissus, king of Crete, and the nurse of Jupiter, whom she fed with goat's milk and honey. According to others, Amalthea was a goat, which Jupiter translated into the sky, with her two kids, and gave one of her horns to the daughters of Melissus, as a reward for the pains they had taken in attending him. This horn had the peculiar property of furnishing them with whatever they wished for; and was thence called the *cornucopia*, or horn of plenty.

AMALTHÆUS (Jerome, John Baptista, and Cornielle), three celebrated Latin poets of Italy, who flourished in the 16th century. Their compositions were printed at Amsterdam in 1685. One of the prettiest pieces in that collection is an epigram on two children, whose beauty was very extraordinary, though each of them was deprived of an eye:

' Lumine Acon dextro, capta est Leonilla sinistro:  
' Et poterat forma vincere uterque deos.  
' Parve puer, lumen quod habes concede sorori;  
' Sic tu cæcus Amor, sic erit illa Venus.'

AMAMA (Sixtinus), professor of the Hebrew tongue in the university of Franeker, a man of great learning, was born in Friedland, and had studied under Drufius. He published a criticism upon the translation of the Pentateuch; collated the Dutch translation of the Bible with the original and the most accurate translations; and wrote a censure of the Vulgate translation of the historical books of the Old Testament, Job, the Psalms, and Canticles. It is impossible to answer the reasons whereby he shows the necessity of consulting the originals,

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nals. This he recommended so earnestly, that some synods being influenced by his reasons, decreed, that none should be admitted into the ministry but such as had a competent knowledge of the Hebrew and Greek text of the Scripture. He died in 1629.

AMANCE, a town in the duchy of Lorraine, upon a rivulet of the same name. E. Long. 6. 10. N. Lat. 48. 45.

AMAND (Mark-Anthony-Gerard, fleur de St.), a French poet, was born at Roan in Normandy in 1594. In the epistle dedicatory to the third part of his works, he tells us, that his father commanded a squadron of ships in the service of Elizabeth queen of England for 22 years, and that he was for three years prisoner in the Black Tower at Constantinople. He mentions also, that two brothers of his had been killed in an engagement against the Turks. His own life was spent in a continual succession of travels, which was of no advantage to his fortune. There are miscellaneous poems of this author, the greatest part of which are of the comic or burlesque, and the amorous kind. Though there are many blemishes in his poems, yet he had the talent of reading them in so agreeable a manner, that every one was charmed with them. In 1650, he published "Stances sur la grossesse de la reine de Pologne et de Suede." There are six stanzas of nine verses each. In 1653, he printed his "Moïse sauve, idyle heroïque." This poem had at first many admirers: Mons. Chapelain called it a *speaking picture*; but it has since fallen into contempt. Amand wrote also a very devout piece, intitled "Stances à M. Corneille, sur son imitation de Jesus Christ," which was printed at Paris in 1656. Mr. Brossette says that he wrote also a poem upon the moon, wherein he paid a compliment to Lewis XIV. upon his skill in swimming, in which he used often to exercise himself when he was young, in the river Seine; but the king could not bear this poem to be read to him, which is said to have affected the author to such a degree, that he did not survive it long. He died in 1661, being 67 years of age. He was admitted a member of the French academy, when it was first founded by cardinal Richlieu, in the year 1633, and Mr. Pellisson informs us, that, in 1637, at his own desire, he was excused from the obligation of making a speech in his turn, on condition that he would compile the comic part of the dictionary which the academy had undertaken, and collect the burlesque terms. This was a task well suited to him; for it appears by his writings that he was extremely conversant in these terms, of which he seems to have made a complete collection from the markets and other places, where the lower people resort.

AMAND (St.), a city of France in Bourbonnois, on the confines of Berry, seated upon the river Cher. It was built in 1410 on the ruins of Orval. E. Long. 3. 30. N. Lat. 46. 32.

AMAND (St.), a city of the Low Countries, in the earldom of Flanders, seated upon the river Scarpe. It contains about 600 houses, and 3000 or 4000 inhabitants. The abbot of the place is the temporal lord, and disposes of the magistracy. It was given to France by the treaty of Utrecht. E. Long. 2. 35. N. Lat. 50. 27.

AMANICÆ PYLÆ, (Ptolemy); AMANIDES PY-

LÆ, (Strabo); AMANI PORTÆ, (Pliny): straits or defiles in mount Amanus, through which Darius entered Cicilia; at a greater distance from the sea than the Pylæ Ciliciæ or Syriæ, through which Alexander passed.

AMANTEA, a sea-port town and bishop's see of the kingdom of Naples, situated near the bay of Euphemia in the province of Calabria, in E. Long. 16. 20. N. Lat. 39. 15.

AMANUS, a mountain of Syria, separating it from Cilicia; a branch of mount Taurus, (Cicero, Strabo, Pliny); extending chiefly eastward, from the sea of Cilicia, to the Euphrates: now called *Monte Negro*, or rather *Montagna Neres*, by the inhabitants; that is, the watery mountain, as abounding in springs and rivulets.

AMAPALLA, a city and port-town of North America, in the province of Guatemala, seated on the gulph of the same name, in the Pacific ocean. W. Long. 63. 20. N. Lat. 12. 30.

AMARANTE, an order of knighthood, instituted in Sweden by queen Christina, in 1653, at the close of an annual feast, celebrated in that country, called *Wirtschaft*. This feast was solemnized with entertainments, balls, masquerades, and the like diversions, and continued from evening till the next morning.—That princess thinking the name too vulgar, changed it into that of the *feast of the gods*, in regard each person here represented some deity as it fell to his lot. The queen assumed the name of *Amarante*; that is, unfading, or immortal. The young nobility, dressed in the habits of nymphs and shepherds, served the gods at the table.—At the end of the feast, the queen threw off her habit, which was covered with diamonds, leaving it to be pulled to pieces by the masques; and in memory of so gallant a feast, founded a military order, called in Swedish *Gesellschaft*, into which all that had been present at the feast were admitted, including 16 lords and as many ladies, besides the queen. Their device was the cypher of *Amarante*, composed of two A's, the one erect, the other inverted, and interwoven together; the whole inclosed by a laurel crown, with this motto, *Dolce nella memoria*.

Bullstrode Whitlock, the English ambassador from Cromwell to the court of Sweden, was made a knight of the order of *Amarante*: on which account it seems to be, that we sometimes find him styled *Sir Bullstrode Whitlock*.

AMARANTHOIDES, in botany, the trivial name of a species of illecebrum. See ILLECEBRUM.

AMARANTHUS (of  $\alpha$  privative, and  $\mu\alpha\rho\alpha\nu\omega$ , *to wither*, because the flower of this plant, when cropped does not soon wither), AMARANTH, or FLOWER-GENTLE: A genus of the pentandria order, belonging to the monœcia class of plants; and in the natural method, ranking under the 54th order, *Miscellaneæ*. The characters are: The *male calyx* is a five or three leav'd perianthium, erect, coloured, and persistent: There is no *corolla*: The *stamina* consist of five or three erect capillary filaments, the length of the calyx; the antheræ are oblong and versatile: The *female calyx* the same as the male, and no *corolla*: The *pisillum* has an ovate germen; the styli are three, short and subulated; the *stigmata* simple and persistent: The *pericarpium* is

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Amaranthus, Amaryllis. an ovate capsule, three beaked, unilocular, and cut round: The seed is one, globular, compressed, and large.

*Species.* Of this genus Linnæus enumerates 19 species; the most remarkable of which are the following: 1. The tricolor, or three-coloured amaranthus. This has been long cultivated in gardens on account of the beauty of its variegated leaves, which are of three colours, green, yellow, and red; and very elegantly mixed. When the plants are in full vigour, the leaves are large, and closely set from the bottom to the top of the stalks, and the branches form a sort of pyramid; so that there is not a more beautiful plant than this when it is in full lustre. 2. The melancholicus, bicolor, or two-coloured amaranthus. This greatly resembles the former in its manner of growth; but the leaves have only two colours, which are an obscure purple, and a bright crimson. These are so blended as to set off each other, and, when the plants are vigorous, make a fine appearance. 3. The caudata, with very long hanging cylindrical spikes. This species is a native of America. It hath an upright stem three feet high; the leaves and stalks are of a pale green colour. The spikes of flowers are produced from the wings of the stalks, and also at the extremities of the branches. They are of a bright purple colour, and hang downward, sometimes to the length of two feet and an half, so that many of them touch the ground. 4. The maximus or tree-like amaranthus, grows with a strong stem, to the height of seven or eight feet. Towards the top it sends forth many horizontal branches, garnished with oblong rough green leaves. At the extremity of every shoot, the cylindrical spikes of flowers are produced. They are of a purple colour, and hang downward like the last; but are seldom half the length, tho' much thicker than the former. 5. The sanguineus, with compound spikes, and oblong oval leaves. This is a native of the Bahama islands. It is an esculent plant, and bears fine flowers. It grows to the height of three feet, with purple stalks and leaves. The spikes are short and cylindrical, of a bright purple at first, but afterwards fade to a darker colour. They are frequently produced from the wings of the stalks; but at the extremity of the stalk arises a large cluster of spikes, which are placed cross-wise, with one upright stalk in the middle. 6. The oleraceus, with obtuse indented leaves. This has no beauty; but it is used by the Indians as a substitute to cabbage.

*Culture.* The two first of these species being tender, require some art and care to bring them to perfection in Britain, by a succession of hot-bed, with proper waterings, airings, and shadings.

Where people are curious in having these annual plants in great perfection, there should be a glass-case erected, with upright and sloping glasses on every side, with a pit in the bottom for tan, in which the pots should be plunged. If this is raised eight or nine feet to the ridge, and the upright glasses are five feet, there will be room enough to raise these and other annual plants to great perfection; and in such a building, many tender vegetables, which rarely perfect their seeds in a cold climate, may be every year brought forward so as to ripen their seeds.

AMARYLLIS, LILY-ASPHODEL: A genus of the

monogynia order, belonging to the hexandria class of Amaryllis. plants; and in the natural method, ranking under the 9th order, *Spathaceæ*. The characters are: The calyx is an oblong obtuse spathe, emarginated, and withering: The corolla consists of six petals, lanced: The stamina consist of six subulated filaments; the antheræ oblong, incumbent, and ascending: The pistillum has a roundish sulcated germen beneath; a filiform stylus, nearly the length of the stamina; the stigma trifid and slender: The pericarpium is an ovate trilocular capsule, with three valves: The seeds are many.

*Principal Species.* 1. The lutea, or autumnal narcissus. This is usually sold by gardeners, along with colchicums, for autumnal ornaments to gardens. For this purpose it is very proper, as it will keep flowering from the beginning of September to the middle of November, provided the frost is not so severe as to destroy the flowers. Although there is but one flower in each cover, yet there is a succession of flowers from the same root, especially when they are suffered to remain three or four years unremoved. The flowers seldom rise above three or four inches high. They are shaped somewhat like the flowers of the yellow crocus; the green leaves come up at the same time like the saffron; and, after the flowers are past, the leaves increase all the winter. The roots are bulbous, and shaped like those of the narcissus; so are proper ornaments for such borders as are planted with cyclamens, saffron, autumnal crocus, colchicums, and such low autumnal flowers. 2. The formosissima, or jacobæa lily, produces its flowers two or three times in a year, without being regular to any season. The flowers are of a deep red, the under petals very large, and the whole flower stands nodding on one side of the stalk, making a beautiful appearance. The stems of these flowers are produced from the sides of the bulbs; so that when the flowers produced on one side are decayed, another stalk arises from the other side of the bulb; but there is no more than one flower produced on the same stalk. When the roots are in vigour, flowers will be produced from March to the beginning of September. The farniensis, or Guernsey lily, is supposed to have come originally from Japan, but has been many years cultivated in the gardens of Guernsey and Jersey; in both which places they seem to thrive as well as if it was their native country, and from these islands their roots are sent annually to the curious in most parts of Europe. The flowers of this species are admired for the richness of their colour, which is commonly red, though they have no scent. They appear towards the end of September; and, if properly managed, will continue a month in beauty. The roots of these plants do not flower again the succeeding year, as is the case with many other bulbs: but if their bulbs contain two buds in their centre, which is often the case, they frequently flower twice in three years; after which the same individual root does not flower again in several years, but only the offsets from it. 4. The regina, or belladonna lily, is a native of Portugal, where it was formerly cultivated in great plenty; but of late it has been supplanted by the jacobæa lily, so that the roots which have been brought from that country for some time past for the belladonna, have generally proved the jacobæa lily. This kind, if properly managed, will sometimes put out two or three stems, growing near three

*Amaryllis*, three feet high, and produce many flowers in each umbel, which make a fine appearance during the month of October. 5. The *zeylanica*, or Ceylon lily, is a native of the West Indies, and usually flowers in June. Sometimes the same root will flower again in autumn, but the flowers are of no long duration. 6. The *orientalis*, or lily daffodil, with leaves shaped like a tongue. This is a native of the Cape of Good Hope. The bulbs of the root are large and almost round; the leaves long, broad, and rounded at their extremities; these spread two ways on the surface of the ground, and do not come up till after the flower-stem appears, which is generally in November. After the flowers are past, the leaves increase till spring, and in May they begin to decay; so that from the middle of June to October the roots are entirely destitute of leaves.

*Culture.* The first sort is very hardy, and will thrive in almost any soil or situation; but will succeed best in a fresh light dry soil, and not too near the dripping of trees, or too near walls. It increases very fast by offsets, by which all the other species are also to be propagated. These roots may be transplanted any time from May to the end of July; after which it will be too late to remove them.—The *Jacobæa* ought to be kept in a moderate stove all winter; in which case it will send forth plenty of offsets, that will produce vigorous plants.—The roots of the *Guernsey lily* are generally brought over in June and July; but the sooner they are taken out of the ground after the leaves decay, the better: for altho' the roots which are taken up when their flower-stems begin to appear, will flower; yet their flowers will not be so large, nor will their roots be near so good after, as those which were removed before they sent forth fresh fibres. When these roots come over, they should be planted in pots filled with fresh, light, sandy earth, mixed with a little very rotten dung, and placed in a warm situation, observing now and then to refresh the earth with water: but by no means let them have too much wet, which would rot their roots, especially before they come up. About the middle of September, such of the roots as are strong enough to flower will begin to show the bud of their flower-stem: therefore these pots ought to be removed into a situation where they may have the benefit of the sun, and be sheltered from strong winds. When the flowers begin to open, the pots should be removed under shelter, to prevent injury from too much wet.—After the flowers are decayed, the green leaves will begin to shoot forth in length; and, if sheltered from severe cold, will continue growing all winter; but they must have as much free air as possible in mild weather, and are to be covered only in great rains or frosts. For this purpose, a common hot-bed frame is the most proper shelter for them; the glasses of which may be taken off every day in dry open weather, which will encourage the leaves to grow strong and broad. The roots should be transplanted every fourth or fifth year, toward the end of June or beginning of July; the offsets also should be taken off and planted in pots, where in three years time they will produce flowers. The other species of the *amaryllis* may easily be raised by taking care to shelter them in a stove from the winter's cold.

*AMARYNTHUS* (anc. geog.), a hamlet of Eretrias, in the island of Eubœa, about seven stadia distant from its walls. Here Diana was worshipped by an

annual solemnity, at which those of Carystus assisted; hence the title of the goddess was *Amarynthis*, and *Amarysia*.

*AMASIA* (anc. geog.), now *Marpurg*, a city in the landgraviate of Hesse, on the Lahn. According to others, it is Embden in Westphalia.

*AMASIA*, an ancient town of Turkey, in Natolia, remarkable for the birth of Strabo the geographer. It is the residence of a bashaw, and gives its name to the province it stands in, where there are the best wines and the best fruits in Natolia. It is seated near the river Iris or Casalmack; and was anciently the residence of the kings of Cappadocia. E. Long. 36. 10. N. Lat. 39. 33.

*AMASIA*, the name of the northern division of Lesser Asia, lying on the south shore of the Euxine sea in Natolia. It takes its name from Amasia the capital, mentioned in the preceding article.

*AMASONIA*, in botany: A genus of the angiospermia order, belonging to the didynamia class of plants; the characters of which are: The *calyx* is a tripartite monophyllous perianthium, bell-shaped and persistent: The *corolla* is monopetalous and tubular; the border quinquefid, expanding, and small: The *stamina* consist of four filaments longer than the corolla; the antheræ oval and incumbent: The *pisillum* has an ovate germen; the stylus the length of the stamina; the stigmata two, acute: There is no *pericarpium*: The *seed* is an ovate unilocular nut, the length of the calyx.

*AMATHUS*, a very ancient town in the south of Cyprus (Strabo, Ptolemy): so called from Amathus the founder; or, according to others, from Amath, a Phœnician town sacred to Venus, with a very ancient temple of Adonis and Venus: and hence Venus is denominated *Amathusia*. (Tacitus). According to Ovid, it was a place rich in copper-ore, and where the inhabitants became *Cerastæ*, or horned. Now called *Limisso*.

*AMATHUS* (anc. geog.), a town of the tribe of Gad, beyond Jordan; but whether at a greater or less distance from it, is not so easy to determine. Eusebius places it in the Lower Peræa; Reland, in Ramoth-Gilead. Gabinus, proconsul of Syria, established five juridical conventions in Judea; two of which were on the other side Jordan; one at Gadara, the other at Amathus (Josephus).

*AMATORII MUSCULI*, in anatomy, a term sometimes used for the obliquus superior and obliquus inferior muscles of the eye, as these muscles assist in ogling or drawing the eye sideways.

*AMATRICE*, a city of the kingdom of Naples, in the farther Abruzzo, upon the confines of the pope's territories, and the marquifate of Ancona.

*AMAUROSIS*, in medicine, a deprivation of sight, the eye remaining fair and seemingly unaffected. A perfect amaurosis is when the blindness is total; when there is still a power of distinguishing light from darkness, the disease is called by M. de St Ives an *imperfect amaurosis*. There is a periodical sort which comes on instantaneously, continues for hours, or days, and then disappears. Mr Hey, surgeon at Leeds, mentions several cases of patients afflicted with the amaurosis who were relieved by being electrified.

*AMAZONIA*, or the country of the American

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Amazonia. AMAZONS, is situate between 50 and 70 degrees of west longitude; and between the equator and 15 degrees of south latitude; being bounded on the south by La Plata, on the west by Peru, on the north by the province of Terra Firma, and on the east by Brazil.

With respect to the Amazons said to have given name to this territory, they have been represented as governed and led to war only by their queen. No men were suffered to live among them; though those of some neighbouring nations were suffered to visit them, at a certain season, for the sake of procreation. The females issuing from this commerce were bred up with care, and instructed in what relates to war and government; as to the males, they were sent away into the country of their fathers. But no such nation is at present to be found, any more than the giants and cannibals mentioned by the first adventurers thither.

Amazonia is generally a flat region, abounding in woods, lakes, rivers, bogs, and morasses. The chief river, and one of the largest in the world, is that called the river of Amazons, or the Orellana, which is formed by two large rivers, the one rising in the province of Quito, a little south of the equator, in 73 degrees of west longitude, and the other, named Xauxa, rising in the lake of Bourbon, near the Andes, in ten degrees of south latitude. Those two rivers uniting on the confines of Peru and Amazonia, in three degrees odd minutes of south latitude, assume the name of Amazon; whence running eastward upwards of 200 miles, and afterwards inclining to the north they fall into the Atlantic ocean by 84 channels, which in the rainy season overflow the adjacent country. Besides the two streams mentioned, a multitude of others, both on the north and south side, contribute to the formation of this extraordinary river. As it runs almost across the broadest part of South America; it is computed to be between four and five thousand miles in length, including all its windings. Its channel from Junta de los Reyes, about 60 degrees from its head, to the river Maranhon, is from one to two leagues broad; it then widens from three to four, and becomes gradually broader as it approaches the ocean. Between the places last mentioned, its depth is from five to ten fathom; but from Maranhon to Rio Negro it increases to 20 fathom; after which it is sometimes 30, and sometimes 50 fathoms, or more, till it comes near the end of its course. It has no sand-banks, nor does the shore shelve so as to render it dangerous for vessels. The manetú and tortoise abound both upon the banks of this and the other rivers; and the fishermen must be upon their guard against the crocodile, aligators, and water-serpents, which also swarm here.

The air, as in the countries under the same parallel, is observed to be nearly as cool under the equator as about the tropics, on account of the rains continuing longer, and the sky in that season being clouded. Besides, an easterly wind sets from the Atlantic up the river so strong, that vessels are carried by it against the stream.

The produce of the country is Indian corn and the cassavi root, of which they make flour and bread; tobacco, cotton, sugar, sarsaparilla, yams, potatoes, and other roots. They have also plenty of venison, fish, and fowl. Among the latter are vast flocks of parrots

of all colours, the flesh of which serves for food and the feathers for ornament. All the trees here are ever-greens; and fruits, flowers, and herbage, are in perfection all the year round. The principal fruits are cocoa-nuts, ananas or pine-apples, guavas, bananas, and such others as are usually found between the tropics. The forest and timber trees are cedar, Brazil wood, oak, ebony, logwood, iron-wood, so called from its weight and hardness, and several sorts of dyeing wood.

The natives are of the common stature, with good features, a copper complexion, black eyes and hair. It is computed that there are of them about 150 different tribes or nations, and the villages are so numerous as to be within call of one another. Among those the Homagues, a people near the head of the river; are famous for their cotton manufactures; the Jurines, who live between five and ten degrees of latitude, for their joiners work; and the Wroffissars for their earthen ware. The Topinambes, who inhabit a large island in the river, are remarkable for their strength. Some of those nations frequently make war upon each other. Their armour consists of darts, javelins, bows and arrows, and they wear targets of cane, or fish-skin. They make slaves of their prisoners, whom they otherwise use very well. Every tribe is governed by its respective chief or king, the marks of whose dignity are a crown of parrot's feathers, a chain of lion's teeth or claws hung round his neck, or girt about his waist, and a wooden sword, which he carries in his hand.

Most of those nations, except the Homagues, go naked. The men thrust pieces of cane through their ears and under-lips, as well as through the skin of the pudenda. At the gristle of their noses they also hang glass beads, which wag to and fro when they speak. They are such skilful marksmen, that they will shoot fish as they swim; and what they catch they eat without either bread or salt. They worship images, which they always carry with them on their expeditions; but they neither have temples nor any order of priests; and permit both polygamy and concubinage.

The country affords neither gold nor silver mines; only a small quantity of the former is found in the rivulets which fall into the Amazon near its sources in Peru. While the Spaniards imagined that it contained those metals, they made great efforts from Peru to reduce this territory to subjection; till being at length undeceived, they abandoned the design.

AMAZONS, in antiquity, a nation of female warriors, who founded an empire in Asia Minor, upon the river Thermodoon, along the coasts of the Black Sea. They are said to have formed a state out of which men were excluded. What commerce they had with that sex, was only with strangers; they killed all their male children; and they cut off the right breasts of their females, to make them more fit for the combat. From which last circumstance it is, that they are supposed to take their name, viz. from the privative  $\alpha$ , and  $\mu\alpha\sigma\tau\omicron\varsigma$  *mamma*, "breast." But Dr Bryant, in his *Analysis of Ancient Mythology*, explodes this account as fabulous; and observes, that they were in general Cuthite colonies from Egypt and Syria, who formed settlements in different countries, and that they derived their name from *zon*, the "sun," which was the national object of worship. Vol. iii. p. 463.—It has indeed



Amazons. deed been controverted even among ancient writers, whether ever there really were such a nation as that of the Amazons. Strabo, Palæphatus, and others, deny it. On the contrary, Herodotus, Pausanias, Diodorus Siculus, Trognus Pompeius, Justin, Pliny, Mela, Plutarch, &c. expressly assert it.

M. Petit, a French physician, published a Latin dissertation in 1635, to prove that there was really a nation of Amazons; it contains abundance of curious inquiries, relating to their habit, their arms, the cities built by them, &c. Others of the moderns also maintain, that their existence is sufficiently proved by the testimony of such of the historians of antiquity as are most worthy of credit; by the monuments which many of them have mentioned; and by medals, some of which are still remaining; and that there is not the least room to believe that what is said of them is fabulous.

The Amazons are mentioned by the most ancient of the Greek writers. In the third book of the Iliad, Homer represents Priam speaking of himself as having been present, in the earlier part of his life, in a battle with the Amazons: and some of them afterwards came to the assistance of that prince during the siege of Troy.

The Amazons are particularly mentioned by Herodotus. That historian informs us, that the Grecians fought a battle with the Amazons on the river Thermodoon, and defeated them. After their victory, they carried off all the Amazons they could take alive, in three ships. But whilst they were out at sea, these Amazons conspired against the men, and killed them all. Having, however, no knowledge of navigation, nor any skill in the use of the rudder, sails, or oars, they were driven by wind and tide till they arrived at the precipices of the lake Mæotis, in the territories of the Scythians. Here the Amazons went ashore, and marching into the country, seized and mounted the first horses they met with, and began to plunder the inhabitants. The Scythians at first conceived them to be men; but after they had had skirmishes with them, and taken some prisoners, they discovered them to be women. They were then unwilling to carry on hostilities against them; and by degrees a number of the young Scythians formed connections with them, and were desirous that these gentle dames should live with them as wives, and be incorporated with the rest of the Scythians. The Amazons agreed to continue their connection with their Scythian husbands, but refused to associate with the rest of the inhabitants of the country, and especially with the women of it. They afterwards prevailed upon their husbands to retire to Sarmatia, where they settled. "Hence," says Herodotus, "the wives of the Sarmatians still continue their ancient way of living. They hunt on horseback in the company of their husbands, and sometimes alone. They march with their armies, and wear the same dress with the men. The Sarmatians use the Scythian language, but corrupted from the beginning, because the Amazons never learned to speak correctly. Their marriages are attended with this circumstance: no virgin is permitted to marry till she has killed an enemy in the field; so that some always grow old before they can qualify themselves as the law requires."

Diodorus Siculus says, "There was formerly a nation, who dwelt near the river Thermodoon, which was

subjected to the government of women, and in which Amazons. the women, like men, managed all the military affairs. Among these female warriors, it is said, was one who excelled the rest in strength and valour. She assembled together an army of women, whom she trained up in military discipline, and subdued some of the neighbouring nations. Afterwards, having by her valour increased their fame, she led her army against the rest; and being successful, she was so puffed up, that she styled herself the daughter of Mars, and ordered the men to spin wool, and to do the work of the women within doors. She also made laws, by which the women were enjoined to go to the wars, and the men to be kept at home in a servile state, and employed in the meanest offices. They also debilitated the arms and thighs of those male children who were born to them, that they might be thereby rendered unfit for war. They feared the right breasts of their girls, that they might be no hindrance to them in fighting: from whence they derived the name of Amazons. Their queen, having become extremely eminent for skill and knowledge in military affairs, at length built a large city at the mouth of the river Thermodoon, and adorned it with a magnificent palace. In her enterprizes she exactly adhered to military discipline and good order; and she added to her empire all the adjoining nations, even to the river Tanais. Having performed these exploits, she at last ended her days like a hero, falling in a battle, in which she had fought courageously. She was succeeded in the kingdom by her daughter, who imitated the valour of her mother, and in some exploits excelled her. She caused the girls from their very infancy to be exercised in hunting, and to be daily trained up in military exercises. She instituted solemn festivals and sacrifices to Mars and Diana, which were named Tauropoli. She afterwards carried her arms beyond the river Tanais, and subdued all the people of those regions, even unto Thrace. Returning thence with a great quantity of spoils into her own kingdom, she caused magnificent temples to be erected to the deities before mentioned; and she gained the love of her subjects by her mild and gentle government. She afterwards undertook an expedition against those who were on the other side of the river, and subjected to her dominion a great part of Asia, extending her arms as far as Syria."

Diodorus also mentions another race of Amazons who dwelt in Africa; and whom he speaks of as being of greater antiquity than those who lived near the river Thermodoon. "In the western parts of Lybia," says he, "upon the borders of those tracts that are habitable, there was anciently a nation under the government of women, and whose manners and mode of living were altogether different from ours. It was the custom for these women to manage all military affairs; and for a certain time, during which they preserved their virginity, they went out as soldiers into the field. After some years employed in this manner, when the time appointed for this purpose was expired, they associated themselves with men, in order to obtain children. But the magistracy, and all public offices, they kept entirely in their own hands. The men, as the women are with us, were employed in household affairs, submitting themselves wholly to the authority of their wives. They were not permitted to take any part in military

Amazons. military affairs, or to have any command, or any public authority, which might have any tendency to encourage them to cast off the yoke of their wives. As soon as any child was born, it was delivered to the father, to be fed with milk or such other food as was suitable to its age. If females were born, they seared their breasts, that they might not be burdensome to them when they grew up; for they considered them as great hindrances in fighting."

Justinian represents the Amazonian republic to have taken its rise in Scythia. The Scythians had a great part of Asia under their dominion upwards of 400 years, till they were conquered by Ninus, the founder of the Assyrian empire. After his death, which happened about 1150 years before the Christian æra, and that of Semiramis and their son Ninias, Illinus and Scelopites, princes of the royal blood of Scythia, were driven from their country by other princes, who like them aspired to the crown. They departed with their wives, children, and friends; and being followed by a great number of young people of both sexes, they passed into Asiatic Sarmatia, beyond mount Camassus, where they formed an establishment, supplying themselves with the riches they wanted, by making excursions into the countries bordering on the Euxine Sea. The people of those countries, exasperated by the incursions of their new neighbours, united, surpris'd, and massacred the men.

The women then resolving to revenge their death, and at the same time to provide for their own security, resolved to form a new kind of government, to choose a queen, enact laws, and maintain themselves, without men, even against the men themselves. This design was not so very surpris'ing as at first sight appears: for the greatest number of the girls among the Scythians had been inured to the same exercises as the boys; to draw the bow, to throw the javelin, to manage other arms; to riding, hunting, and even the painful labours that seem reserved for men; and many of them, as among the Sarmatians, accompanied the men in war. Hence they had no sooner formed their resolution, than they prepared to execute it, and exercised themselves in all military operations. They soon secured the peaceable possession of the country; and not content with showing their neighbours that all their efforts to drive them thence or subdue them were ineffectual, they made war upon them, and extended their own frontiers. They had hitherto made use of the instructions and assistance of a few men that remained in the country; but finding at length that they could stand their ground, and aggrandize themselves, without them, they killed all those whom flight or chance had saved from the fury of the Sarmatians, and for ever renounced marriage, which they now considered as an insupportable slavery. But as they could only secure the duration of their new kingdom by propagation, they made a law to go every year to the frontiers, to invite the men to come to them; to deliver themselves up to their embraces, without choice on their part, or the least attachment; and to leave them as soon as they were pregnant. All those whom age rendered fit for propagation, and were willing to serve the state by breeding girls, did not go at the same time in search of men: for in order to obtain a right to promote the multiplication of the species, they must first have contributed to its destruction:

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nor was any thought worthy of giving birth to children till she had killed three men.

If from this commerce they brought forth girls, they educated them; but with respect to the boys, if we may believe Justin, they strangled them at the moment of their birth: according to Diodorus Siculus, they twisted their legs and arms, so as to render them unfit for military exercises; but Quintus Curtius, Philostratus, and Jordanus, say, that the less savage sent them to their fathers. It is probable, that at first, when their fury against the men was carried to the greatest height, they killed the boys: that when this fury abated, and most of the mothers were filled with horror at depriving the little creatures of the lives they had just received from them, they fulfilled the first duties of a mother; but, to prevent their causing a revolution in the state, maimed them in such a manner as to render them incapable of war, and employed them in the mean offices which these warlike women thought beneath them: in short, that, when their conquests had confirmed their power, their ferocity subsiding, they entered into political engagements with their neighbours; and the number of the males they had preserved becoming burthensome, they, at the desire of those who rendered them pregnant, sent them the boys, and continued still to keep the girls.

As soon as the age of the girls permitted, they took away the right breast, that they might draw the bow with the greater force. The common opinion is, that they burnt that breast, by applying to it, at eight years of age, a hot brazen instrument, which insensibly dried up the fibres and glands: some think that they did not make use of so much ceremony, but that when the part was formed they got rid of it by amputation: some, again, with much greater probability, assert, that they employed no violent measures; but, by a continual compression of that part from infancy, prevented its growth, at least so far as to hinder its ever being incommodious in war.

Plutarch, treating of the Amazons in his life of Theseus, considers the accounts which had been preserved concerning them as partly fabulous and partly true. He gives some account of a battle which had been fought between the Athenians and the Amazons at Athens; and he relates some particulars of this battle which had been recorded by an ancient writer named Clidemus. He says, "That the left wing of the Amazons moved towards the place which is yet called Amazonium, and the right to a place called Pryx, near Chrysa; upon which the Athenians, issuing from behind the temple of the muses, fell upon them; and that this is true, the graves of those that were slain, to be seen in the streets that lead to the gate Piraica, by the temple of the hero Chalcoedus, are a sufficient proof. And here it was that the Athenians were routed, and shamefully turned their backs to women, as far as to the temple of the Furies. But fresh supplies coming in from Palladium, Ardetus, and Lyceum, charged their right wing, and beat them back into their very tents; in which action a great number of the Amazons were slain." In another place he says, "It appears that the passage of the Amazons through Thesaly was not without opposition; for there are yet to be seen many of their sepulchres near Scotusæa and Cy-nocephalæ." And in his life of Pompey, speaking of the

Amazons. the Amazons, Plutarch says, "They inhabit those parts of mount Caucasus that look towards the Hyrcanian sea (not bordering upon the Albanians, for the territories of the Getæ and the Leges lie betwixt): and with these people do they yearly, for two months only, accompany and cohabit, bed and board, near the river Thermoodon. After that they retire to their own habitations, and live alone all the rest of the year."

Quintus Curtius says, "The nation of the Amazons is situated upon the borders of Hyrcania, inhabiting the plains of Thermiscyra, near the river Thermoodon. Their queen was named Thalestris, and she had under her subjection all the country that lies between mount Caucasus and the river Phasis. This queen came out of her dominions, in consequence of an ardent desire she had conceived to see Alexander; and being advanced near the place where he was, she previously sent messengers to acquaint him, that the queen was come to have the satisfaction of seeing and conversing with him. Having obtained permission to visit him, she advanced with 300 of her Amazons, leaving the rest of her troops behind. As soon as she came within sight of the king, she leaped from her horse, holding two javelins in her right hand. The apparel of the Amazons does not cover all the body; for their left side is naked down to the stomach, nor does the skirts of their garments, which they tie up in a knot, reach below their knees. They preserve their left breast entire, that they may be able to suckle their female offspring; and they cut off and sear their right, that they may draw their bows, and cast their darts, with the greater ease. Thalestris looked at the king with an undaunted countenance, and narrowly examined his person; which did not, according to her ideas, come up to the fame of his great exploits: For the barbarians have a great veneration for a majestic person, esteeming those only to be capable of performing great actions, on whom nature has conferred a dignified appearance. The king having asked her whether she had any thing to desire of him, she replied, without scruple or hesitation, that she was come with a view to have children by him, she being worthy to bring him heirs to his dominions. Their offspring, if of the female sex, she would retain herself; and if of the male sex, it should be delivered to Alexander. He then asked her whether she would accompany him in his wars? But this she declined, alleging, That she had left nobody to take care of her kingdom. She continued to solicit Alexander, that he would not send her back without conforming to her wishes; but it was not till after a delay of 13 days that he complied. She then returned to her own kingdom."

Justin also repeatedly mentions this visit of Thalestris to Alexander; and in one place he says, that she made a march of 25 days, in order to obtain this meeting with him. The interview between Alexander and Thalestris is likewise mentioned by Diodorus Siculus. The learned Goropius, as he is quoted by Dr Petit, laments, in very pathetic terms, the hard fate of Thalestris, who was obliged to travel so many miles, and to encounter many hardships, in order to procure this interview with the Macedonian prince; and, from the circumstances, is led to consider the whole account as incredible. But Dr Petit, with equal erudition, with equal eloquence, and with superior force of reasoning, at length determines, that her journey was not founded

upon irrational principles, and that full credit is due to those grave and venerable historians by whom this transaction has been recorded.

The Amazons are represented as being armed with bows and arrows, with javelins, and also with an axe of a particular construction, which was denominated the axe of the Amazons. According to the elder Pliny, this axe was invented by Penthisilea, one of their queens. On many ancient medals are representations of the Amazons, armed with these axes. They are also said to have had bucklers in the shape of a half-moon.

The Amazons are mentioned by many other ancient authors beside those which have been enumerated; and if any credit be due to the accounts concerning them, they subsisted through several ages. They are represented as having rendered themselves extremely formidable; as having founded cities, enlarged the boundaries of their dominions, and conquered several other nations.

That at any period there should have been women, who, without the assistance of men, built cities and governed them, raised armies and commanded them, administered public affairs, and extended their dominion by arms, is undoubtedly so contrary to all that we have seen and known of human affairs, as to appear in a very great degree incredible; but that women may have existed sufficiently robust and sufficiently courageous to have engaged in warlike enterprises, and even to have been successful in them, is certainly not impossible, however contrary to the usual course of things. In support of this side of the question, it may be urged, that women who have been early trained to warlike exercises, to hunting, and to an hard and laborious mode of living, may be rendered more strong, and capable of more vigorous exertions, than men who have led indolent, delicate, and luxurious lives, and who have seldom been exposed even to the inclemencies of the weather. The limbs of women, as well as of men, are strengthened and rendered more robust by frequent and laborious exercise. A nation of women, therefore, brought up and disciplined as the ancient Amazons are represented to have been, would be superior to an equal number of effeminate men; though they might be much inferior to an equal number of hardy men trained up and disciplined in the same manner.

That much of what is said of the Amazons is fabulous, there can be no reasonable doubt; but it does not therefore follow, that the whole is without foundation. The ancient medals and monuments on which they are represented are very numerous, as are also the testimonies of ancient writers. It seems not rational to suppose that all this originated in fiction, though it may be much blended with it. The Abbé Guyon speaks of the history of the Amazons as having been regarded by many persons as fabulous, "rather from prejudice than from any real and solid examination;" and it must be acknowledged, that the arguments in favour of their existence, from ancient history, and from ancient monuments, are extremely powerful. The fact seems to be, that truth and fiction have been blended in the narrations concerning these ancient heroines.

Instances of heroism in women have occasionally occurred in modern times, somewhat resembling that of the ancient Amazons. The times and the manners of chivalry in particular, by bringing great enterprises,

Amazons. bold adventures, and extravagant heroism, into fashion, inspired the women with the same taste. The women, in consequence of the prevailing passion, were now seen in the middle of camps and of armies. They quitted the soft and tender inclinations, and the delicate offices of their own sex, for the toils and the toilsome occupation of ours. During the crusades, animated by the double enthusiasm of religion and of valour, they often performed the most romantic exploits; obtained indulgencies on the field of battle, and died with arms in their hands, by the side of their lovers or of their husbands.

In Europe, the women attacked and defended fortifications; princesses commanded their armies, and obtained victories. Such was the celebrated Joan de Montfort, disputing for her duchy of Bretagne, and fighting in person. Such was that still more celebrated Margaret of Anjou, active and intrepid general and soldier, whose genius supported a long time a feeble husband; which taught him to conquer; which replaced him upon the throne; which twice relieved him from prison; and, oppressed by fortune and by rebels, which did not bend till after she had decided in person twelve battles.

The warlike spirit among the women, consistent with ages of barbarism, when every thing is impetuous because nothing is fixed, and when all excess is the excess of force, continued in Europe upwards of 400 years, showing itself from time to time, and always in the middle of convulsions or on the eve of great revolutions. But there were æras and countries in which that spirit appeared with particular lustre. Such were the displays it made in the 15th and 16th centuries in Hungary, and in the islands of the Archipelago and the Mediterranean when they were invaded by the Turks.

Among the striking instances of Amazonian conduct in modern ladies, may be mentioned that of Jane of Belleville, widow of Mons. de Clifton, who was beheaded at Paris in the year 1343, on a suspicion of carrying on a correspondence with England and the Count de Montfort. This lady, filled with grief for the death of her late husband, and exasperated at the ill treatment which she considered him as having received, sent off "her son secretly to London; and when her apprehensions were removed with respect to him, she sold her jewels, fitted out three ships, and put to sea, to revenge the death of her husband upon all the French with whom she should meet. This new corsair made several descents upon Normandy, where she stormed castles; and the inhabitants of that province were spectators more than once, whilst their villages were all in a blaze, one of the finest women in Europe, with a sword in one hand and a torch in the other, urging the carnage, and eyeing with pleasure all the horrors of war."

We read in Mezery, under the article of the Croisade, preached by St Barnard in the year 1147, "That many women did not content themselves with taking the cross, but that they also took up arms to defend it, and composed squadrons of females, which rendered credible all that has been said of the prowess of the Amazons."

In the year 1590, the League party obtained some troops from the king of Spain. Upon the news of their being disembarked, Barri de St Annez, Henry IV's governor at Leucate, set out to communicate a

scheme to the Duke de Montmorenci, commander in that province. He was taken on his way by some of the troops of the League, who were also upon their march with the Spaniards towards Leucate. They were persuaded, that by thus having the governor in their hands the gates of that place would be immediately opened to them, or at least would not hold out long. But Constantia de Cecelli, his wife, after having assembled the garrison, put herself so resolutely at their head, pike in hand, that she inspired the weakest with courage; and the besiegers were repulsed wherever they presented themselves. Shame and their great loss having rendered them desperate, they sent a message to this courageous woman, acquainting her, that if she continued to defend herself they would hang her husband. She replied with tears in her eyes, "I have riches in abundance: I have offered them, and I do still offer them, for his ransom; but I would not ignominiously purchase a life which he would reproach me with, and which he would be ashamed to enjoy. I will not dishonour him by treason against my king and country." The besiegers having made a fresh attack without success, put her husband to death, and raised the siege. Henry IV. afterwards sent to this lady the brevet of governess of Leucate, with the reversion for her son.

The famous Maid of Orleans, also, is an example known to every reader.

The Abbé Arnaud, in his Memoirs, speaks of a Countess of St Balmont, who used to take the field with her husband and fight by his side. She sent several Spanish prisoners of her taking to Marshal Feuquiers; and what is not a little extraordinary, this Amazon at home was all affability and sweetness, and gave herself up to reading and acts of piety.

Dr Johnson seems to have given some credit to the accounts which have been transmitted down to us concerning the ancient Amazons; and he has endeavoured to show, that we ought not hastily to reject ancient historical narrations because they contain facts repugnant to modern manners, and exhibit scenes to which nothing now occurring bears a resemblance. "Of what we know not (says he) we can only judge by what we know. Every novelty appears more wonderful as it is more remote from any thing with which experience or testimony have hitherto acquainted us; and if it passes farther, beyond the notions that we have been accustomed to form, it becomes at last incredible. We seldom consider, that human knowledge is very narrow; that national manners are formed by chance; that uncommon conjunctures of causes produce rare effects; or that what is impossible at one time or place may yet happen in another. It is always easier to deny than to enquire. To refuse credit confers for a moment an appearance of superiority which every little mind is tempted to assume, when it may be gained so cheaply as by withdrawing attention from evidence, and declining the fatigue of comparing probabilities. Many relations of travellers have been slighted as fabulous, till more frequent voyages have confirmed their veracity; and it may reasonably be imagined, that many ancient historians are unjustly suspected of falsehood, because our own times afford nothing that resembles what they tell. Few narratives will either to men or women appear more incredible than the histories of the Amazons; of female nations, of whose constitution

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situation it was the essential and fundamental law, to exclude men from all participation either of public affairs or domestic business; where female armies marched under female captains, female farmers gathered the harvest, female partners danced together, and female wits diverted one another. Yet several ages of antiquity have transmitted accounts of the Amazons of Caucasus; and, the Amazons of America, who have given their name to the greatest river in the world, Condamine lately found such memorials as can be expected among erratic and unlettered nations, where events are recorded only by tradition, and new swarms settling in the country from time to time confuse and efface all traces of former times."

No author has taken so much pains upon this subject as Dr Petit. But, in the course of his work, he has given it as his opinion, that there is great difficulty in governing the women even at present, though they are unarmed and unpractised in the art of war. After all his elaborate inquiries and discussions therefore, this learned writer might probably think, that it is not an evil of the first magnitude that the race of Amazons now ceases to exist.

Rousseau says, "The empire of the woman is an empire of softness, of address, of complacency. Her commands are caresses, her menaces are tears." But the empire of the Amazons was certainly an empire of a very different kind. Upon the whole, we may conclude with Dr Johnson: "The character of the ancient Amazons was rather terrible than lovely. The hand could not be very delicate that was only employed in drawing the bow and brandishing the battle-axe. Their power was maintained by cruelty, their courage was deformed by ferocity; and their example only shows, that men and women live best together."

AMAZONS (the river of), in America. See AMAZONIA.

AMAZONIAN Habit, in antiquity, denotes a dress formed in imitation of the Amazons. Marcia, the famous concubine of the emperor Commodus, had the appellation of *Amazonian*, because she charmed him most in a habit of this kind. Hence also that prince himself engaged in combat in the amphitheatre in an Amazonian habit; and of all titles the *Amazonius* was one of those he most delighted in.—In honour either of the gallant or his mistress, the month of December was also denominated *Amazonius*—Some also apply *Amazonian habit* to the hunting-dress worn by many ladies among us.

AMBA, an Abyssinian or Ethiopic word, signifying a *rock*. The Abyssinians give names to each of their rocks, as *Amba-Derho*, the rock of a hen, &c. Some of these rocks are said to have the name of *Aorni*; and are of such a stupendous height, that the Alps and Pyrenees are but low hills in comparison of them. Amongst the mountains, and even frequently in the plains, of this country, arise steep and craggy rocks of various forms, some resembling towers, others pyramids, &c. so perpendicular and smooth on the sides, that they seem to be works of art; inasmuch, that men, cattle, &c. are craved up by the help of ladders and ropes: and yet the tops of these rocks are covered with woods, meadows, fountains, fish-ponds, &c. which very copiously supply the animals seated thereon with all the conveniences of life. The most remarkable of these rocks is called *Amba-Geshen*. It is prodigiously steep, in the

form of a castle built of free stone, and almost impregnable. Its summit is about half a Portuguese league in breadth, and the circumference at the bottom about half a day's journey. The ascent at first is easy; but grows afterwards so steep, that the Abyssine oxen, which will otherwise clamber like goats, must be craned up, and let down with ropes. Here the princes of the blood were formerly confined, in low cottages amongst shrubs and wild cedars, with an allowance barely sufficient to keep them alive. There is, according to Kircher, in this country, a rock so curiously hollowed by nature, that at a distance it resembles a looking-glass; and opposite to this another, on the top of which nothing can be so softly whispered but it may be heard a great way off. Between many of these rocks and mountains are vast abysses which appear very dreadful to the eye.

AMBACHT, in topography, denotes a kind of jurisdiction or territory, the possessor whereof has the administration of justice both in *alto* and *basso*; or of what is called in the Scots law a *power of pit and gallows*, i. e. a power of drowning and hanging.—In some ancient writers, *ambacht* is particularly used for the jurisdiction, government, or chief magistracy of a city. The word is very ancient, though used originally in a sense somewhat different. Ennius calls a mercenary, or slave hired for money, *ambactus*; and Cæsar gives the same appellation to a kind of dependents among the Gauls, who, without being slaves, were attached to the service of great lords.

AMBAGES. See CIRCUMLOCUTION.

AMBARVALIA, in antiquity, a ceremony among the Romans, when, in order to procure from the gods an happy harvest, they conducted the victims thrice round the corn-fields in procession, before sacrificing them.—*Ambarvalia* were either of a private or public nature: the private were performed by the master of a family; and the public by the priests who officiated at the solemnity, called *fratres ovales*. The prayer preferred on this occasion, the formula of which we have in Cato *de Re Rustica*, cap. cxlii. was called *carmen ambarvale*. At these feasts they sacrificed to Ceres a sow, a sheep, and a bull or heifer, whence they took the name of *suovetaurilia*. The method of celebrating them was, to lead a victim round the fields, while the peasants accompanied it, and one of their number, crowned with oak, hymned forth the praises of Ceres, in verses composed on purpose. This festival was celebrated twice a-year; at the end of January, according to some, or in April, according to others; and for the second time, in the month of July.

AMBASSADOR, or EMBASSADOR, a public minister sent from one sovereign prince, as a representative of his person to another.

Ambassadors are either ordinary or extraordinary. Ambassador *in ordinary*, is he who constantly resides in the court of another prince, to maintain a good understanding, and look to the interest of his master. Till about two hundred years ago, ambassadors in ordinary were not heard of: all, till then, were ambassadors *extraordinary*; that is, such as are sent on some extraordinary occasion, and who retire as soon as the affair is dispatched.

By the law of nations, none under the quality of a sovereign prince can send or receive an ambassador. At Athens, ambassadors mounted the pulpit of the public

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Ambassadors should never attend any public solemnities, as marriages, funerals, &c. unless their masters have some interest therein: nor must they go into mourning on any occasions of their own, because they represent the person of their prince. By the civil law, the moveable goods of an ambassador, which are accounted an accession to his person, cannot be seized on, neither as a pledge, nor for payment of a debt, nor by order or execution of judgment, nor by the king's or state's leave where he resides, as some conceive; for all actions ought to be far from an ambassador, as well that which toucheth his necessities, as his person: if, therefore he hath contracted any debt he is to be called upon kindly; and if he refuses, then letters of request are to go to his master. Nor can any of the ambassador's domestic servants that are registered in the secretaries of state's office be arrested in person or goods; if they are, the process shall be void, and the parties suing out and executing it shall suffer and be liable to such penalties and corporal punishment as the lord chancellor or either of the chief justices shall think fit to inflict. Yet ambassadors cannot be defended when they commit any thing against that state, or the person of the prince, with whom they reside; and if they are guilty of treason, felony, &c. or any other crime against the law of nations, they lose the privilege of an ambassador, and may be subject to punishment as private aliens.

AMBE, in *surgery*, the name of an instrument for reducing dislocated bones. In *anatomy*, a term for the superficial jutting out of a bone.

AMBER (*Succinum*), in natural history, a solid, hard, semipellucid, bituminous substance of a particular nature, of use in medicine and in several of the arts. It has been called *ambra* by the Arabians, and *electrum* by the Greeks.

Amber has been of great repute in the world from the earliest times. Many years before Christ it was in esteem as a medicine; and Plato, Aristotle, Herodotus, Æschylus, and others, have commended its virtues. In the times of the Romans it became in high esteem as a gem; and in the luxurious reign of Nero, immense quantities of it were brought to Rome, and used for ornamenting works of various kinds.

The most remarkable property of this substance is, that, when rubbed, it draws or attracts other bodies to it: and this, it is observed, it does, even to those substances which the ancients thought it had an antipathy to, as oily bodies, drops of water, human sweat, &c. Add, that by the friction it is brought to yield light pretty copiously in the dark; whence it is reckoned among the native phosphori.

The property which amber possesses of attracting light bodies, was very anciently observed. Thales of Miletus, 600 years before Christ, concluded from hence that it was animated. But the first person who expressly mentions this substance, is Theophrastus, about the year 300 before Christ. The attractive property of amber is likewise occasionally taken notice of by Pliny, and other later naturalists, particularly by Gassendus, Knelm Digby, and Sir Thomas Brown, but it was generally apprehended that this quality was peculiar to

amber and jet, and perhaps agate, till Gilbert published his treatise *De Magnete*, in the year 1600. From *ηλεκτρον*, the Greek name for amber, is derived the term *Electricity*, which is now very extensively applied not only to the power of attracting light bodies inherent in amber, but to other similar powers and their various effects, in whatever bodies they reside, or to whatever bodies they may be communicated.

Amber assumes all figures in the ground; that of a pear, an almond, a pea, &c. In amber there have been said to be letters found very well formed; and even Hebrew and Arabic characters.—Within some pieces, leaves, insects, &c. have likewise been found included; which seems to indicate, either that the amber was originally in a fluid state, or that having been exposed to the sun, it was once softened, and rendered susceptible of the leaves, insects, &c. which came in its way. The latter of these suppositions seems the more agreeable to the phenomenon, because those insects, &c. are never found in the centre of the pieces of amber, but always near the surface. It is observed by the inhabitants of those places where amber is produced, that all animals, whether terrestrial, aerial, or aquatic, are extremely fond of it, and that pieces of it are frequently found in their excrements. The bodies of insects, found buried in amber, are viewed with admiration by all the world; but of the most remarkable of these, many are to be suspected as counterfeit, the great price at which beautiful specimens of this kind sell, having tempted ingenious cheats to introduce animal bodies in such artful manners into seemingly whole pieces of amber, that it is not easy to detect the fraud.

Of those insects which have been originally inclosed in amber, some are plainly seen to have struggled hard for their liberty, and even to have left their limbs behind them in the attempt; it being no unusual thing to see, in a mass of amber that contains a stout beetle, the animal wanting one, or perhaps two of its legs; and those legs left in different places, nearer that part of the mass from which it has travelled. This also may account for the common accident of finding legs, or wings of flies, without the rest of their bodies, in pieces of amber; the insects having, when entangled in the yet soft and viscid matter, escaped, at the expence of leaving those limbs behind them. Drops of clear water sometimes are also preserved in amber. These have doubtless been received into it while soft, and preserved by its hardening round them. Beautiful leaves of a pinnated structure, resembling some of the ferns, or maidenhairs, have been found in some pieces; but these are rare, and the specimens of great value. Mineral substances are also found at times lodged in masses of amber. Some of the pompous collections of the German princes boast of specimens of native gold and silver in masses of amber; but as there are many substances of the marcasite, and other kinds, that have all the glittering appearance of gold and silver, it is not to be too hastily concluded that these metals are really lodged in these beds of amber. Iron is found in various shapes immersed in amber; and as it is often seen eroded, and sometimes in the state of vitriol, it is not impossible but that copper, and the other metals, may be also sometimes immersed in it in the same state: hence the bluish and greenish colours, frequently found in the recent pieces of amber, may be owing, like the particles

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particles of the gem colours, to those metals; but as the gems, by their dense texture, always retain their colours, this lighter and more lax bitumen usually loses what it gets of this kind, by keeping some time. Small pebbles, grains of sand, and fragments of other stones, are not unfrequently also found immersed in amber.

Naturalists have been greatly divided as to the origin of this substance, and what class of bodies it belongs to; some referring it to the vegetable, others to the mineral, and some even to the animal kingdom. Pliny describes it as "a resinous juice, oozing from aged pines and firs (others say from poplars, whereof there are whole forests on the coasts of Sweden), and discharged thence into the sea, where, undergoing some alteration, it is thrown, in this form, upon the shores of Prussia, which lie very low: he adds, that it was hence the ancients gave it the denomination *succinum*; from *juccus*, juice."

Some suppose amber a compound substance. Prussia, say they, and the other countries which produce amber, are moistened with a bituminous juice, which mixing with the vitriolic salts abounding in those places, the points of these salts fix its fluidity, whence it congeals: and the result of that congelation makes what we call amber; which is more or less pure, transparent, and firm, as those parts of salt and bitumen are more or less pure, and are mixed in this or that proportion.

Mr Brydone, in his tour to Sicily and Malta, says, that the river Gearetta, formerly celebrated by the poets under the name of Simerus, throws up near its mouth great quantities of amber. He mentions also a kind of artificial amber, not uncommon there, made, as he was told, from copal, but very different from the natural.

According to Hartman, amber is formed of a bitumen, mixed with vitriol and other salts. But though this were allowed him, in regard to the fossile amber, many dispute whether the sea-amber be so produced. It is, however, apparent, that all amber is of the same origin, and probably that which is found in the sea has been washed thither out of the cliffs; though Hartman thinks it very possible, that some of it may be formed in the earth under the sea, and be washed up thence. The sea-amber is usually finer to the eye than the fossile; but the reason is, that it is divested of that coarse coat with which the other is covered while in the earth.

Upon the whole, it seems generally agreed upon, that amber is a true bitumen of fossile origin.—In a late volume of the *Journal de Physique*, however, we find it asserted by Dr Girtanner to be an animal product, a sort of honey or wax formed by a species of large ant called by Linnæus *formica rufa*. These ants, our author informs us, inhabit the old pine forests, where they sometimes form hills about six feet in diameter; and it is generally in these ancient forests, or in places where they have been, that fossile amber is found. This substance is not hard as that which is taken up in the sea at Prussia, and which is well known to naturalists. It has the consistence of honey or of half melted wax, but it is of a yellow colour like common amber; it gives the same product by chemical analysis, and it hardens like the other when it is suffered to remain some time in a solution of common

salt. This accounts for the insects that are so often found inclosed in it. Among these insects ants are always the most prevailing; which tends farther, Mr Girtanner thinks, to the confirmation of his hypothesis. Amber then, in his opinion, is nothing but a vegetable oil rendered concrete by the acid of ants, just as wax is nothing but an oil hardened by the acid of bees; a fact incontestably proved, we are told, since Mr Metherie has been able to make artificial wax by mixing oil of olives with the nitrous acid, and which wax is not to be distinguished from the natural.

There are several indications which discover where amber is to be found. The surface of the earth is there covered with a soft scaly stone; and vitriol in particular always abounds there, which is sometimes found white, sometimes reduced into a matter, like melted glass, and sometimes figured like petrified wood.

Amber of the finest kind has been found in England. It is frequently thrown on the shores of Yorkshire, and many other places, and found even in the clay-pits; the pits dug for tile-clay, between Tyburn and Kensington gravel-pits, and that behind St George's Hospital at Hyde-park corner, have afforded fine specimens.

Poland, Silesia, and Bohemia, are famous for the amber dug up there at this time. Germany affords great quantities of amber, as well dug up from the bowels of the earth, as tossed about on the shores of the sea and rivers there. Saxony, Misnia, and Sweden, and many other places in this tract of Europe, abound with it. Denmark has afforded, at different times, several quantities of fossile amber; and the shores of the Baltic abound with it. But the countries lying on the Baltic afford it in the greatest abundance of all; and of these the most plentiful country is Prussia, and the next is Pomerania. Prussia was, as early as the times of Theodorick the Goth, famous for amber; for this substance coming into great repute with that prince, some natives of Prussia, who were about his court, offered their service to go to their own country, where that substance, they said, was produced, and bring back great stores of it. They accordingly did so; and from this time Prussia had the honour to be called the Country of Amber, instead of Italy, which had before undeservedly that title. This article alone brings his Prussian Majesty a revenue of 26,000 dollars annually. The amber of Prussia is not only found on the sea-coasts, but in digging; and though that of Pomerania is generally brought from the shores, yet people who dig, on different occasions, in the very heart of the country, at times find amber.

Junker describes, after Neumann, the Prussian amber-mines, which are the richest known.—First, at the surface of the earth, is found a stratum of sand. Immediately under this sand is a bed of clay, filled with small flints of about an inch diameter each. Under this clay lies a stratum of black earth, or turf, filled with fossile wood half decomposed, and bituminous; this stratum is extended upon a bank of minerals, containing little metal, except iron, which are consequently pyrites. Lastly, under this bed the amber is found, scattered about in pieces, or sometimes accumulated in heaps.

Amber has a subacid resinous taste, and fragrant aromatic smell, especially when dissolved. It differs from the other bituminous substances in this, that it yields by distillation a volatile acid salt, which none of the others do; otherwise it affords the same sort of

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principles as then, viz. an acid phlegm, an oil which gradually becomes thicker as the distillation is continued; and when the operation is finished, there remains a black caput mortuum in the retort.—When boiled in water, it neither softens nor undergoes any sensible alteration. Exposed to the fire in an open vessel, it melts into a black mass very like a bitumen: It is partly soluble in spirit of wine, and likewise in some essential oils; but it is with difficulty that the expressed ones are brought to act upon it; the stronger sorts of fixed alkaline lixivium almost totally dissolve it.

This substance is principally of two colours, white and yellow. The white is the most esteemed for medicinal purposes, as being the most odoriferous, and containing the greatest quantity of volatile salt; though the yellow is most valued by those who manufacture beads and other toys with it, by reason of its transparency.

Amber is the basis of all varnishes, by solution in the ways described under the article VARNISH.

Amber, when it has once been melted, irrecoverably loses its beauty and hardness. There have been some, however, who pretended they had an art of melting some small pieces of amber into a mass, and constituting large ones of them: but this seems such another undertaking as the making of gold; all the trials that have yet been made by the most curious experimenters, proving that the heat which is necessary to melt amber, is sufficient to destroy it. Phil. Trans. N<sup>o</sup>. 248. p. 25.

Could amber indeed be dissolved without impairing its transparency, or one large mass be made of it by uniting several small ones, it is easy to see what would be the advantages of such a process. The art of embalming might possibly be also carried to a great height by this, if we could preserve the human corpse in a transparent case of amber, as the bodies of flies, spiders, grasshoppers, &c. are to a great perfection. Something of a substitute of this kind we have in fine rosin; which being dissolved by heat, and the bodies of small animals several times dipped in it, they are thus coated with colophony, that in some degree resembles amber: but this must be kept from dust.

Amber in substance has been much recommended as a nervous and cordial medicine; and alledged to be very efficacious in promoting the menstrual discharge, and the exclusion of the foetus and secundines in labour: but as in its crude state it is quite insoluble by our juices, it certainly can have very little effect on the animal system, and therefore it is now seldom given in substance. The forms in which amber is prepared are, a tincture, a salt, and an oil; the preparation and uses of which are described in the proper place under the article PHARMACY.

*AMBER-Tree*, the English name of a species of ANTHOSPERMUM.

AMBERG, a city of Germany, the capital of the palatinate of Bavaria, with a good castle, ramparts, bastions, and deep ditches. It is seated near the confines of Franconia, on the river Wils. It drives a great trade in iron and other metals, found in the neighbouring mountains. E. Long. 12. 4. N. Lat. 20. 46.

AMBERGRIFE, AMBERGREASE, or GREY AMBER, in natural history, is a solid, opaque, ash-coloured,

fatty inflammable substance, variegated like marble, remarkably light, rugged and uneven in its surface, and has a fragrant odour when heated. It does not effervesce with acids; it melts freely over the fire, into a kind of yellow rosin; and is hardly soluble in spirit of wine.

It is found swimming upon the sea, or the sea-coast, or in the sand near the sea-coast: especially in the Atlantic ocean, on the sea-coast of Brasil, and that of Madagascar; on the coast of Africa, of the East Indies, China, Japan, and the Molucca islands; but most of the ambergrife which is brought to England comes from the Bahama islands, from Providence, &c. where it is found on the coast. It is also sometimes found in the abdomen of whales by the whale-fishermen, always in lumps of various shapes and sizes, weighing from half an ounce to an hundred and more pounds. The piece which the Dutch East India Company bought from the king of Tydor, weighed 182 pounds. An American fisherman from Antigua found some years ago, about 52 leagues south-east from the Windward Islands, a piece of ambergrife in a whale, which weighed about 130 pounds, and sold for 500 l. Sterling.

There have been many different opinions concerning the origin of this substance.

It has been supposed to be a fossile bitumen or naphtha, exuding out of the bowels of the earth in a fluid form, and distilling into the sea, where it hardens and floats on the surface. But having been frequently found in the belly of whales, it has by others been considered as entirely an animal production.

Clusius asserted it to be a phlegmaticcrement, or indurated indigestible part of the food, collected and found in the stomach of the whale, in the same manner as the BEZOARS are found in the stomachs of other animals.

In an account communicated by Paul Dudley, Esq; in the 23d volume of the Philosophical Transactions, the ambergrife found in whales is represented as a kind of animal product, like musk, and castoreum, &c. secreted and collected in a peculiar bag or bladder, which is furnished with an excretory duct or canal, the spout of which runs tapering into and through the length of the penis; and that this bag, which lies just over the testicles, is almost full of a deep orange-coloured liquor, not quite so thick as oil, of the same smell as the balls of ambergrife, which float and swim loose in it: which colour and liquor may also be found in the canal of the penis; and that therefore ambergrife is never to be found in any female, but in the male only. But these circumstances are not only destitute of truth, but also contrary to the laws of the animal œconomy: For, in the first place, ambergrife is frequently found in females as well as males; although that found in females is never in such large pieces, nor of so good a quality, as what is found in males. Secondly, No person who has the least knowledge in anatomy or physiology, will ever believe that organised bodies, such as the beaks of the Sepia, which are so constantly found in ambergrife taken out of the whale, can have been absorbed from the intestines by the lacteals or lymphatics, and collected with the ambergrife in the peculiar bag above mentioned.

Kæmpfer, who has given us so many other faithful accounts in natural history, seems to come nearer the truth

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Amber-grife. truth with regard to the origin of ambergrife, when he says, that it is the dung of the whale; and that the Japanese, for this reason, call it *kusurano fua*, i.e. whale's dung. This account, however, though founded on observation, has never obtained credit, but has been considered rather as a fabulous story, with which the Japanese imposed upon him, who had himself no direct observation to prove the fact.

This matter, therefore, remained a subject of great doubt; and it was generally thought to be more probable, that ambergrife, after having been swallowed, and somehow or other changed in the stomach and bowels of the whale, was found among its excrements.

But the most satisfactory account of the real origin of ambergrife, is that given by Dr Swedjar in the 73d volume of the Philosophical Transactions, art. 15.

We are told by all writers on ambergrife, that sometimes claws and beaks of birds, feathers of birds, parts of vegetables, shells, fish, and bones of fish, are found in the middle of it, or variously mixed with it. Of a very large quantity of pieces, however, which the Doctor examined, he found none that contained any such thing; though he allows, that such substances may sometimes be found in it; but in all the pieces of any considerable size, whether found on the sea or in the whale, he constantly found a considerable quantity of black spots, which, after the most careful examination, appeared to be the beaks of the *SEPIA Octopodia*; and these beaks, he thinks, might be the substances which have hitherto been always mistaken for claws or beaks of birds, or for shells.

The presence of these beaks in ambergrife proves evidently, that all ambergrife containing them is in its origin, or must have been once, of a very soft or liquid nature, as otherwise those beaks could not so constantly be intermixed with it throughout its whole substance.

That ambergrife is found either upon the sea and sea-coast, or in the bowels of whales, is a matter of fact universally credited. But it has never been examined into and determined, whether the ambergrife found upon the sea and sea-coast is the same as that found in the whale, or whether they are different from one another? Whether that found on the sea or sea-coast has some properties, or constituent parts, which that found in the whale has not? And lastly, Whether that found in the whale is superior or inferior in its qualities and value to the former?

It is likewise a matter of consequence to know, Whether ambergrife is found in all kinds of whales, or only in a particular species of them? Whether it is constantly and always to be met with in those animals? And, if so, in what part of their body is it to be found?

All these questions we find very satisfactorily discussed by Dr Swedjar.

According to the best information that he could obtain from several of the most intelligent persons employed in the spermaceti whale-fishery, and in procuring and selling ambergrife, it appears, that this substance is sometimes found in the belly of the whale, but in that particular species only which is called the *spermaceti whale*, and which from its description and delineation appears to be the *PHYSETER Macrocephalus* Linnæi.

The New England fishermen, according to their account, have long known that ambergrife is to be found

in the spermaceti whale; and they are so convinced of this fact, that whenever they hear of a place where ambergrife is found, they always conclude that the seas in that part are frequented by this species of whale.

The persons who are employed in the spermaceti whale-fishery, confine their views to the *Physeter macrocephalus*. They look for ambergrife in all the spermaceti whales they catch, but it seldom happens that they find any. Whenever they hook a spermaceti whale, they observe, that it constantly not only vomits up whatever it has in its stomach, but also generally discharges its fæces at the same time; and if this latter circumstance takes place, they are generally disappointed in finding ambergrife in its belly. But whenever they discover a spermaceti whale, male or female, which seems torpid and sickly, they are always pretty sure to find ambergrife, as the whale in this state seldom voids its fæces upon being hooked. They likewise generally meet with it in the dead spermaceti whales, which they sometimes find floating on the sea. It is observed also, that the whale, in which they find ambergrife, often has a morbid protuberance; or, as they express it, a kind of gathering in the lower part of its belly, in which, if cut open, ambergrife is found. It is observed, that all those whales, in whose bowels ambergrife is found, seem not only torpid and sick, but are also constantly leaner than others; so that, if we may judge from the constant union of these two circumstances, it would seem that a large collection of ambergrife in the belly of the whale is a source of disease, and probably sometimes the cause of its death. As soon as they hook a whale of this description, torpid, sickly, emaciated, or one that does not dung on being hooked, they immediately either cut up the above-mentioned protuberance, if there be any, or they rip open its bowels from the orifice of the anus, and find the ambergrife, sometimes in one sometimes in different lumps, of generally from three to twelve and more inches in diameter, and from one pound to twenty or thirty pounds in weight, at the distance of two, but most frequently of about six or seven feet from the anus, and never higher up in the intestinal canal; which, according to their description, is, in all probability, the *intestinum cæcum*, hitherto mistaken for a peculiar bag made by nature for the secretion and collection of this singular substance. That the part they cut open to come at the ambergrife is no other than the intestinal canal is certain, because they constantly begin their incision at the anus, and find the cavity everywhere filled with the fæces of the whale, which from their colour and smell it is impossible for them to mistake. The ambergrife found in the intestinal canal is not so hard as that which is found on the sea or sea-coast, but soon grows hard in the air: when first taken out it has nearly the same colour, and the same disagreeable smell, though not so strong, as the more liquid dung of the whale has; but, on exposing it to the air, it by degrees not only grows greyish, and its surface is covered with a greyish dust like old chocolate, but it also loses its disagreeable smell, and, when kept for a certain length of time, acquires the peculiar odour which is so agreeable to most people.

The gentlemen the Doctor conversed with confessed, that if they knew not from experience that ambergrife thus found will in time acquire the above-mentioned

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qualities, they would by no means be able to distinguish ambergrife from hard indurated fæces. This is so true, that whenever a whale voids its fæces upon being hooked, they look carefully to see if they cannot discover among the more liquid excrements (of which the whale discharges several barrels) some pieces floating on the sea, of a more compact substance than the rest; these they take up and wash, knowing them to be ambergrife.

In considering whether there be any material difference between ambergrife found upon the sea or sea-coast, and that found in the bowels or among the dung of the whale, the Doctor refutes the opinion, that all ambergrife found in whales is of an inferior quality, and therefore much less in price. Ambergrife, he observes, is only valued for its purity, lightness, compactness, colour, and smell. There are pieces of ambergrife found on different coasts, which are of a very inferior quality; whereas there are often found in whales pieces of it of the first value; nay, several pieces found in the same whale, according to the above-mentioned qualities, are more or less valuable. All ambergrife found in whales has at first when taken out of the intestines very near the same smell as the liquid excrements of that animal have; it has then also nearly the same blackish colour: they find it in the whale sometimes quite hard, sometimes rather softish, but never so liquid as the natural fæces of that animal. And it is a matter of fact, that, after being taken out and kept in the air, all ambergrife grows not only harder and whiter but also loses by degrees its smell, and assumes such an agreeable one, as that in general has which is found swimming upon the sea; therefore the goodness of ambergrife seems rather to depend on its age. By being accumulated after a certain length of time in the intestinal canal, it seems even then to become of a whiter colour, and less ponderous, and acquire its agreeable smell. The only reason why ambergrife found floating on the sea generally possesses the above-mentioned qualities in a superior degree, is because it is commonly older, and has been longer exposed to the air. It is more frequently found in males than females; the pieces found in females are in general smaller, and those found in males seem constantly to be larger and of a better quality; and therefore the high price in proportion to the size is not merely imaginary for the rarity-sake, but in some respect well founded, because such large pieces appear to be of a greater age, and possess the above-mentioned qualities in general, in a higher degree of perfection than smaller pieces.

It is known, that the *Sepia octopodia*, or cuttle-fish, is the constant and natural food of the spermaceti whale, or *Physeter macrocephalus*. Of this the fishers are so well persuaded, that whenever they discover any recent relics of it swimming on the sea, they conclude that a whale of this kind is, or has been, in that part. Another circumstance which corroborates the fact is, that the spermaceti whale on being hooked generally vomits up some remains of the *Sepia*. Hence it is easy to account for the many beaks, or pieces of beaks, of the *Sepia* found in all ambergrife. The beak of the *Sepia* is a black horny substance, and therefore passes undigested through the stomach into the intestinal canal, where it is mixed with the fæces; after which it is either evacuated with them, or if these latter be preter-

naturally retained, forms concretions with them, which render the animal sick and torpid, and produce an obstipation, which ends either in an abscess of the abdomen, as has been frequently observed, or becomes fatal to the animal; whence in both the cases, on the bursting of its belly, that hardened substance, known under the name of *ambergrife*, is found swimming on the sea, or thrown upon the coast.

From the preceding account, and his having constantly found the above-mentioned beaks of the *Sepia* in all pieces of ambergrife of any considerable size, Dr Swedjar concludes with great probability, that all ambergrife is generated in the bowels of the *Physeter macrocephalus*, or spermaceti whale; and there mixed with the beaks of the *Sepia octopodia*, which is the principal food of that whale. He therefore defines ambergrife to be the preternaturally hardened dung or fæces of the *Physeter macrocephalus*, mixed with some indigestible relics of its food.

The use of ambergrife in Europe is now nearly confined to perfumery, though it has formerly been recommended in medicine by several eminent physicians. Hence the *Essentia Ambræ Hoffmanni*, *Tinctura Regia Cod. Parisini*, *Trochisci de Ambra Ph. Wurtemberg, &c.*

If we wish to see any medicinal effects from this substance, the Doctor observes, we must certainly not expect them from two or three grains, but give rather as many scruples of it for a dose: though even then, he thinks, there would not be reason to expect much effect from it, as he had himself taken of pure unadulterated ambergrife in powder 30 grains at once, without observing the least sensible effect from it. A sailor, however, who had the curiosity to try the effect of recent ambergrife upon himself, took half an ounce of it melted upon the fire, and found it a good purgative; which proves that it is not quite an inert substance.

In Asia and part of Africa ambergrife is not only used as a medicine and as a perfume; but considerable use is also made of it in cookery, by adding it to several dishes as a spice. A great quantity of it is also constantly bought by the pilgrims who travel to Mecca; probably to offer it there, and make use of it in fumigations, in the same manner as frankincense is used in Catholic countries. The Turks make use of it as an aphrodisiac. Our perfumers add it to scented pillars, candles, balls or bottles, gloves, and hair-powder; and its essence is mixed with pomatums for the face and hands, either alone or mixed with musk, &c. tho' its smell is to some persons extremely offensive.

Ambergrife may be known to be genuine by its fragrant scent when a hot needle or pin is thrust into it, and its melting like fat of an uniform consistence; whereas the counterfeit will not yield such a smell, nor prove of such a fat texture.—One thing, however, is very remarkable, that this drug, which is the most sweet of all the perfumes, should be capable of being resembled in smell by a preparation of one of the most odious of all stinks. Mr Homberg found, that a vessel in which he had made a long digestion of the human fæces, acquired a very strong and perfect smell of ambergrife, insomuch that any one would have thought a great quantity of essence of ambergrife had been made in it. The perfume was so strong and offensive, that the vessel was forced to be removed out of the laboratory.

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**Ambert** || **Ambert**, a small town of France, in Lower Au-  
|| **ambigenal** vergne, the chief place of a small territory called *Liv-*  
radois. It is remarkable for its paper manufactory and  
camblets. E. Long. 3. 35. N. Lat. 45. 28.

**AMBETTUWAY**, in botany, a barbarous name of  
a tree, the leaves of which, when boiled in wine, are  
said to create an appetite, and is used by the people in  
Guinea with that intention.

**AMBIANI**, or **AMBIANENSIS CIVITAS**, now *Amiens*,  
a city of Picardy. It is called *Samarobriua* by Cæsar  
and Cicero; which, according to Valesius, signifies the  
bridge of the *Samara* or *Somme*. *Ambiani* is a later  
name, taken from that of the people, after the usual  
manner of the lower age.

**AMBIDEXTER**, a person who can use both hands  
with the same facility, and for the same purposes, that  
the generality of people do their right hands.—As  
to the natural cause of this faculty, some, as Hæfer,  
attribute it to an extraordinary supply of blood and  
spirits from the heart and brain, which furnish both  
hands with the necessary strength and agility: others,  
as Nicholas Massa, to an erect situation of the heart,  
inclining neither to the right hand nor left; and o-  
thers to the right and left subclavian arteries being of  
the same height and the same distance from the heart,  
by which the blood is propelled with equal force to  
both hands.—But these are only conjectures, or rather  
chimeras. Many think, that, were it not for educa-  
tion and habit, all mankind would be ambidexters; and  
in fact, we frequently find nurses obliged to be at a  
good deal of pains before they can bring children to  
forego the use of their left hands. How far it may be  
an advantage to be deprived of half our natural dex-  
terity, may be doubted. It is certain, there are in-  
finite occasions in life, where it would be better to have  
the equal use of both hands. Surgeons and oculists  
are of necessity obliged to be ambidexters; bleeding,  
&c. in the left-arm or left-ankle, and operations on the  
left-eye, cannot be well performed but with the left-  
hand. Various instances occur in history, where the  
left hand has been exercised preferably to the right.  
But by the laws of the ancient Scythians, people were  
enjoined to exercise both hands alike; and Plato en-  
joins ambidexterity to be observed and encouraged in  
his republic.

**AMBIDEXTER**, among English lawyers, a juror or  
embracer, who accepts money of both parties, for gi-  
ving his verdict; an offence for which he is liable to be  
imprisoned, forever excluded from a jury, and to pay  
ten times the sum he accepted of.

**AMBIENT**, a term used for such bodies, especially  
fluids, as encompass others on all sides: thus, the air is  
frequently called an ambient fluid, because it is diffused  
round the earth.

**AMBIGENÆ OVES**, in the heathen sacrifices, an  
appellation given to such ewes as, having brought forth  
twins, were sacrificed together with their two lambs,  
one on each side. We find them mentioned among  
other sacrifices to Juno.

**AMBIGENAL HYPERBOLA**, a name given by Sir  
Isaac Newton to one of the triple hyperbolas of the  
second order, having one of its infinite legs falling with-  
in an angle formed by the asymptotes, and the other  
without.

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**AMBIGUITY**, a defect of language, whereby words **Ambiguity**  
are rendered ambiguous. See the next article.

**AMBIGUOUS**, a term applied to a word or expres- **Ambitus.**  
sion which may be taken in different senses.—An ano-  
nymous writer has published a dictionary of ambiguous  
words: *Lexicon Philosophicum de Ambiguitate Vocabu-*  
*lorum*, Francof. 1597. 4to.—The responses of the  
ancient oracles were always ambiguous.

**AMBIT**, in geometry, is the same with what is  
otherwise called the perimeter of a figure. See **PERI-**  
**METER**.

**AMBIT** was particularly used, in antiquity, to de-  
note a space of ground to be left vacant betwixt one  
building and another. By the laws of the twelve ta-  
bles, houses were not to be built contiguous, but an  
ambit or space of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet was to be left about each  
for fear of fire.—The ambitus of a tomb or monu-  
ment denoted a certain number of feet, in length and  
breadth, around the same, within which the sanctity  
assigned to it was limited. The whole ground wher-  
in a tomb was erected was not to be secreted from the  
common uses; for this reason, it was frequent to in-  
scribe the ambit on it, that it might be known how far  
its sanctity extended: thus, *in fronte pedes tot, in a-*  
*grum pedes tot.*

**AMBITION** (*ambitio*), is generally used in a bad  
sense, for an immoderate or illegal pursuit of power.

In the strict meaning, however, of the word, it sig-  
nifies the same with the *ambitus* of the Romans. See  
the next article.

Ambition, in the former and more usual sense, is  
one of those passions that is never to be satisfied. It  
swells gradually with success, and every acquisition  
serves but as a spur to further attempts.

“If a man (it has been well observed) could at once  
accomplish all his desires, he would be a miserable crea-  
ture; for the chief pleasure of this life is to wish and  
desire. Upon this account, every prince who aspires  
to be despotic, aspires to die of weariness. Searching  
every kingdom for the man who has the least comfort  
in life, Where is he to be found?—In the royal pa-  
lace.—What! his majesty? Yes; especially if he be  
despotic.”

**AMBITUS**, in Roman antiquity, the setting up for  
some magistracy or office, and formally going round the  
city to solicit the interest and votes of the people.

*Ambitus* differed from *ambitio*, as the former lies in  
the act, the latter in the mind.

*Ambitus* was of two kinds; one lawful, the other  
infamous. The first, called also *ambitus popularis*,  
was when a person offered his service to the republic  
frankly, leaving it to every body to judge of his pre-  
tensions as they found reasonable. The means and in-  
struments here made use of were various. 1. *Amici*,  
or friends, under different relations, including *cognati*,  
*offines*, *necessarii*, *familiares*, *vicini*, *tribules*, *clientes*,  
*municipes*, *sodales*, *collegæ*. 2. *Nomenclatura*, or the  
calling and saluting every person by his name; to which  
purpose, the candidates were attended with an officer,  
under the denomination of *intepres*, or *nomenclator*.  
3. *Blanditia*; or obliging persons, by serving them, or  
their friends, patrons, or the like, with their vote and  
interest on other occasions. 4. *Prensatio*; the shaking  
every person by the hand, offering him his service,  
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friendship, &c.—The second kind was that wherein force, cajoling, money, or other extraordinary influence, was made use of. This was held infamous, and severely punished, as a source of corruption and other mischiefs.

Ambitus was practised not only at Rome and in the forum, but in the meetings and assemblies of other towns in Italy, where numbers of citizens were usually found, on account of trade and business.—The practice ceased in the city from the time of the emperors, by reason posts were not then to be had by courting the people, but by favour from the prince.

Persons who had causes depending practised the same, going about among the judges to implore their favour and mercy. They who practised this were called *Ambitiosi*. Hence we also meet with *ambitiosa decreta*, and *ambitiosa jussa*, used for such sentences and decrees as were thus procured from the judges, contrary to reason and equity, either gratuitously or for money.

AMBLE, in horsemanship, a peculiar pace by which a horse's two legs of the same side move at the same time. See HORSEMANSHIP.

AMBLESIDE, a town in Westmoreland, seated at one end of Winandermeer, W. Long. 0. 49. N. Lat. 54. 30.

AMBLETEUSE, a sea-port town of France, in Picardy, defended with a battery of cannon. E. Long. 1. 30. N. Lat. 49. 40.

AMBLYGON, in geometry, denotes an obtuse-angled triangle, or a triangle one of whose angles consists of more than 90 degrees.

AMBLYOPY, among physicians, signifies an obscuration of the sight, so that objects at a distance cannot be clearly distinguished.

AMBO, or AMBON, a kind of pulpit, or desk, in the ancient churches, where the priests and deacons stood to read or sing part of the service, and preach to the people; called also *Analogium*. The term is derived from *αναβαινω*, "to mount."—The ambo was mounted upon two sides; whence some also derive the appellation from the Latin *ambo*, "both."

The ambo was ascended by steps; which occasioned that part of the office performed there to be called the *Gradual*. See GRADUAL.

Besides the gospel, which was read at the top of the ambo, and the epistle, which was read a step lower, they likewise published from this place the acts of the martyrs, the commemoration of departed saints, and the letters of peace and communion sent by one church to another; here, too, converts made a public profession of their faith; and bishops, their defence, when accused: treaties also were sometimes concluded, and the coronations of emperors and kings performed, in the same place.

The modern reading-desks and pulpits have been generally substituted to the ancient ambos; though, in some churches, remains of the ambos are still seen. In that of St. John de Lateran at Rome, there are two moveable ambos.

AMBOHITSMENE, or VOHITSANGHOMBE, a province of the island of Madagascar, so called from some red mountains of the same name, lying in S. Lat. 20°. These mountains are very high, resembling the

Tafelberg of the Cape of Good Hope. On one side of this ridge the sea extends into the country for fifteen leagues; on the other is a flat country abounding in ponds and marshes. Here is also a lake fifteen leagues in length, and the same in breadth, containing many small islands. The inhabitants of the mountains are called *Zaferahongs*; and have plenty of gold, iron, cattle, silk, &c.

AMBOISE, a town of France, in Touraine, seated at the confluence of the rivers Loire and Masec. The town is mean and ill built; but has been rendered famous in history by the conspiracy of the Protestants in 1560, which opened the fatal wars of religion in France. The castle is situated on a craggy rock, extremely difficult of access, and the sides of which are almost perpendicular. At its foot flows the Loire, which is divided into two streams by a small island. To this fortress the Duke of Guise, when he expected an insurrection among the Hugonots, removed Francis II. as to a place of perfect security. Only two detached parts of the ancient castle now remain, one of which was constructed by Charles VIII. and the other by Francis I. The former of those princes was born and died at Amboise. The town is situated E. Long. 1. 30. N. Lat. 47. 25.

AMBOULE, a province of Madagascar, somewhat to the northward of S. Lat. 23°. It is a fertile and agreeable country, watered by the river Manampani, whose mouth lies in S. Lat. 23. 30. The country produces plants and fruits in plenty. Iron mines are also found here. The black cattle are extremely fat, and their flesh excellent. In this province stands a large town of the same name; near which is a fountain of hot water, within 20 feet of a small river whose sand is almost burning. The water of this fountain is said to boil an egg hard in two hours; and the inhabitants affirm it to be a sovereign remedy against the gout. The people here are employed in different preparations of iron and steel, which they have from their own mines, and forge several instruments with tolerable skill. Their governor is honoured with the title of *Rabertau*, or *Great Lord*. He exercises sovereign authority and absolute power; but is frequently, in times of distress, surprised by his subjects, who assemble in great numbers, seize his person, and threaten him with death unless they are relieved. To extricate himself from this dilemma, he is instantly obliged to issue orders for distributing provisions among them; but is usually repaid with interest, a quadruple return being made in a plentiful harvest. The people of Amboule live in great licentiousness with their superiors, and their country is generally a retreat for the roguish and lazy.

AMBOYNA, one of the Molucca islands, in the East Indies. It lies in S. Lat. 3. 36. and E. Long. 126. 20. and is remarkable for being the centre of the commerce for nutmegs and cloves, which is entirely monopolized by the Dutch East-India company. It is about 24 leagues in circumference. Besides cloves, it likewise abounds in most of the tropical fruits and fish; nor is there here any deficiency of good water; but flesh is very scarce. This scarcity, however, proceeds more from the policy of the Dutch than either the intemperature of the climate or the barrenness of the soil; For, excepting cloves, they have in Amboyna,

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Amboyna. ni, as well as the Moluccas, industriously discouraged the cultivation of every esculent commodity, with the view of withholding subsistence from those who might be tempted to invade them.

Of the natives, the men wear large whiskers, but leave little hair upon their chin; and have only a slight piece of stuff wrapped round their middle. The women tie their hair in knots: the maids are bought of their fathers before they are married; and if the wife proves barren, the marriage is dissolved. Some of the natives are Mahometans, and some Christians: but they are all said to be lazy, deceitful, and treacherous. They make war with small swift vessels, in shape like dragons with regard to the head and tail. Their houses are built of bamboo-canes and sago-trees. They sleep on mats. Their weapons are bows and arrows, javelins, scymitars, and targets.

Amboyna was first discovered by the Portuguese, who built a fort upon it, which was taken from them by the Dutch in 1605. They did not, however, become masters of the whole island at once. The English had here five factories, which lived under the protection of the Dutch castle; holding themselves safe, in respect of the friendship between the two nations. Great differences had arisen between the Dutch and English colonists in this part of the world; till at last, the English East-India company applying to king James, a treaty was concluded in 1619, by which the concerns both of the English and Dutch were regulated, and certain measures agreed upon for preventing future disputes. This was an additional security to the English; and, by virtue of the treaty, they continued two years in Amboyna, trading with the Dutch. During this time, however, several disputes happened; which occasioning mutual discontents, the complaints were sent to Jaccatra, in the island of Java Major, to the council of defence of both nations there residing: but they not agreeing, a state of the matter was sent over to Europe, to be decided by the East-India companies of both nations; or, in case they could not agree, by the King of England and the States of Holland, according to an article in the treaty of 1619.—But before these disputes could be decided in a legal way, the Dutch, in order to give the more specious colouring to the violent seizure which they meditated of the island of Amboyna, made use of the stale pretext of a conspiracy being formed by the English and Japanese to dispossess them of one of their forts in this place. The plot, it was alleged, had been confessed by a Japanese and Portuguese in the English service, who were most inhumanly tortured till they should answer in the affirmative such interrogatories as might favour the secret design of those cruel inquisitors. Upon the injurious evidence of this constrained declaration, they immediately accused the English factors of the pretended conspiracy. Some of them they imprisoned, and others they loaded with irons and sent on board their ships; seizing at the same time all the English merchandise, with their writings and books.

These acts of violence were followed by a scene of horror unexampled in the punishment of the most atrocious offenders. Some of the factors they tortured, by compelling them to swallow water till their bodies were distended to the utmost pitch; then taking the miserable victims down from the boards to which they

had been fastened, and causing them to disgorge the water; if they did not acknowledge the imputed guilt, the process of torture was repeated. Others of the English they consumed by burning them gradually from the feet upwards, in order to extort the confession of a conspiracy, which was only pretended by the infernal policy of those savage tormenters. Some had the nails of the fingers and toes torn off; and in some they made holes in their breasts, filling the cavities with inflammable materials, to which they afterwards put fire. Those who did not expire under the agonies of torture were consigned to the hands of the executioner.

The allegation of this pretended conspiracy was equally void of probability and truth. The Dutch had a garrison of 300 men in the fort, besides the burghers in the town, and several other forts and garrisons in the island, while the number of the English did not amount to 20 men; nor were even those provided with arms and ammunition to effect such a design as that with which they were charged. There likewise was not one English vessel in the harbour, whereas the Dutch had eight ships riding near the town: neither, when the Dutch broke open the desks and trunks of the factors, was there found a single paper or letter which could be construed into the most distant relation to any conspiracy. Add to all this, that such of the unhappy sufferers as could speak to be heard, declared in the most solemn manner their innocence of the plot with which they were charged.

The whole of the transaction affords the most irrefragable testimony that it was founded entirely upon a political fiction of the Hollanders, who had themselves formed the design of monopolizing the trade of the Spice Islands; for the accomplishment of which they perpetrated, about the same time, a similar tragedy at Pooleron, where they put to the torture 162 of the natives, whom they likewise charged with a pretended conspiracy. It may justly be reckoned singular in the fortune of this commercial republic, that they have ever since been permitted to enjoy in peace those invaluable islands, which were originally obtained by such atrocious infringements of humanity and the laws of nations as will stain the Dutch annals, to the latest ages, with indelible infamy.

The more effectually to preserve this trade, the Dutch have had all the clove-trees in the adjacent islands grubbed up. Sometimes also, when the harvest is very large, part of the produce of Amboyna itself is burnt.—To prevent the rearing of cloves in any of the neighbouring islands, or the inhabitants from selling them to strangers, the governor of Amboyna makes the tour of his government with a fleet of curricuries, consisting sometimes of 20, and at others of 30, 40, or 50 sail. This expedition is made with all the pomp imaginable, in order to gratify the pride and folly of the Indian chiefs. The true reason of their taking all this pains is, because experience has shown, that no contracts, however solemn, can prevent the inhabitants of those islands from selling their spice to strangers; and even now, frauds are so frequently practised by the Dutch themselves, though the company is inexorable in punishing them, that the common people call the cloves *galken-kruid*, that is, the gallows-spice.

Besides the cloves, coffee is also cultivated here by

Ambracia. the Dutch, and a gold mine has been lately found out. This was discovered by the quantities of gold-dust that were washed from some mountains by the torrents. Here also grow several kinds of valuable wood, of which they make tables, chairs, escritoirs, &c. for the principal persons in the government; and the rest is sold all over the Indies at a very extravagant rate.

Amboyna is divided into two parts, viz. a greater and lesser peninsula. The former, called *Hiton*, is 12 leagues in length, and two and a half broad. In this the Dutch have no less than five forts, or rather strong redoubts, mounted with cannon. The other is called *Leytimor*, five leagues in length, and one and a half broad, which is the southern part of the island; on this stands the fort of *Victoria*, which is the residence of the governor, and his council, composed of 15 gentlemen or merchants. The fortress is square, the ramparts mounted with 60 pieces of brass cannon, and the garrison usually composed of 600 men. It is so strong by nature and art, as to be in a manner impregnable; and so effectually does it command the harbour, that no vessel could come in or go out without being sunk by the cannon, if the governor chose. The inhabitants of Amboyna are computed at 70 or 80,000, of whom but a small number are Dutch; and this obliges the latter to be continually upon their guard, and to keep a competent number of troops in each of their forts, particularly in that of *Middleburgh*, which stands upon the isthmus that connects these peninsulas. There are also redoubts and garrisons in all the islands of this government.

AMBRACIA, one of the most considerable cities of ancient Epirus, situated on the river *Araëthus*, at a small distance from the sea. At first it was a free city; but was afterwards reduced by the *Æacidæ* kings of Epirus, who chose it for the place of their residence. In process of time the *Ætolians* made themselves masters of it, and held it till the year before Christ 189, when it fell into the hands of the Romans.

At this time Ambracia was a place of great strength, it was defended on one side by the river *Araëthus*, and on the other by steep and craggy hills; and surrounded with an high and thick wall, above three miles in compass. The Roman consul *Fulvius* began the siege by forming two camps, separated by the river, but with a communication between them; the Romans were posted in one, and the *Epirots* their allies in the other. He then threw up two lines, one of circumvallation, and the other of contravallation; and built a wooden tower, in the form of a castle over against the citadel, which stood on a hill. The *Ætolians*, however, before the lines were quite finished, found means to throw about 1000 men into the place.

The lines being completed, the city was attacked in five different places at once. The battering-rams shook the walls on all sides; and the Romans, from their moveable towers, pulled down the battlements with a kind of scythes which they fastened to long beams. The besieged made a vigorous defence. They were night and day on the walls, and indefatigable in preventing the effects of the rams and scythes. The strokes of the former they deadened, by letting down beams, large stones, lumps of lead, &c. by means of pulleys, upon them when they were in motion; the others they rendered useless,

by pulling the beams to which they were fastened into the city with hooks contrived for the purpose. Ambracia.

While *Fulvius* was carrying on the siege, *Nicaner*, the *Ætolian* prætor found means to throw 500 men into the city, under the command of one *Nicodamus*, with whom *Nicaner* agreed to attack the Roman camp in the night-time; not doubting, that, if the garrison from within, and the army from without, fell upon them at the same time, they would be obliged to raise the siege. *Nicodamus* narrowly watched the time at which he was ordered to sally; and, though *Nicaner* did not appear, marched out at the head of the garrison, armed with fire-brands and torches. The Roman centinels, surprised at this sight, ran to wake the legionaries, and soon spread a general alarm all over the camp. The legionaries marched in small bodies as they happened to meet, to repulse the enemy, whom they engaged in three different places. Two parties of the garrison were driven back: but the third, commanded by two *Ætolian* generals, made a great slaughter of the Romans; and, not finding themselves seconded by *Nicaner*, retired in good order into the city.

Though the besieged were thus abandoned, and had no hopes of assistance, they continued to defend themselves with incredible vigour and resolution. The Romans had no sooner made a breach in the wall, but it was repaired, and a new one built behind it. The consul, therefore, altered his measures; and, instead of making breaches with the ram, began to undermine the wall, in hopes of throwing down great part of it at once, and entering the city before the besieged could have time to build a new wall. The miners being covered, were not observed by the garrison, till the great quantities of earth brought out of the mine gave the alarm. The *Ætolians* immediately began a countermine; and having dug a trench of the depth they supposed the mine to be, they carried it along the wall where they heard the strokes of the pick-axes of the Romans. When the two mines met, a battle ensued, first with pick-axes and spades, and then with swords and spears: but this attack did not last long, each party making themselves a kind of rampart with the loose earth. The *Ætolians*, in order to drive their enemies quite out of the mine, invented a machine, which they brought to the place where the two mines met: this was an hollow vessel with an iron bottom, bored through in many places, and armed with spikes at proper distances to prevent the enemy from approaching it: this vessel they filled with feathers, which they set on fire, and with bellows driving the smoke on the besiegers, obliged them to leave the mine half-suffocated. This interval the *Ætolians* made use of in repairing the foundations of the wall.

The vigorous resistance made by the Ambracians, however, did not raise the courage of the nation in general, who were determined on a peace with Rome at all events. *Fulvius*, in the mean time, being desirous of getting possession of Ambracia before the conclusion of the peace, employed *Amynder*, king of the *Athamans*, to persuade the inhabitants to surrender. As *Amynder* had great interest in Ambracia, having long resided there, he easily persuaded them to capitulate on the following terms, viz. That the *Ætolian* garrison should have leave to march out of the city; that the inhabitants

**Ambreada** inhabitants should pay 500 talents, 200 down, and the rest at six equal payments; and that they should deliver to the consul all the prisoners and deserters that were in the city. The gates were then opened to Fulvius; and he was presented with a crown of gold, together with many fine statues and pictures, of which there were great numbers in the city, it having been the capital of Pyrrhus, who had enriched it with many valuable monuments.

From this time the city of Ambracia made no figure in history. It is scarce known at present where the city stood; but that called *Arba*, in upper Albania, seems best to agree with what is said of the ancient situation of this city. The river Aractus, on which Ambracia was situated, is now called, by the natives, *Spagnamurisi*.

**AMBREADA**, thus they call the false or factitious amber, which the Europeans use in their trade with the negroes on the coast of Africa, and particularly on the river Senegal. There are some large and red pieces of it, a thousand of which making twenty ropes or strings, weigh three pounds. There are others small, and also red, which weigh but two pounds and a half.

**AMBRESBERRY**, a market-town in Wiltshire, about six miles north of Salisbury, and situated in W. Long. 1. 40. and N. Lat. 51. 20.

**AMBRONES**, a Gaulish people who lived near the foot of the Alps, between Switzerland and Provence. They invaded the Roman territories in conjunction with the Cimbri and Teutones; but were defeated with great slaughter by Marius, about 101 years before Christ. Their women, who had staid during the engagement in a kind of fortification made with their carts, on seeing their husbands flying, and the Romans at their heels, armed themselves with axes, and, gnashing with their teeth, fell with fury on the pursuers and the pursued. Their first rage being spent, they desired to surrender themselves, upon the single condition, that their chastity should not be violated; but this equitable request being denied, they first killed their children, and then themselves, not one remaining alive out of the whole multitude.

**AMBROSE-ISLAND**, a small island laid down in some of the most approved charts, and particularly mentioned in Mr Robertson's Elements of Navigation, as lying in S. Lat. 25. 30. W. Long. 82. 20. It was searched for, however, in 1767, by Captain Carteret, with such diligence, that he concludes it to have no existence, as he could not discover land any where near that place.

**AMBROSE (St)**, bishop of Milan, one of the most eminent fathers of the fourth century, born in Gaul in the year 333, according to Dr Cave, or in 340, as Mr Du Pin affirms. His father was at this time *praefectus Praetorio* in Gaul; and resided at Arles, the capital of Gallia Narbonensis. The birth of Ambrose is said to have been followed with a remarkable presage of his future eloquence; for we are told, that a swarm of bees came and settled upon his mouth as he lay in his cradle. He soon made himself master of the several parts of secular learning; and pleaded causes before Probus with so much eloquence, that he was appointed his assessor, and soon after governor of the provinces of Liguria and Æmilia. He settled at Milan; where, in the year 374, upon the death of Auxentius bishop of

that city, there being a great contest between the Catholics and Arians concerning the choice of a new bishop, Ambrose thought it his duty, as governor, to go to the church, in order to compose the tumult. He accordingly addressed himself to the people in a gentle pathetic speech, exhorting them to proceed in their choice in a calm and friendly manner: while he was speaking to them, the whole assembly cried out with one voice, "Let Ambrose be bishop!" Such a sudden and unexpected incident surpris'd him extremely; so that he retired immediately, and used every method to divert them from their resolution of choosing him: but at last he was obliged to comply; and was baptized (being but a catechumen before), and ordained bishop, towards the latter end of the year 374, or beginning of 375. About the year 377, the barbarous nations making an incursion into the Roman empire, he fled to Illyricum, and afterwards to Rome. In the year 384, he was sent to the tyrant Maximus, who had usurped the empire, and prevailed upon him not to pass over into Italy. The heathens being encouraged by these intestine commotions in the empire, attempted to restore their religion, and employed Q. Aurelius Symmachus, prefect of Rome, a man of great eloquence, to plead their cause. This gave rise to the famous contest between St Ambrose and him, about repairing the altar of Victory. But Symmachus having lost his cause, was expelled the city, and commanded not to approach within an hundred miles of it. The petition which he presented to the emperor Valentinian the younger, is still extant; we find in it the strongest figures of rhetoric and the greatest force of eloquence. St Ambrose wrote a confutation of this petition; but he has been thought guilty of many paralogisms: and yet he protests, "that he endeavoured only after the solidity of reasoning, leaving Symmachus all the glory of eloquence and politeness; it being (says he) the peculiar privilege of the pagan philosophers to amuse the mind with colours as false as their idols; and to say great things, not being capable of saying true ones." Ambrose met with a good deal of opposition from the Arians, against whom he acted with great spirit and intrepidity. Justina the empress and mother of Valentinian, who was an Arian, resolving to restore Arianism at Milan, began with demanding of St Ambrose one of the churches, which was called the Portian church; but he refused it; and the people surrounding the palace in a body, she was obliged to leave him in possession of his church, and even desire him to pacify the people.

Ambrose was a second time sent to the tyrant Maximus, for Valentinian found no person so proper to negotiate with him. He spoke to him with great courage and boldness, but could obtain nothing; for Maximus soon after marched into Italy, and made himself master of the western empire: so that Valentinian was obliged to retire, with his mother Justina and his sister Galla, to Thessalonica in Illyricum, in order to desire Theodosius's assistance; who defeated Maximus, and restored Valentinian to the empire.

While Theodosius continued in Italy, after the defeat of Maximus, an insurrection happened at Thessalonica, in which several of the magistrates were stoned, and their bodies dragged along the streets. Theodosius being informed of this, rashly commanded a certain number of the inhabitants to be put to death promiscuously;

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Ambrose. ciously; by which means the city was filled with the blood of many innocent persons, and amongst the rest several strangers who were but just come there: no regard was had to any distinction of persons, no form of trial was observed; but they were cut down like corn in the harvest, as Theodoret expresses it, to the number of 7000. At this time an assembly of bishops was held at Milan, who all expressed an abhorrence of such cruelty in the emperor. Ambrose wrote a letter to him, in which he represented the enormity of his crime, and exhorted him to make satisfaction by a sincere submission and repentance. Some time after, Theodosius coming to Milan, went to receive the sacrament at the great church; where Ambrose meeting him at the door, denied him entrance, and represented his guilt in the most forcible and pathetic terms. The emperor was struck with his words, and with great uneasiness of mind returned to his palace; but about a year after, Ambrose, being convinced of the sincerity of his repentance, admitted him into the church.

In 392, Valentinian the emperor being assassinated by the contrivance of Argobastes, and Eugenius usurping the empire, Ambrose was obliged to leave Milan; but he returned the year following, when Eugenius was defeated. He died at Milan the fourth of April 397; being 57 years of age, according to Mr Du Pin and some other writers; but Dr Cave and Olearius say that he was 64 years old at his death. He was buried in the great church at Milan. He wrote several works, the most considerable of which is that *De officiis*. He is concise and sententious in his manner of writing, and full of turns of wit; his terms are well chosen, and his expressions noble; he diversifies his subject by an admirable copiousness of thought and language; he is very ingenious in giving an easy and natural turn to every thing which he treats of, and is not without strength and pathos when there is occasion for it. This is part of the character which Du Pin gives him as a writer; but Erasmus observes that he has many quaint and affected sentences, and frequently very obscure ones; and it is certain that his writings are intermixed with many strange and peculiar opinions. Paulinus wrote his life, and dedicated it to St Augustin: this life is prefixed to St Ambrose's works; the best edition of which is reckoned to be that published by the Benedictine monks, in two volumes in folio, at Paris, in 1686 and 1690.

AMBROSE (Isaac), an eminent presbyterian minister, was educated at Brazen-nose college, Oxford, where he took the degree of bachelor of arts, and became minister of Preston, and afterwards of Garston in Lancashire, where he was 1662 ejected for non-conformity. It was usual with him to retire every year for a month into a little hut in a wood; where he shunned all society, and devoted himself to religious contemplation. Dr Calamy observes, that he had a very strong impulse on his mind of the approach of death, and took a formal leave of his friends at their houses a little before his departure; and the last night of his life he sent his discourse concerning *angels* to the press. The next day he shut himself up in his parlour, where, to the great surpris and regret of all who saw him, he was found just expiring. He died in 1663-4, in the 72d year of his age. He wrote several other books; as the *Prima, Media, et Ul-*

*tima*, or the First, Middle, and Last Things; War with devils; Looking unto Jesus; &c.

AMBROSE, or *St AMBROSE in the Wood*, an order of religious, who use the Ambrosian office, and wear an image of that saint engraven on a little plate: in other respects, they conform to the rule of the Augustins. See *AMBROSIAN Office*, and *AUGUSTINS*.

AMBROSIA, in heathen antiquity, denotes the solid food of the gods, in contradistinction from the drink, which was called *nectar*. It had the appellation *ambrosia* (compounded of the particle  $\alpha$ , and  $\beta\rho\rho\tau\omega$ , *immortal*;) as being supposed to render those immortal who fed on it.

AMBROSIA is also a splendid kind of title, given by some physicians to certain alexipharmic compositions, of extraordinary virtue. The name was particularly given to a famous antidote of Philip of Macedon, against all poisons, bites, and stings of venomous creatures, as well as many internal diseases.

AMBROSIA: A genus of the pentandria order, belonging to the monœcia class of plants; and, in the natural method, ranking under the 49th order, *Compositæ-nucamentaceæ*. The characters are:—The MALE flowers are compound: The common *calyx* is a single-leav'd perianthium, the length of the florets: The compound *corolla* is uniform, tubular, flat, and hemispherical; the proper is monopetalous, funnel-shaped, and quinquefid: The *stamina* consist of five very small filaments; the antheræ are erect, parallel, and pointed: The *pistillum* has a filiform stylus, the length of the stamina; the stigma orbicular and membranous: The *receptaculum* is naked.—FEMALE flowers below the male ones, on the same plant, doubled: The *calyx* is a single-leav'd perianthium, entire (with the belly quiquedentated), one-flowered, and persistent: There is no *corolla*: The *pistillum* has an ovate germen in the bottom of the calyx; a filiform stylus, the length of the calyx; and two long-bristly stigmata: The *pericarpium* is an ovate unilocular nut: The *seed* is single and roundish. Of this genus five species are enumerated; but having no properties worthy of notice, we omit any farther account of them.

AMBROSIAN OFFICE, or RITE, in church-history, a particular formula of worship in the church of Milan, which takes its name from St Ambrose, who instituted that office in the fourth century. Each church originally had its particular office; and when the Pope, in after-times, took upon him to impose the Roman office upon all the western churches, that of Milan sheltered itself under the name and authority of St Ambrose; from which time the Ambrosian ritual has prevailed.

AMBROSIN, in middle-age writers, denotes a coin struck by the lords or dukes of Milan, whereon was represented St Ambrose on horseback, with a whip in his right hand. The occasion of this coinage is said to have been a vision of that saint, who appeared to the Milanese general in 1339, during the time of a battle.

AMBROSINIA, in botany; a genus of the polyandria order, belonging to the gynandria class of plants; the characters of which are: The *calyx* is a single-leaved spathe, divided by a partition into two cells: There is no *corolla*: The *stamina* consist of a single filament in the interior cell; the antheræ are numerous,

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Ambrosius. numerous, with two roundish concave nectaries at their base; the *pistillum* is in the interior cell; the germen roundish; the stylus cylindrical, and shorter than the spatha; the stigma obtuse: The *pericarpium* a capsule;) roundish and unilocular. There is but one species, a native of Turkey.

AMBROSIUS AURELIANUS, or AURELIUS AMBROSIUS, a famous general of the ancient Britons, of Roman extraction. He was educated at the court of Aldroen of Amrica; who, at the request of the Britons, sent him over with ten thousand men, to assist them against the Saxons, whom Vortigern had invited into Britain. Ambrosius had such success against the Saxons, that the Britons chose him for their king, and compelled Vortigern to give up to him all the western part of the kingdom divided by the Roman highway called *Watling-street*. Some time after, the Britons being discontented with Vortigern, and having withdrawn their allegiance from him, he retired to a castle in Wales, where being besieged by Ambrosius, and the castle taking fire, he perished in the flames, and left his rival sole monarch of Britain; who now took upon him the imperial purple, after the manner of the Roman emperors. Geoffrey of Monmouth tells us, that Ambrosius built Stonehenge near Salisbury in Wiltshire. Ambrosius, according to this historian, coming to a monastery near Caer-caradoc, now Salisbury, where three hundred British lords, massacred by Hengist, lay buried, and resolving to perpetuate the memory of this action, he ordered his workmen to prepare a large quantity of stones and other materials. But having, at the instigation of Tremonus, archbishop of Caerleon, consulted the famous Merlin, this magician advised him to send over to Ireland for certain great stones, called *chorea gigantum*, the giant's dance, placed in a circle on a hill called *Killair*, having been brought thither by giants from the farthest borders of Africa. A body of forces were accordingly sent into Ireland, under Pendragon, Ambrosius's brother, to fetch these stones; but were opposed in their attempt by Giliomanus king of the country, who derided the folly of the Britons in undertaking so ridiculous an expedition. Nevertheless, the Britons having vanquished this prince in battle, brought away the stones; and by the direction and assistance of Merlin, who had accompanied them, these wonderful stones, by order of Ambrosius, were placed over the graves of the British lords, and are now what is called *Stonehenge*. Alexander Meham celebrates this fable in his poem *De divina sapientiae laudibus*. Polydore Virgil assigns another origin of Stonehenge: he tells us it was erected by the Britons as a monument to their general Ambrosius, on the place where he fell in battle, to perpetuate the memory of his glorious actions and services done to his country. Both these stories are rejected by our best antiquaries; who, however, are by no means agreed as to the true origin of this famous piece of antiquity. See *STONEHENGE*.

After the Britons had defeated the Saxons, and obliged them to retire northward, Ambrosius is said to have convened the princes and great men at York, where he gave orders for repairing the churches destroyed by the Saxons, and restoring the exercise of religion to its former lustre. This is confirmed by Matthew of Westminster; who highly applauds the great zeal of

Ambrosius in repairing the churches, encouraging the clergy, and restoring the honour of religion. The Monmouth historian gives this prince a very high character. "He was a man (says he) of such bravery and courage, that when he was in Gaul no one durst enter the lists with him; for he was sure to unhorse his antagonist, or to break his spear into shivers. He was, moreover, generous in bestowing, careful in performing religious duties, moderate in all things, and more especially abhorred a lie. He was strong on foot, stronger on horseback, and perfectly qualified to command an army." The same author tells us he was poisoned at Winchester by one Eopa a Saxon, disguised as a physician, and hired for that purpose by Pascenius one of the sons of Vortigern: but the generally received opinion is, that he was killed in a battle which he lost in the year 508, against Cerdic, one of the Saxon generals.

AMBRY, a place in which are deposited all the utensils necessary for house-keeping. In the ancient abbeys and priories, there was an office under this denomination, wherein were laid up all charities for the poor.

AMBUBAJÆ, in Roman antiquity, were immodest women, who came from Syria to Rome, where they lived by prostitution, and by playing on the flute. The word is derived from the Syriac *abub*, which signifies a flute; altho' others make it to come from *am* and *Baiæ*, because these prostitutes often retired to Baiæ. According to Crnquius, these women used likewise to sell paint for ornamenting the face, &c.

AMBULANT, or AMBULATORY. They give in France the name of *ambulant commissioners* to those commissioners, or clerks of the king's farms, who have no settled office; but visit all the offices within a certain district, to see that nothing be done in them against the king's right and the interest of the farm.

AMBULANT is also used to denote those brokers at Amsterdam, or exchange agents, who have not been sworn before the magistrates. They transact brokerage business, but their testimony is not received in the courts of justice.

AMBULATORY, a term anciently applied to such courts, &c. as were not fixed to any certain place; but held sometimes in one place, and sometimes in another. In opposition to stationary courts.—The court of parliament was anciently ambulatory; so also were the courts of king's bench, &c.

AMBURBIUM, in Roman antiquity, a procession made by the Romans round the city and pomœrium, in which they led a victim, and afterwards sacrificed it, in order to avert some calamity that threatened the city.

AMBURY, or ANBURY, among farriers, denotes a tumor, wart, or swelling, which is soft to the touch, and full of blood.

This disorder of horses is cured by tying a horse-hair very hard about its root; and, when it has fallen off, which commonly happens in about eight days, strewing some powder of verdigrise upon the part, to prevent the return of the complaint. If the tumor be so low that nothing can be tied about it, they cut it out with a knife, or else burn it off with a sharp hot iron; and, in sinewy parts, where a hot iron is improper, they eat it away with oil of vitriol, or white sublimate.

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Many of our farriers boast of a secret which infallibly cures all kinds of protuberances of this kind; the preparation of which is this: Take three ounces of green vitriol and one ounce of white arsenic; beat them to a coarse powder, and put them into a crucible; place the crucible in the midst of a charcoal fire, stirring the substance, but carefully avoiding the poisonous steams; when the whole grows reddish, take the crucible out of the fire, and, when cool, break it and take out the matter at the bottom; beat this to powder in a mortar, and add to four ounces of this powder five ounces of *album rhosis*; make the whole into an ointment, and let it be applied cold to warts; rubbing them with it every day. They will by this means fall off gently and easily, without leaving any swellings. It is best to keep the horse quiet, and without working, during the cure. What sores remain on the parts which the swellings fall off from, may be cured with the common application called the *countess's ointment*.

AMBUSCADE, or AMBUSH, in the military art, properly denotes a place where soldiers may lie concealed till they find an opportunity to surprize the enemy.

In the language of Scripture these terms are not always taken in their proper signification, for laying ambushes for any one, attacking him in secret, laying snares for him. They sometimes signify no more than attacking a man who has no distrust of such a thing; attacking one behind, concealing one's self in some particular place in order to surprize any one. See the book of Judges, ch. ix. 25, 32, 34, 35. Abimelech, who lay lurking with his people in the heights of Sichem, so, however, as to rob and treat those who passed that way very ill, came and attacked the city of Sichem with his troops divided into three bodies: *Tetendit insidias juxta Sichimam in quatuor locis*. Literally, according to the Hebrew, "They prepared ambuscades against Sichem in four heads or companies." And a little farther, ver. 43. "Abimelech being informed that the Sichemites were marched, took his army and divided it into three bodies, and laid wait for them in the field." It seems certain, that in these passages, ambushes, properly so called, were not the things in question. In the first book of Samuel, Saul complains that David laid ambuscades for him: *Insidiator usque hodie permanens*. Now nothing could be worse grounded than this accusation, if we understand the word *insidiari* in its proper signification; but he might say, though unjustly, that David was his secret enemy. And in the Chronicles it is said, that God turned the ambushes laid by the enemies of Israel upon themselves; that is to say, their endeavours, their malice, their arms, he turned against themselves: for the enemies there mentioned came not in private or by stratagem; they marched openly in arms against Israel.

AMBY, a town of the Austrian Netherlands, in the province of Limburgh, situated opposite Maestricht, on the east side of the river Maese, in E. Long. 5. 45. N. Lat. 50. 57.

AMEDIANs, in church-history, a congregation of religious in Italy, so called from their professing themselves *amantes Deum*, "lovers of God;" or rather *amati Deo*, "beloved of God." They wore a grey habit and wooden shoes, had no breeches, and girt

themselves with a cord. They had 28 convents; and were united by Pope Pius V. partly with the Cistercian order, and partly with that of the Soccolanti, or wooden-shoe wearers.

AMELIA, an episcopal city of Italy, in the state of the church, seated on a mountain, 50 miles N. E. of Rome, and 25 miles S. W. of Spoleto. E. Long. 13. 20. N. Lat. 42. 33.

AMELLUS, STARWORT: a genus of the polygalia superflua order, belonging to the syngenesia class of plants; and in the natural method ranking under the 49th order, *Compositæ-oppoſitifoliæ*. The characters are: The common *calyx* is imbricated and roundish: The *compound corolla* is radiated; the hermaphrodite corollets numerous in the disk; the female numerous in the ray: *Proper* corolla of the hermaphrodites are tubular and quinquefid; of the females, tongued, loose, and two or three toothed: The *ſtamina* in the hermaphrodites consist of five short capillary filaments; the antheræ cylindric and tubular: The *piſtillum* has an ovate germen; a filiform stylus the length of the ſtamina; and two filiform stigmata: There is no *pericarpium*, but the calyx unchanged: The *ſeeds* are ovate and solitary: the *pappus* is hairy; the *receptaculum* chaffy.—Of this there are two

*Species*. 1. The lynchitis, with one flower on each footstalk. This is a native of the Cape of Good Hope. It is a perennial plant, rising about three feet high, sending out many branches on each side, so as to form a bushy plant; the branches are garnished with obtuse spear-shaped leaves placed opposite, and are terminated by single naked flower stalks, each supporting one violet-coloured flower, having a yellow disk, which is succeeded by oblong seeds. 2. The umbellatus, with flowers growing in umbels, is a native of Jamaica; and rises from two to three feet high, sending out many branches clothed with opposite leaves, which are terminated by small flowers in umbels.

*Culture*. The first is easily propagated, either by cuttings planted in the summer months, or by seeds sown on a moderate hot-bed in the spring, but the plants require a slight shelter in winter. The second is much more tender, and therefore requires to be preserved in a stove during the winter season.

AMELOT DE LA HOUSAI (Nicholas), born at Orleans in 1634, was much esteemed at the court of France, and appointed secretary of an embassy which that court sent to the commonwealth of Venice, as appears by the title of his translation of Father Paul's History of the Council of Trent; but he afterwards published writings which gave such offence, that he was imprisoned in the Bastille. The first works he printed were the History of the Government of Venice, and that of the Uscoks, a people of Croatia. In 1683 he published his translations in French of Machiavel's Prince, and Father Paul's History of the Council of Trent, and Political Discourses of his own upon Tacitus. These performances were well received by the public. He did not prefix his own name to the two last mentioned works, but concealed himself under that of La Mothe Joffeval. His translation of Father Paul was attacked by the partisans of the pope's unbounded power and authority. In France, however, it met with great success: all the advocates for the liberty of the Gallican church promoting the success of it to the utmost of their power, though

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Amellus.

Amelot,  
Amen.

though at the same time there were three memorials presented to have it suppressed. When the second edition of this translation was published, it was violently attacked by the Abbè St Real, in a letter he wrote to Mr Bayle, dated October 17, 1685. Amelot defended himself, in a letter to the same gentleman. In 1684, he printed at Paris a French translation of Baltasar Gracian's *Oraculo manual*, with the title of *l'Homme de Cour*. In 1686, he printed *La Morale de Tacite de la flaterie*; in which work he collected several particular facts and maxims, which represent in a strong light the artifices of court-flatterers, and the mischievous effect of their poisonous discourses. Frederick Leonard, a bookseller at Paris, having proposed, in the year 1692, to print a collection of all the treaties of peace between the kings of France, and all the other princes of Europe, since the reign of Charles VII. to the year 1690, Amelot published a small volume in duodecimo, containing a preliminary discourse upon these treaties; wherein he endeavours to show, that most princes, when they enter into a treaty, think more how to evade than how to perform the terms they subscribe to. He published also an edition of Cardinal d'Ossat's Letters, in 1697, with several observations of his own; which, as he tells us in his advertisement, may serve as a supplement to the history of the reigns of Henry III. and Henry IV. kings of France. He wrote several other works; and died at Paris in 1706, being then almost 73 years of age.

AMELOT (Denis), a celebrated French writer, was born at Saintonge in 1606. He maintained a close correspondence with the fathers of the Oratory, a congregation of priests founded by Philip of Neri. He wrote the life of Charles de Gondren, second superior of this congregation, and published it at Paris in 1643. In this piece he said something of the famous Abbot of St Cyran, which greatly displeased the gentlemen of Port Royal; who, to be revenged of him, published a libel against him, intitled, *Idée generale l'esprit et de livre de P. Amelote*. He was so much provoked by this satire, that he did all in his power to injure them. They had finished a translation of the New Testament, and were desirous to have it published; for which purpose they endeavoured to procure an approbation from the doctors of the Sorbonne, and a privilege from the king. But Amelot, by his influence with the Chancellor, prevented them from succeeding. In this he had also a view to his own interest; for he was about to publish a translation of his own of the New Testament. Amelot's translation with annotations, in 4 vols. octavo, was printed in the years 1666, 1667, and 1668. It is not very exact, according to F. Simon, who tells us that it contains some very gross blunders. Amelot wrote also an Abridgment of Divinity, a Catechism for the Jubilee, and a kind of Christian Manual for every Day. Towards the end of his life, he entered into the congregation of the Oratory in 1650: and continued amongst them till his death, which happened in 1678.

AMEN, אָמֵן, signifies *true, faithful, certain*. It is made use of likewise to affirm any thing, and was a sort of affirmation used often by our Saviour: *Αμην, Αμην, λεγω υμιν*; i. e. *Verily, Verily, I say unto you*. Lastly, it is understood as expressing a wish; as *Amen*,

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*So be it*, Numb. v. 22. or an affirmation, *Amen, yes, I believe it*, 1 Cor. xiv. 16. The Hebrews end the five books of Psalms, according to their way of distributing them, with the words *amen, amen*; which the Septuagint have translated *γενοιτο, γενοιτο*; and the Latins *fiat, fiat*. The Greek and Latin churches have preserved this word in their prayers, as well as *alleluia* and *hosanna*; because they observed more energy in them than in any terms which they could use in their own languages. At the conclusion of the public prayers, the people answered with a loud voice, *Amen*; and St Jerom says, that at Rome when the people answered *Amen*, the sound of their voices was like a clap of thunder: *In similitudinem caelestis tonitruum Amen reboat*. The Jews assert that the gates of heaven are opened to him who answers *Amen* with all his might.

AMEND, or AMENDE, in the French customs, a pecuniary punishment imposed by a judge for any crime, false prosecution, or groundless appeal.

AMENDE *Honourable*, an infamous kind of punishment, inflicted in France upon traitors, parricides, or sacrilegious persons, in the following manner: The offender being delivered into the hands of the hangman, his shirt is stripped off, a rope put about his neck, and a taper in his hand; then he is led into court, where he must beg pardon of God, the king, the court, and his country. Sometimes the punishment ends here; but sometimes it is only a prelude to death, or banishment to the galleys.

AMENDE *Honourable*, is a term also used for making recantation in open court, or in presence of the person injured.

AMENDMENT, in a general sense, denotes some alteration or change made in a thing for the better.

AMENDMENT, in law, the correction of an error committed in the process, which may be amended after judgment, unless the error lies in giving judgment; for in that case it is not amendable, but the party must bring a writ of error. A bill may be amended on the file at any time before the plea is pleaded; but not afterwards, without motion and leave of the court.

AMENDMENT *of a Bill*, is some alteration made in the first draught of it.

AMENTUM, in botany, the name of a species of calyx, consisting of valves, and hanging down, in different directions, from the caulis. Common oats afford a good example of the amentum.

AMENTUM, in Roman antiquity, a thong tied about the middle of a javelin, or dart, and fastened to the forefinger, in order to recover the weapon as soon as it was discharged. The ancients made great use of the amentum, thinking it helped to enforce the blow. It also denotes a latchet that bound their sandals.

AMERADE, a kind of officers among the Saracens, answering to the governors of provinces among the Europeans.—The name is originally the same with that of emir.

AMERCEMENT, or AMERCIAMENT, in law, a pecuniary punishment imposed on offenders at the mercy of the court. It differs from a fine in being imposed arbitrarily in proportion to the fault; whereas a fine is a certain punishment settled expressly by some statute.

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**America.** AMERICA; one of the four quarters of the world, probably the largest of the whole, and, from its late discovery, frequently denominated the *New-World*, or *New-Hemisphere*.

**1** Boundaries This vast country extends from the 80th degree of north, to the 56th degree of south, latitude; and, where its breadth is known, from the 35th to the 136th degree west longitude from London; stretching between 8000 and 9000 miles in length, and in its greatest breadth 3690. It sees both hemispheres, has two summers and a double winter, and enjoys almost all the variety of climates which the earth affords. It is washed by the two great oceans. To the eastward, it has the Atlantic, which divides it from Europe and Africa; to the west, it has the Pacific or Great South-Sea, by which it is separated from Asia. By these seas it may, and does, carry on a direct commerce with the other three parts of the world.

**2** North and South continent. America is not of equal breadth throughout its whole extent; but is divided into two great continents, called *North*, and *South*, *America*, by an isthmus 1500 miles long, and which, at Darien, about Lat. 9° N. is only 60 miles over. This isthmus forms, with the northern and southern continents, a vast gulph, in which lie a great number of islands, called the *West-Indies*, in contradistinction to the eastern parts of Asia, which are called the *East-Indies*.

**3** Grand objects which America presents to view. "Next to the extent of the New-World, the grandeur of the objects which it presents to view, is most apt to strike the eye of an observer. Nature seems here to have carried on her operations upon a larger scale and with a bolder hand, and to have distinguished the features of this country by a peculiar magnificence. The mountains of America are much superior in height to those in the other divisions of the globe. Even the plain of Quito, which may be considered as the base of the Andes, is elevated farther above the sea than the top of the Pyrenees." The most elevated point of the Andes, according to Don Ulloa, is twenty thousand, two hundred, and eighty feet, which is, at least, seven thousand, one hundred, and two feet above the Peak of Teneriffe, which is the highest known mountain in the ancient continent. (See the article *ANDES*.)

**4** Its mountains. From the lofty and extensive mountains of America descend rivers with which the streams of Europe, of Asia, or of Africa, are not to be compared, either for length of course, or for the vast volumes of water which they pour into the oceans. The Danube, the Indus, the Ganges, or the Nile, in the Ancient Hemisphere, are not of equal magnitude with the St. Laurence, the Missouri, or the Mississippi, in North-America; or with the Maragnon, the Orinoco, or the Plata, in South-America. The rivers in the latter of these American continents are like vast arms of the sea. (See the articles *ST. LAURENCE*, *MISSOURI*, &c. &c.)

**5** Its rivers. "The lakes of the New-World are no less conspicuous for grandeur than its mountains and rivers. There is nothing in other parts of the globe which resembles the prodigious chain of lakes in North-America. They may be properly termed inland seas of fresh water; and even those of the second or third class of magnitude, are of larger circuit (the Caspian sea excepted) than the greatest lake of the ancient continent." (See the articles *SUPERIOR*, *HURON*, *ERIE*, &c.)

The luxuriance of the vegetable creation in the New-

World is extremely great. In the southern provinces, where the moisture of the climate is aided by the warmth of the sun, the woods are almost impervious, and the surface of the ground is hid from the eye, under a thick covering of shrubs, of herbs, and weeds. In the northern provinces, although the forests are not encumbered with the same wild luxuriance of vegetation, the trees of various species are generally more lofty, and often much larger, than are to be seen in any other parts of the world.

One of the most remarkable circumstances, or features, of the New-World, is the general predominance of cold, throughout the whole extent of this great continent. Though we cannot, in any country, determine the precise degree of heat merely by the distance of the equator, because the elevation above the sea, the nature of the soil, &c. all affect the climate; yet, in the Ancient Continent, the heat is much more in proportion to the vicinity to the equator than in any part of America. Here the rigour of the frigid zone extends over half that which should be temperate by its position. Even in those latitudes where the winter is scarcely felt in the Old-Continent, it reigns with great severity in America, though during a short period. Nor does this cold, prevalent in the New-World, confine itself to the temperate zones; but extends its influence to the torrid zone also, considerably mitigating the excess of its heat.—Along the eastern coast, the climate, tho' more similar to that of the torrid zone in other parts of the earth, is nevertheless considerably milder than in those countries of Asia and Africa which lie in the same latitude. From the southern tropic to the extremity of the American continent, the cold is said to be much greater than in parallel northern latitudes even of America itself.

For this so remarkable difference between the climate of the New-Continent and the Old, various causes have been assigned by different authors. The following is the opinion of the celebrated Dr Robertson on this subject. "Though the utmost extent of America towards the north be not yet discovered, we know that it advances nearer to the pole than either Europe or Asia. The latter have large seas to the north, which are open during part of the year; and even when covered with ice, the wind that blows over them is less intensely cold than that which blows over land in the same latitudes. But, in America, the land stretches from the river St Laurence towards the pole, and spreads out immensely to the west. A chain of enormous mountains, covered with snow and ice, runs through all this dreary region. The wind passing over such an extent of high and frozen land, becomes so impregnated with cold, that it acquires a piercing keenness, which it retains in its progress through warmer climates; and is not entirely mitigated until it reach the gulph of Mexico. Over all the continent of North-America, a north-westerly wind and excessive cold are synonymous terms. Even in the most sultry weather, the moment that the wind veers to that quarter, its penetrating influence is felt in a transition from heat to cold no less violent than sudden. To this powerful cause we may ascribe the extraordinary dominion of cold, and its violent inroads into the southern provinces in that part of the globe.

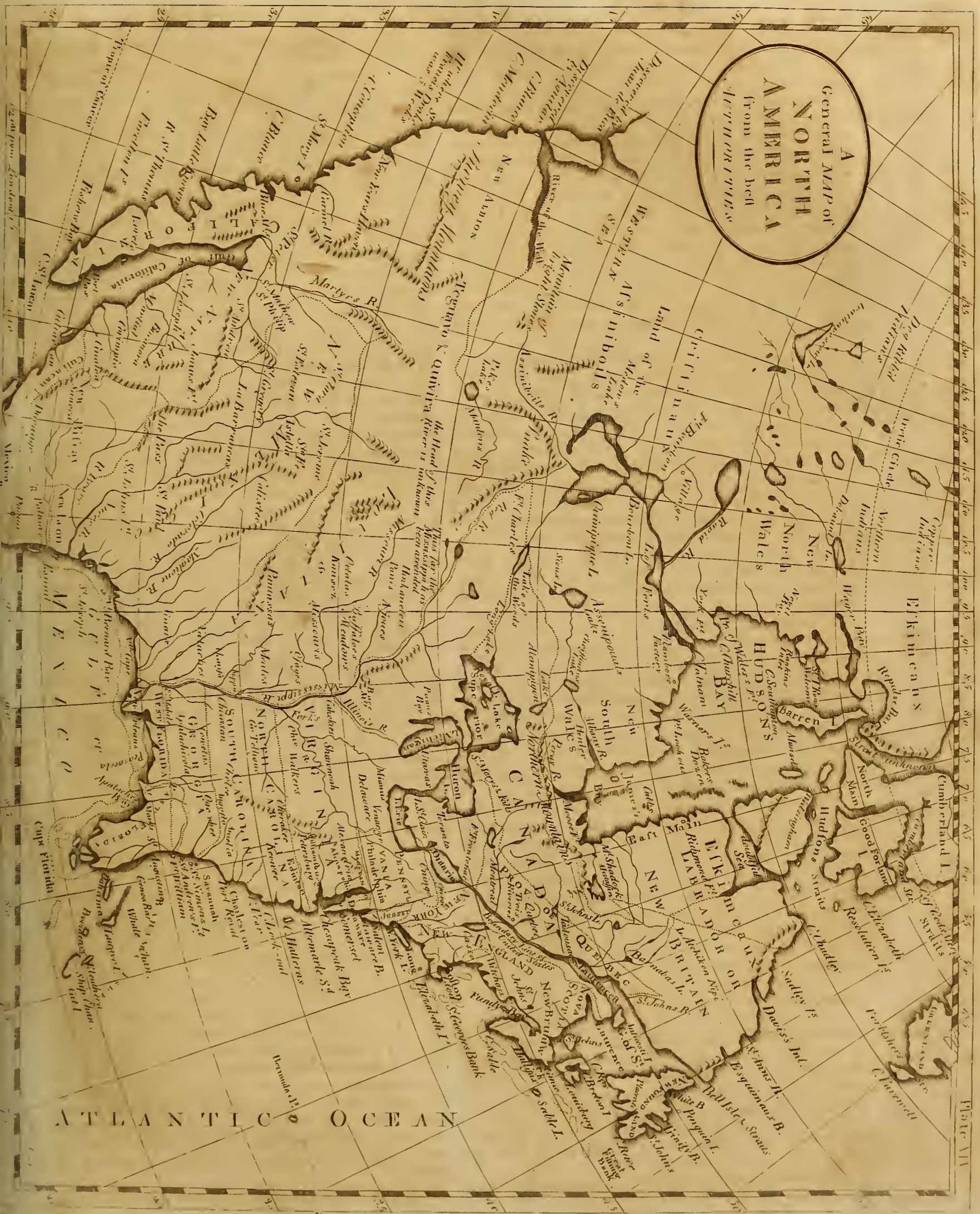
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**America.** Its excessive luxuriance of vegetation.

**8** Remarkable prevalence of cold in America.

**9** Dr Robertson's reasons for this superior degree of cold, *History of America*, vol. II. p. 10, 11, 12, & 13.

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General MAP of  
NORTH  
AMERICA  
from the best  
Authorities



ATLANTIC OCEAN

1850  
1851  
1852



SOUTH AMERICA  
from the best Authorities



SOUTH AMERICA  
from the best  
Authorities

Meridian of London  
Terra Australis  
Mozambique





America. tive power of heat in those parts of the American continent which lie between the tropics. In all that portion of the globe, the wind blows in an invariable direction from east to west. As this wind holds its course across the ancient continent, it arrives at the countries which stretch along the western shore of Africa, inflamed with all the fiery particles which it hath collected from the sultry plains of Asia, and the burning sands in the African deserts. The coast of Africa is, accordingly, the region of the earth which feels the most fervent heat, and is exposed to the unmitigated ardour of the torrid zone. But this same wind, which brings such an accession of warmth to the countries lying between the river of Senegal and Cafria, traverses the Atlantic-Ocean, before it reaches the American shore. It is cooled in its passage over this vast body of water; and is felt as a refreshing gale along the coasts of Brasil and Guiana, rendering these countries, though among the warmest in America, temperate, when compared with those which lie opposite to them in Africa. As this wind advances in its course across America, it meets with immense plains, covered with impenetrable forests; or occupied by large rivers, marshes, and stagnating waters, where it can recover no considerable degree of heat. At length it arrives at the Andes, which run from north to south through the whole continent. In passing over their elevated and frozen summits, it is so thoroughly cooled, that the greater part of the countries beyond them hardly feel the ardour to which they seem exposed by their situation. In the other provinces of America, from Tierra-Fermè westward to the Mexican empire, the heat of the climate is tempered, in some places, by the elevation of the land above the sea; in others, by their extraordinary humidity; and in all, by the enormous mountains scattered over this tract. The islands of America in the Torrid Zone are either small or mountainous, and are fanned alternately by refreshing sea and land breezes.

“ The causes of the extraordinary cold towards the southern limits of America, and in the seas beyond it, cannot be ascertained in a manner equally satisfying. It was long supposed, that a vast continent, distinguished by the name of *Terra Australis Incognita*, lay between the southern extremity of America and the Antarctic pole. The same principles which account for the extraordinary degree of cold in the northern regions of America, were employed in order to explain that which is felt at Cape-Horn and the adjacent countries. The immense extent of the southern continent, and the large rivers which it poured into the ocean, were mentioned and admitted by philosophers as causes sufficient to occasion the unusual sensation of cold, and the still more uncommon appearances of frozen seas in that region of the globe. But the imaginary continent to which such influence was ascribed having been searched for in vain, and the space which it was supposed to occupy having been found to be an open sea; new conjectures must be formed with respect to the causes of a temperature of climate, so extremely different from that which we experience in countries removed at the same distance from the opposite pole.

“ The most obvious and probable cause of the superior degree of cold towards the southern extremity of America, seems to be the form of the continent there. Its breadth gradually decreases as it stretches from St

Antonia southwards, and from the bay of St Julian to the straits of Magellan its dimensions are much contracted. On the east and west sides, it is washed by the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. From its southern point, it is probable that a great extent of sea, without any considerable tract of land, reaches to the Antarctic pole. In whichever of these directions the wind blows, it is cooled before it approaches the Magellanic regions, by passing over a vast body of water; nor is the land there of such extent, that it can recover any considerable degree of heat in its progress over it. These circumstances concur in rendering the temperature of the air in this district of America, more similar to that of an insular, than to that of a continental climate; and hinder it from acquiring the same degree of summer-heat, with places in Europe and Asia, in a corresponding northern latitude. The north wind is the only one that reaches this part of America, after blowing over a great continent. But, from an attentive survey of its position, this will be found to have a tendency rather to diminish than augment the degree of heat. The southern extremity of America is properly the termination of the immense ridge of the Andes, which stretches nearly in a direct line from north to south, through the whole extent of the continent. The most sultry regions in South-America, Guiana, Brasil, Paraguay, and Tucuman, lie many degrees to the east of the Magellanic regions. The level country of Peru, which enjoys the tropical heats, is situated considerably to the west of them. The north wind, then, though it blows over land, does not bring to the southern extremity of America an increase of heat collected in its passage over torrid regions; but, before it arrives there, it must have swept along the summits of the Andes, and comes impregnated with the cold of that frozen region.”

Another peculiarity in the climate of America is its excessive moisture in general. In some places, indeed, on the western coast, rain is not known; but, in all other parts, the moistness of the climate is as remarkable as the cold.—The forests wherewith it is every where covered, no doubt, partly, occasion the moisture of its climate; but the most prevalent and obvious cause is the vast quantity of water in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, with which America is environed on all sides. Hence, those places where the continent is narrowest are deluged with almost perpetual rains, accompanied with violent thunder and lightning, by which some of them, particularly Porto-Bello, are rendered in a manner uninhabitable.

From the coldness and the moisture of America, an extreme malignity of climate has been inferred, and asserted by M. de Pauw, in his *Recherches Philosophiques sur les Americains*. Hence, according to the hypothesis of this author, the smallness and irregularity of the nobler animals, and the size and enormous multiplication of reptiles and insects.

But the supposed smallness and less ferocity of the American animals, the Abbé Clavigero observes, instead of the malignity, demonstrates the mildness and bounty of the climate, if we give credit to Buffon, at whose fountain M. de Pauw has drank, and of whose testimony he has availed himself against Don Pernetty. Buffon, who, in many places of his *Natural History* produces the smallness of the American animals as a

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Extreme moisture of the American climate.

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Malignity of climate unjustly ascribed to America

History of Mexico, vol. II. p. 255.

Ibid. p. 424, 425. note VI.

America. certain argument of the malignity of the climate of America; in treating afterwards of savage animals, in Tom. II. speaks thus: "As all things, even the most free creatures, are subject to natural laws, and animals as well as men are subjected to the influence of climate and soil, it appears that the same causes which have civilized and polished the human species in our climates, may have, likewise, produced similar effects upon other species. The wolf, which is, perhaps, the fiercest of all the quadrupeds of the temperate zone, is, however, incomparably less terrible than the tyger, the lion, and the panther of the torrid zone; and the white bear and hyena of the frigid zone. In America, where the air and the earth are more mild than those of Africa, the tyger, the lion, and the panther, are not terrible but in the name. They have degenerated, if fierceness, joined to cruelty, made their nature; or, to speak more properly, they have only suffered the influence of the climate: under a milder sky their nature also has become more mild. From climes which are immoderate in their temperature are obtained drugs, perfumes, poisons, and all those plants whose qualities are strong. The temperate earth, on the contrary, produces only things which are temperate; the mildest herbs, the most wholesome pulse, the sweetest fruits, the most quiet animals, and the most humane men, are the natives of this happy clime. As the earth makes the plants, the earth and plants make animals; the earth, the plants, and the animals make man. The physical qualities of man, and the animals which feed on other animals, depend, though more remotely, on the same causes which influence their dispositions and customs. This is the greatest proof and demonstration, that in temperate climes every thing becomes temperate, and that in intemperate climes every thing is excessive; and that size and form, which appear fixed and determinate qualities, depend notwithstanding, like the relative qualities, on the influence of climate. The size of our quadrupeds cannot be compared with that of an elephant, the rhinoceros, or sea-horse. The largest of our birds are but small if compared with the ostrich, the condore, and *casoare*." So far M. Buffon, whose text we have copied, because it is contrary to what M. de Pauw writes against the climate of America, and to Buffon himself, in many other places.

"If the large and fierce animals, says Clavigero, are natives of intemperate climes, and small and tranquil animals of temperate climes, as M. Buffon has here established; if mildness of climate influences the disposition and customs of animals, M. de Pauw does not well deduce the malignity of the climate of America from the smaller size and less fierceness of its animals; he ought rather to have deduced the gentleness and sweetness of its climate from this antecedent. If, on the contrary, the smaller size and less fierceness of the American animals, with respect to those of the old continent, are a proof of their degeneracy, arising from the malignity of the clime, as M. de Pauw would have it, we ought in like manner to argue the malignity of the climate of Europe from the smaller size and less fierceness of its animals, compared with those of Africa. If a philosopher of the country of Guinea should undertake a work in imitation of M. de Pauw, with this title, *Recherches Philosophiques sur les Europeens*, he might avail himself of the same argument which M. de Pauw

uses, to demonstrate the malignity of the climate of Europe, and the advantages of that of Africa. The climate of Europe, he would say, is very unfavourable to the production of quadrupeds, which are found incomparably smaller, and more cowardly than ours. What are the horse and the ox, the largest of its animals, compared with our elephants, our rhinoceroses, our sea-horses, and our camels? What are its lizards, either in size or intrepidity, compared with our crocodiles? Its wolves, its bears, the most dreadful of its wild beasts, when beside our lions and tygers? Its eagles, its vultures, and cranes, if compared with our ostriches, appear only like hens."

As to the enormous size and prodigious multiplication of the insects and other little noxious animals, "The surface of the earth (says M. de Pauw), infected by putrefaction, was over-run with lizards, serpents, reptiles, and insects monstrous for size, and the activity of their poison, which they drew from the copious juices of this uncultivated soil, that was corrupted and abandoned to itself, where the nutritive juice became sharp, like the milk in the breast of animals which do not exercise the virtue of propagation. Caterpillars, crabs, butterflies, beetles, spiders, frogs, and toads, were, for the most part, of an enormous corpulence in their species, and multiplied beyond what can be imagined. Panama is infested with serpents, Carthage with clouds of enormous bats, Porto-Bello with toads, Surinam with *kakerlacas*, or *cucarachas*, Guadaloupe, and the other colonies of the islands, with beetles, Quito with niguas, or chegoes, and Lima with lice and bugs. The ancient kings of Mexico, and the emperors of Peru, found no other means of ridding their subjects of those insects which fed upon them, than the imposition of an annual tribute of a certain quantity of lice. Ferdinand Cortes found bags full of them in the palace of Montezuma." But this argument, exaggerated as it is, proves nothing against the climate of America, in general, much less against that of Mexico. There being some lands in America, in which, on account of their heat, their humidity, or want of inhabitants, large insects are found, and excessively multiplied, will prove at most, that in some places the surface of the earth is infected, as he says, with putrefaction; but not that the soil of Mexico, or that of all America, is stinking, uncultivated, vitiated, and abandoned to itself. If such a deduction were just, M. de Pauw might also say, that the soil of the Old-Continent is barren, and fetid; as in many countries of it there are prodigious multitudes of monstrous insects, noxious reptiles, and vile animals, as in the Philippine-Isles, in many of those of the Indian-Archipelago, in several countries of the south of Asia, in many of Africa, and even in some of Europe. The Philippine-Isles are infested with enormous ants, and monstrous butterflies; Japan with scorpions; south of Asia and Africa with serpents; Egypt with asps; Guinea and Ethiopia with armies of ants; Holland with field-rats; Ukraina with toads, as M. de Pauw himself affirms. In Italy, the Campagna di Roma (although peopled for so many ages), is infested with vipers; Calabria with tarantulas; the shores of the Adriatic sea with clouds of gnats; and even in France, the population of which is so great, and so ancient, whose lands are so well cultivated, and whose climate is so celebrated by the French, there

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America. there appeared, a few years ago, according to M. Buffon, a new species of field-mice, larger than the common kind, called by him *Sarmulots*, which have multiplied exceedingly, to the great damage of the fields. M. Bazin, in his Compendium of the History of insects, numbers 77 species of bugs, which are all found in Paris, and in its neighbourhood. That large capital, as Mr Bomare says, swarms with those disgusting insects. It is true that there are places in America, where the multitude of insects, and filthy vermin, make life irksome; but we do not know that they have arrived to such excess of multiplication as to depopulate any place, at least there cannot be so many examples produced of this cause of depopulation in the New as in the Old continent, which are attested by Theophrastus, Varro, Pliny, and other authors. The frogs depopulated one place in Gaul, and the locusts another in Africa. One of the Cyclades was depopulated by mice; Amiclas, near to Taracina, by serpents; another place, near to Ethiopia, by scorpions and poisonous ants; and another by scolopendras; and, not so distant from our own times, the Mauritius was going to have been abandoned, on account of the extraordinary multiplication of rats, as we can remember to have read in a French author.

With respect to the size of the insects, reptiles, and such animals, M. de Pauw makes use of the testimony of M. Dumont, who, in his *Memoirs on Louisiana*, says, that the frogs are so large there that they weigh 37 French pounds, and that their horrid croaking imitates the bellowing of cows. But, M. de Pauw himself says (in his answer to Don Pernetty, cap. 17.), that all those who have written about Louisiana, from Henepin, Le Clerc, and Tonti, to Dumont, have contradicted each other, sometimes on one, and sometimes on another, subject. In fact, neither in the old or the new continent are there frogs of 37 pounds in weight (see the article RANA); but there are in Asia, and in Africa serpents, butterflies, ants, and other animals of such monstrous size, that they exceed all those which have been discovered in the New-World. We know very well, that an American historian says, that a certain gigantic species of serpents is to be found in the woods, which attract men with their breath, and swallow them up; but we know also that several historians, both ancient and modern, report the same extravagant and incredible thing of the serpents of Asia, and even something more. Megasthenes, cited by Pliny, said, that there were serpents found in Asia, so large, that they swallowed entire stags and bulls. Metrodorus, cited by the same author, affirms, that in Asia there were serpents which, by their breath, attracted birds, however high they were, or quick their flight. Among the moderns, Gemelli, in Vol. V. of his *Giro del Mondo*, when he treats of the animals of the Philippine-Isles, speaks thus: "There are serpents in these islands of immoderate size: there is one called *Ibitin*, very long, which suspending itself by the tale from the trunk of a tree, waits till stags, bears, and also men pass by, in order to attract them with its breath, and devour them at once entirely:" from whence it is evident, that this very ancient fable has been common to both continents.

Further, it may be asked, In what country of America could M. de Pauw find ants to equal those of the Philippine-Islands, called *Sulum*, respecting which Her-

andez affirms, that they are six fingers broad in length, and one in breadth? Who has ever seen in America butterflies so large as those of Bourbon, Ternate, the Philippine-isles, and all the Indian-Archipelago? The largest bat of America (native to hot shady countries), which is that called by Buffon *Vampiro*, is according to him, of the size of a pigeon. *La Rougette*, one of the species of Asia, is as large as a raven; and the *Roufette*, another species of Asia, is as big as a large hen. Its wings, when extended, measure from tip to tip three Parisian feet, and according to Gemelli, who measured it in the Philippine-isles, six palms. M. Buffon acknowledges the excess in size of the Asiatic bat over the American species, but denies it as to number. Gemelli says, that those of the island of Luzon were so numerous that they darkened the air, and that the noise which they made with their teeth, in eating the fruits of the woods, was heard at the distance of two miles. M. de Pauw says, in talking of serpents, "it cannot be affirmed that the new world has shown any serpents larger than those which Mr Adanson saw in the deserts of Africa." The greatest serpent found in Mexico, after a diligent search made by Hernandez, was 18 feet long: but this is not to be compared with that of the Moluccas, which Bomare says is 33 feet in length; nor with the *Anacandaja*, of Ceylon, which the same author says is more than 33 feet long; nor with others of Asia and Africa, mentioned by the same author. Lastly, the argument drawn from the multitude and size of the American insects is fully as weighty as the argument drawn from the smallness and scarcity of quadrupeds, and both detect the same ignorance, or rather the same voluntary and studied forgetfulness, of the things of the Old continent.

With respect to what M. de Pauw has said of the tribute of lice, in Mexico, in that, as well as in many other things, he discovers his ridiculous credulity. It is true that Cortes found bags of lice in the magazines of the palace of king Axajacatl. It is also true, that Montezuma imposed such a tribute, not on all his subjects, however, but only on those who were beggars; not on account of the extraordinary multitude of those insects, as M. de Pauw affirms, but because Montezuma, who could not suffer idleness in his subjects, resolved that that miserable set of people, who could not labour, should at least be occupied in lousing themselves. This was the true reason of such an extraordinary tribute, as Torquemada, Betancourt, and other early historians relate; and nobody ever before thought of that which M. de Pauw affirms, merely because it suited his preposterous system. Those disgusting insects possibly abound as much in the hair and clothes of American beggars, as of any poor and uncleanly low people in the world: but there is not a doubt, that if any sovereign of Europe was to exact such a tribute from the poor in his dominions, not only bags, but great vessels might be filled with them.

It is now time to turn our attention to the *Aborigines*, or natives, of the New-World. At the time when this great continent was made more generally known to the Europeans by the discoveries of Christopher Columbus, and of the illustrious navigators who imbibed the spirit and enthusiasm of that great man, it was found inhabited by various tribes and nations of men, who differed

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America. fered, in many respects, from most of the people in the three other quarters of the world. In their physical history, however, the greatest peculiarity in the Americans is their complexion, and the little difference which is observed, in this respect, throughout the whole extent of the American continent. In Europe, and in Asia, the people who inhabit the northern countries are of a fairer complexion than those who dwell more to the southward. In the torrid zone, both in Africa and in Asia, the natives are entirely black, or the next thing to it. This, however, must be understood with some limitation. The people of Lapland, who inhabit the most northerly part of Europe, are by no means so fair as the inhabitants of Britain; nor are the Tartars so fair as the inhabitants of Europe, who lie under the same parallels of latitude. Nevertheless, a Laplander is fair, when compared with an Abyssinian, and a Tartar if compared with a native of the Molucca islands.—In America, this distinction of colour was not so distinctly, and so prominently, marked. In the torrid zone there were no negroes, and in the temperate and frigid zones there were no white people. Most of them were of a kind of red copper-colour, which Mr Forster observed, in the Pesserais, of Tierra del Fuego, to have something of a gloss resembling that metal. It does not appear, however, that this matter has, hitherto, been inquired into with sufficient accuracy. The inhabitants of the inland parts of South-America, where that continent is widest, and, consequently, the influence of the sun most powerful, have never been accurately compared with those of Canada, or more northerly parts, at least as far as we know. Yet this ought to have been done, and that in many instances too, before it could be asserted so positively, as most authors do, that *there is not the least difference of complexion among the natives of America*. Indeed, so many systems have been formed concerning these singular people, that it is very difficult to obtain a true knowledge of the most simple facts, even from the best and most unprejudiced writers.—If we may believe the Abbé Raynal, the Californians are swarther than the Mexicans; and so positive is he in this opinion, that he gives a reason for it. “This difference of colour,” says he, “proves, that the civilized life of society subverts, or totally changes, the order and laws of nature, since we find, under the temperate zone, a savage people that are blacker than the civilized nations of the torrid zone.”—On the other hand, Dr Robertson classes all the inhabitants of Spanish-America together with regard to colour, whether they are civilized or uncivilized; and when he speaks of California, takes no notice of any peculiarity in their colour more than others.—The general appearance of the indigenous Americans in various districts, is thus described by the chevalier Pinto: “They are all of a copper colour, with some diversity of shade, not in proportion to their distance from the Equator, but according to the degree of elevation of the territory in which they reside. Those who live in a high country are fairer than those in the marshy low lands on the coast. Their face is round; farther removed, perhaps, than that of any people from an oval shape. Their fore-head is small; the extremity of their ears far from the face; their lips thick; their nose flat; their eyes black, or of a chestnut colour, small, but capable of discerning objects at a great

America. distance. Their hair is always thick and sleek, and without any tendency to curl. At the first aspect, a South-American appears to be mild and innocent; but, on a more attentive view, one discovers in his countenance something wild, distrustful, and sullen.”

The following account of the native Americans is given by Don Antonio Ulloa, in his late work entitled *Memoires philosophiques, historiques, et physiques, concernant la decouverte de l' Amerique*. 14  
Don Ulloa's  
account.

The American Indians are naturally of a colour bordering upon red. Their frequent exposure to the sun and wind changes it to their ordinary dusky hue. The temperature of the air appears to have little or no influence in this respect. There is no perceptible difference in complexion between the inhabitants of the high and those of the low parts of Peru; yet the climates are of an extreme difference. Nay, the Indians who live as far as 40 degrees and upwards south or north of the equator, are not to be distinguished, in point of colour, from those immediately under it.

There is, also, a general conformation of features and person, which, more or less, characterizeth them all. Their chief distinctions, in these respects, are a small forehead, partly covered with hair to the eyebrows, little eyes, the nose thin, pointed, and bent towards the upper lip; a broad face, large ears, black, thick, and lank hair; the legs well formed, the feet small, the body thick and muscular; little or no beard on the face, and that little never extending beyond a small part of the chin and upper lip. It may easily be supposed that this general description cannot apply, in all its parts, to every individual; but all of them partake so much of it, that they may be easily distinguished even from the mulattoes, who come nearest to them in point of colour.

The resemblance among all the American tribes is not less remarkable in respect to their genius, character, manners, and particular customs. The most distant tribes are, in these respects, as similar as though they formed but one nation.

All the Indian nations have a peculiar pleasure in painting their bodies of a red colour, with a certain species of earth. The mine of Guancavelica was formerly of no other use than to supply them with this material for dyeing their bodies; and the cinnabar extracted from it was applied entirely to this purpose. The tribes in Louisiana and in Canada have the same passion; hence minium is the commodity most in demand there.

It may, perhaps, seem singular, that these nations, whose natural colour is red, should affect the same colour as an artificial ornament. But, it may be observed, they do nothing in this respect but what corresponds to the practice of Europeans, who also study to heighten and display to advantage the natural red and white of their complexions. The Indians of Peru have now, indeed, abandoned the custom of painting their bodies: but it was common among them before they were conquered by the Spaniards; and it still remains the custom of all those tribes who have preserved their liberty. The northern nations of America, besides the red colour which is predominant, employ also black, white, blue, and green, in painting their bodies.

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the vast regions extending to the north, as the ornaments of dress among the most polished nations. The business itself they call *Mactaber*, and they do not fail to apply all their talents and assiduity to accomplish it in the most finished manner. No lady of the greatest fashion ever consulted her mirror with more anxiety, than the Indians do while painting their bodies. The colours are applied with the utmost accuracy and address. Upon the eye-lids, precisely at the root of the eye-lashes, they draw two lines, as fine as the smallest thread; the same upon the lips, the openings of the nostrils, the eye-brows, and the ears; of which last they even follow all the inflexions and sinuosities. As to the rest of the face, they distribute various figures, in all which the red predominates, and the other colours are assorted so as to throw it out to the best advantage. The neck also receives its proper ornaments; a thick coat of vermilion commonly distinguishes the cheeks. Five or six hours are requisite for accomplishing all this with the nicety which they affect. As their first attempts do not always succeed to their wish, they efface them, and begin a-new upon a better plan. No coquette is more fastidious in her choice of ornament, none more vain when the important adjustment is finished. Their delight and self-satisfaction are then so great, that the mirror is hardly ever laid down. An Indian, *Mactached* to his mind, is the vainest of all the human species. The other parts of the body are left in their natural state, and, excepting what is called a *cachecul*, they go entirely naked.

Such of them as have made themselves eminent for bravery, or other qualifications, are distinguished by figures painted on their bodies. They introduce the colours by making punctures on their skin, and the extent of surface which this ornament covers is proportioned to the exploits they have performed. Some paint only their arms, others both their arms and legs; others, again, their thighs, while those who have attained the summit of warlike renown have their bodies painted from the waist upwards. This is the heraldry of the Indians; the devices of which are, probably, more exactly adjusted to the merits of the persons who bear them, than those of more civilized countries.

Besides these ornaments, the warriors also carry plumes of feathers on their heads, their arms, and ankles. These, likewise, are tokens of valour, and none but such as have been thus distinguished may wear them.

The propensity to intolerance is equal among all the tribes of Indians, civilized, or savage. The only employment of those who have preserved their independence is hunting and fishing. In some districts, the women exercise a little agriculture, in raising Indian corn, and pumpions, of which they form a species of aliment, by bruising them together: they, also, prepare the ordinary beverage in use among them, taking care, at the same time, of the children, of whom the fathers take no charge.

The female Indians of all the conquered regions of South-America practise what is called the *urcu* (a word which among them signifies *elevation*). It consists in throwing forward the hair from the crown of the head, upon the brow, and cutting it round from the ears to above the eye; so that the forehead and eye-brows are entirely covered. The same custom takes place in the Northern countries. The female inhabitants of both re-

gions tie the rest of their hair behind, so exactly on the same fashion; that it might be supposed the effect of mutual imitation. This, however, being impossible, from the vast distance that separates them, is thought to countenance the supposition of the whole of America being originally planted with one race of people.

This custom does not take place among the males. Those of the higher parts of Peru wear long and flowing hair, which they reckon a great ornament. In the lower parts of the same country they cut it short, on account of the heat of the climate; a circumstance in which they imitate the Spaniards. The inhabitants of Louisiana pluck out their hair by the root, from the crown of the head forwards, in order to obtain a large forehead, otherwise, denied them by nature. The rest of their hair they cut as short as possible, to prevent their enemies from seizing them by it in battle, and also to prevent them from easily getting their scalp, should they fall into their hands as prisoners.

According to Don Ulloa, the whole race of the American Indians is distinguished by an uncommon thickness of skin, and by an hardness of their fibres; circumstances these, which, in the opinion of this learned Spanish writer, contribute to that insensibility to bodily pain, for which these singular people are so remarkable. Our author adduces an instance, in support of this insensibility, in the Americans, in the case of an Indian, who was under the necessity of submitting to be cut for the stone. This operation, it is well known, seldom lasts above four, or five, minutes. Unfavourable circumstances, in his case, prolonged it to the uncommon period of 27 minutes. Yet, all this time, the patient gave no tokens of the extreme pain, commonly attending this operation: he complained only as a person does who feels some slight uneasiness. At last, the stone was extracted. Two days after, he expressed a desire for food, and on the eighth day from the operation he quitted his bed, free from pain, although the wound was not yet thoroughly closed. The same want of sensibility, he says, is observed in cases of fractures, wounds, and other accidents, of a similar nature. In all these cases, their cure is easily effected, and they seem to suffer less present pain than any other race of men. The skulls, which have been taken up in their ancient burying-grounds, are of a greater thickness than that compages of bones is commonly found to be; being from six to seven lines from the outer to the inner superficies.

It is natural to infer from hence, says Ulloa, that their comparative insensibility to pain is owing to a coarser and stronger organization, than that of other nations. The ease with which they endure the severities of climate is, he thinks, another proof of this. The inhabitants of the higher parts of Peru live amidst perpetual frost and snow. Although their clothing is very slight, they support this inclement temperature, without the least inconvenience. Habit, it is to be confessed, may contribute a good deal to this, but much also is to be ascribed to the compact texture of their skin, which defends them from the impression of cold through their pores. We must confess, however, notwithstanding the assertions and conjectures of an author so respectable as Don Ulloa, that we are not very confident, that either the skins, or the skulls of the Americans are thicker than the skins and skulls of many other nations of mankind. But we do not wish, in this place, to ex-

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America. patience on this subject, which can only be reduced to certainty by the investigations of the anatomist, or naturalist.

The northern Indians resemble them in this respect. The utmost rigours of the winter season do not prevent them from following the chase almost naked. It is true, they wear a kind of woollen cloak, or sometimes the skin of a wild beast, upon their shoulders; but, besides that it covers only a small part of their body, it would appear that they use it rather for ornament than warmth. In fact, they wear it indiscriminately, in the severities of winter, and in the sultriest heats of summer, when neither Europeans nor Negroes can suffer any but the slightest cloathing. They even frequently throw aside this cloak when they go a-hunting, that it may not embarrass them, in traversing their forests, where, they say, the thorns and undergrowth would take hold of it; while, on the contrary, they slide smoothly over the surface of their naked bodies. At all times, they go with their heads uncovered, without suffering the least inconvenience, either from the cold, or from those *coups de soleil*, which in Louisiana are so often fatal to the inhabitants of other climates.

The Indians of South-America distinguish themselves by modern dresses, in which they affect various tastes. Those of the high country, and of the valleys in Peru, dress partly in the Spanish fashion. Instead of hats they wear bonnets of coarse double cloth, the weight of which neither seems to incommode them when they go to warmer climates, nor does the accidental want of them seem to be felt in situations where the most piercing cold reigns. Their legs and feet are always bare, if we except a sort of sandals, made of the skins of oxen. The inhabitants of South-America, compared with those of North-America, are described as generally more feeble in their frame; less vigorous in the efforts of their mind; of gentler dispositions, more addicted to pleasure, and sunk in indolence.— This, however, is not universally the case. Many of their nations are as intrepid and enterprising as any others on the whole continent. Among the tribes on the banks of the Oroonoko, if a warrior aspires to the post of captain, his probation begins with a long fast, more rigid than any ever observed by the most abstemious hermit. At the close of this the chiefs assemble; and each gives him three lashes with a large whip, applied so vigorously, that his body is almost flayed. If he betrays the least symptom of impatience, or even of sensibility, he is disgraced, for ever, and is rejected, as unworthy of the honour. After some interval, his constancy is proved by a more excruciating trial. He is laid in his hammock with his hands bound fast; and an innumerable multitude of venomous ants, whose bite occasions a violent pain and inflammation, are thrown upon him. The judges of his merit stand around the hammock; and whilst these cruel insects fasten upon the most sensible parts of his body, a sigh, a groan, or an involuntary motion, expressive of what he suffers, would exclude him from the dignity of which he is ambitious. Even after this evidence, his fortitude is not deemed to be sufficiently ascertained, till he has stood another test, more severe, if possible, than the former. He is again suspended in his hammock, and covered with the leaves of the palmetto. A fire of stinking herbs is kindled underneath, so as he may

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feel its heat, and be involved in smoke. Though scorched and almost suffocated, he must continue to endure this with the same patient insensibility. Many perish in this essay of their firmness and courage; but such as go through it with applause, receive the ensigns of their new dignity with much solemnity, and are ever after regarded as leaders of approved resolution, whose behaviour, in the most trying situations, will do honour to their country. In North-America, the previous trial of a warrior is neither so formal, nor so severe; though, even there, before a youth is permitted to bear arms, his patience and fortitude are proved by blows, by fire, and by insults, more intolerable to a haughty spirit than either.

Of the manners and customs of the North-Americans more particularly, the following is the most consistent account that can be collected from the best informed and most impartial writers.

When the Europeans first arrived in America, they found the Indians quite naked, except those parts which even the most uncultivated people usually conceal. Since that time, however, they generally use a coarse blanket, which they buy of the neighbouring planters.

Their huts, or cabins, are made of stakes of wood driven into the ground, and covered with branches of trees, or reeds. They lie on the floor, either on mats, or the skins of wild beasts. Their dishes are of timber; but their spoons are made of the skulls of wild oxen, and their knives of flint. A kettle and a large plate constitute almost the whole utensils of the family.— Their diet consists chiefly in what they procure by hunting; and sagamite, or pottage, is likewise one of their most common kinds of food. The most honourable furniture amongst them is a collection of the scalps of their enemies; with these they ornament their huts, which are esteemed in proportion to the number of this sort of spoils.

The character of the Indians is altogether founded upon their circumstances and way of life. A people who are constantly employed in procuring the means of a precarious subsistence, who live by hunting the wild animals, and who are generally engaged in war with their neighbours, cannot be supposed to enjoy much gaiety of temper, or a high flow of spirits. The Indians, therefore, are in general grave, even to sadness: they have nothing of that giddy vivacity peculiar to some nations of Europe, and they despise it. Their behaviour to those about them is regular, modest, and respectful. Ignorant of the arts of amusement, of which that of saying trifles agreeably is one of the most considerable, they seldom speak but when they have something important to observe; and all their actions, words, and even looks, are attended with some meaning. This is extremely natural to men who are almost continually engaged in pursuits, which to them are of the highest importance. Their subsistence depends entirely on what they procure with their hands; and, their lives, their honour, and every thing dear to them, may be lost by the smallest inattention to the designs of their enemies. As they have no particular object to attach them to one place rather than another, they go wherever they expect to find the necessaries of life in greatest abundance. Cities, which are the effects of agriculture and arts, they have none. The different tribes

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America. tribes, or nations, are, for the same reason, extremely small, when compared with civilized societies, in which industry, arts, agriculture, and commerce, have united a vast number of individuals, whom a complicated luxury renders useful to one another. These small tribes live at an immense distance; they are separated by a desert frontier, and hid in the bosom of impenetrable and almost boundless forests.

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There is established in each society a certain species of government, which prevails over the whole continent of America, with exceeding little variation; because over the whole of this continent the manners and way of life are nearly similar and uniform. Without arts, riches, or luxury, the great instruments of subjection in polished societies, an American has no method by which he can render himself considerable among his companions, but by superiority in personal qualities of body or mind. But, as Nature has not been very lavish in her personal distinctions, where all enjoy the same education, all are pretty much upon an equality, and will desire to remain so. Liberty, therefore, is the prevailing passion of the Americans; and their government, under the influence of this sentiment, is, perhaps, better secured than by the wisest political regulations. They are very far, however, from despising all sort of authority: they are attentive to the voice of wisdom, which experience has conferred on the aged, and they enlist under the banners of the chief in whose valour and military address they have learned to repose a just and merited confidence. In every society, therefore, there is to be considered the power of the chiefs and of the elders. Among those tribes which are most engaged in war, the power of the chief is, naturally, predominant; because the idea of having a military leader was the first source of his superiority, and the continual exigencies of the state requiring such a leader, will continue to support, and even to enhance it. His power, however, is rather persuasive than coercive; he is revered as a father, rather than feared as a monarch. He has no guards, no prisons, no officers of justice, and one act of ill-judged violence would pull him from his humble throne. The elders in the other form of government which may be considered as a *mild* and *nominal* aristocracy, have no more power. In most countries, therefore, age alone is sufficient for acquiring respect, influence, and authority. It is age which teaches experience, and experience is the only source of knowledge among a savage people. Among those persons business is conducted with the utmost simplicity, and which may recall, to those who are acquainted with antiquity, a picture of the most early ages. The heads of families meet together in a house or cabin appointed for the purpose. Here the business is discussed; and here those of the nation, distinguished for their eloquence or wisdom, have an opportunity of displaying those talents. Their orators, like those of Homer, express themselves in a bold figurative style, stronger than refined, or rather softened, nations can well bear, and with gestures equally violent, but often extremely natural and expressive. When the business is over, and they happen to be well provided with food, they appoint a feast upon the occasion, of which almost the whole nation partakes. The feast is accompanied with a song, in which the real or fabulous exploits of their forefathers are celebrated. They

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have dances too, though, like those of the Greeks and Romans, they are chiefly of the military kind; and their music and dancing accompany every feast.

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Wampum or belts.

To assist their memory, they have belts of small shells, or beads, of different colours, each representing a particular object, which is marked by their colour and arrangement. At the conclusion of every subject on which they discourse, when they treat with a foreign state, they deliver one of those belts; for if this ceremony should be omitted, all that they have said passes for nothing. These belts are carefully deposited in each town, as the public records of the nation; and to them they occasionally have recourse, when any public contest happens with a neighbouring tribe. Of late, as the materials of which those belts are made, have become scarce, they often give some skin in place of the wampum (the name of the beads), and receive, in return, presents of a more valuable kind from the commissioners; for they never consider a treaty as of any weight, unless every article in it be ratified by such a gratification.

It often happens, that those different tribes or nations, scattered as they are at an immense distance from one another, meet in their excursions after prey. If there subsists no animosity between them, which seldom is the case, they behave in the most friendly and courteous manner; but if they happen to be in a state of war, or if there has been no previous intercourse between them, all who are not friends are deemed enemies, and they fight with the most savage fury.

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Their wars

If we except hunting and fishing, war is the principal employment of the Indian men: almost every other concern, but in particular the little agriculture which they enjoy, is consigned to the women. The most common motive of the Americans for entering into war, when it does not arise from an accidental rencounter, or interference, is either to revenge themselves for the death of some lost friends, or to acquire prisoners, who may assist them in their hunting, and whom they adopt into their society. These wars are either undertaken by some private adventurers, or at the instance of the whole community. In the latter case, all the young men who are disposed to go out to battle (for no one is compelled contrary to his inclination), give a bit of wood to the chief, as a token of their design to accompany him; for every thing among these people is transacted with a great deal of ceremony and with many forms. The chief, who is to conduct, them fasts several days, during which time he converses with no one, and is particularly careful to observe his dreams; which the presumption natural to savages generally renders as favourable as he could desire. A variety of other superstitions and ceremonies are observed. One of the most hideous is setting the war-kettle on the fire, as an emblem that they are going out to devour their enemies; which, among these nations, it is probable, was formerly the case, since they still continue to express it in clear terms, and use an emblem significant of the ancient usage. Then, they dispatch a porcelane, or large shell, to their allies, inviting them to come along, and drink the blood of their enemies. For with the Americans, as with the Greeks of old,

25  
Ceremonies before setting out.

“A generous friendship no cold medium knows;  
“But with one love, with one resentment glows.”

**America.** They think that those in their alliance must not only adopt their enmities, but that they must also have their resentment wound up to the same pitch with themselves. And, indeed, no people carry their friendships or their resentments so far as they do; and this is what should be expected from their peculiar circumstances: that principle in human nature which is the spring of the social affections, acts with so much the greater force the more it is restrained. The Americans, who live in small societies, who see few objects and few persons, become wonderfully attached to those objects and persons, and cannot be deprived of them without feeling themselves miserable. Their ideas are too confined to enable them to entertain just sentiments of humanity, or universal benevolence. But this very circumstance, while it makes them cruel and savage to an incredible degree, towards those with whom they are at war, adds a new force to their particular friendships, and to the common tie which unites the members of the same tribe, or of those different tribes which are in alliance with one another. Without attending to this reflection, some facts we are going to relate would excite our wonder without informing our reason, and we would be bewildered in a number of particulars, seemingly opposite to one another, without being sensible of the general cause from which they proceed.

Having finished all the ceremonies previous to the war, and the day appointed for their setting out on the expedition being arrived, they take leave of their friends, and exchange their clothes, or whatever moveables they have, in token of mutual friendship; after which they proceed from the town, their wives and female relations walking before, and attending them to some distance. The warriors march all dressed in their finest apparel and most showy ornaments, without any order. The chief walks slowly before them, singing the war-song, while the rest observe the most profound silence. When they come up to their women, they deliver them all their finery, and putting on their worst clothes, proceed on their expedition.

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Ensigns.

Every nation has its peculiar ensign or standard, which is generally a representation of some beast, bird, or fish. Those among the Five-Nations are the bear, otter, wolf, tortoise, and eagle; and by those names the tribes are usually distinguished. They have the figures of those animals pricked and printed on several parts of their bodies; and when they march through the woods, they commonly, at every encampment, cut the representation of their ensign on trees, especially after a successful campaign: marking at the same time the number of scalps or prisoners they have taken. Their military dress is extremely singular. They cut off, or pull out, all their hair, except a spot about the breadth of two English crown-pieces, near the top of their heads, and entirely destroy their eye-brows. The lock left upon their heads is divided into several parcels, each of which is stiffened and adorned with wampum, beads, and feathers of various kinds, the whole being twisted into a form much resembling the modern pompoon. Their heads are painted red down to the eye-brows, and sprinkled over with white down. The gristles of their ears are split almost quite round, and distended with wires or splinters, so as to meet and tie together on the nape of the neck. These are, also, hung with ornaments, and, generally, bear the repre-

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Military habits.

sentation of some bird, or beast. Their noses are likewise bored and hung with trinkets of beads, and their faces painted, with various colours, so as to make an awful appearance. Their breasts are adorned with a gorget, or medal, of brass, copper, or some other metal; and that dreadful weapon the scalping-knife hangs by a string from the neck.

The great qualities of an Indian war are vigilance and attention, to give and avoid a surprize; and, indeed, in these they are superior to all nations, in the world. Accustomed to continual wandering in the forests; having their perceptions sharpened by keen necessity, and living, in every respect, according to nature, their external senses have a degree of acuteness which, at first view, appears incredible. They can trace out their enemies, at an immense distance, by the smoke of their fires, which they smell, and by the tracks of their feet upon the ground, imperceptible to an European eye, but which they can count and distinguish, with the utmost facility. It is said, they can even distinguish the different nations with whom they are acquainted, and can determine the precise time when they passed, where an European could not, with all his glasses, distinguish footsteps at all. These circumstances, however, are of less importance, because their savage enemies are equally well acquainted with them. When they go out, therefore, they take care to avoid making use of any thing by which they might run the danger of a discovery. They light no fire to warm themselves, or to prepare their victuals: they lie close to the ground all day, and travel only in the night; and marching along in files, he that closes the rear, diligently covers with leaves the tracks of his own feet and of theirs who preceded him. When they halt to refresh themselves, scouts are sent out to reconnoitre the country and beat up every place where they suspect an enemy to lie concealed. In this manner they enter unawares the villages of their foes; and while the flower of the nation are engaged in hunting, massacre all the children, women, and helpless old men, or make prisoners of as many as they can manage, or have strength enough to be useful to their nation. But when the enemy is apprised of their design, and coming on in arms against them, they throw themselves flat on the ground among the withered herbs and leaves, which their faces are painted to resemble. They then allow a part to pass unmolested, when, all at once, with a tremendous shout, rising up from their ambush, they pour a storm of musket-bullets on their foes. The party attacked returns the same cry. Every one shelters himself with a tree, and returns the fire of the adverse party, as soon as they raise themselves from the ground to give a second fire. Thus does the battle continue until the one party is so much weakened as to be incapable of farther resistance. But if the force on each side continues nearly equal, the fierce spirits of the savages, inflamed by the loss of their friends, can no longer be restrained. They abandon their distant war, they rush upon one another, with clubs and hatchets in their hands, magnifying their own courage, and insulting their enemies with the bitterest reproaches. A cruel combat ensues, death appears in a thousand hideous forms, which would congeal the blood of civilized nations to behold, but which rouses the fury of savages. They trample, they

**America**

28  
Quickness of their senses.

29  
Vigilance and circumspection.

30  
Manner of fighting.

insult.



America. insult, over the dead bodies, and tear the scalp from the head. The flame rages on till it meets with no resistance; then the prisoners are secured, those unhappy men, whose fate is a thousand times more dreadful than theirs who have died in field. The conquerors set up a hideous howling, to lament the friends they have lost. They approach, in a melancholy and severe gloom, to their own village; a messenger is sent to announce their arrival, and the women, with frightful shrieks, come out to mourn their dead brothers, or their husbands. When they are arrived, the chief relates, in a low voice, to the elders, a circumstantial account of every particular of the expedition. The orator proclaims aloud this account to the people; and as he mentions the names of those who have fallen, the shrieks of the women are redoubled. The men, too, join in these cries, according as each is most connected with the deceased by blood, or friendship. The last ceremony is the proclamation of the victory; each individual then forgets his private misfortunes, and joins in the triumph of his nation; all tears are wiped from their eyes, and, by an unaccountable transition, they pass, in a moment, from the bitterness of sorrow to an extravagance of joy. But the treatment of the prisoners, whose fate remains all this time undecided, is what chiefly characterises the savages.

We have already mentioned the strength of their affections, or resentments. United, as they are, in small societies, connected, within themselves, by the firmest ties, their friendly affections, which glow with the most intense warmth within the walls of their own village, seldom extend beyond them. They feel nothing for the enemies of their nation; and their resentment is easily extended, from the individual who has injured them, to all others of the same tribe. The prisoners who have themselves the same feelings, know the intentions of their conquerors, and are prepared for them. The person who has taken the captive attends him to the cottage, where, according to the distribution made by the elders, he is to be delivered to supply the loss of a citizen. If those who receive him have their family weakened by war or other accidents, they adopt the captive into the family, of which he becomes a member. But if they have no occasion for him, or their resentment for the loss of their friends be too high to endure the sight of any connected with those who were concerned in it, they sentence him to death. All those who have met with the same severe sentence being collected, the whole nation is assembled at the execution, as for some great solemnity. A scaffold is erected, and the prisoners are tied to the stake, where they commence their death-song, and prepare for the ensuing scene of cruelty with the most undaunted courage. Their enemies; on the other side, are determined to put it to the proof, by the most refined and exquisite tortures. They begin at the extremity of his body, and, gradually, approach the more vital parts. One plucks out his nails by the roots, one by one; another takes a finger into his mouth, and tears off the flesh with his teeth; a third thrusts the finger, mangled as it is, into the bowl of a pipe made red-hot, which he smokes like tobacco; then they pound his toes and fingers to pieces between two stones; they cut circles about his joints, and gashes in the fleshy parts of his limbs, which they sear immediately with red-hot irons, cut-

ting, burning, and pinching them, alternately; they pull off his flesh, thus mangled and roasted, bit by bit, devouring it with greediness, and smearing their faces with the blood, in an enthusiasm of horror and fury. When they have thus torn off the flesh, they twist the bare nerves and tendons about an iron, tearing and snapping them, whilst others are employed in pulling and extending his limbs in every way that can increase the torment. This continues, often, five or six hours; and sometimes, such is the strength of the savages, days together. Then they frequently unbind him, to give a breathing to their fury, to think what new torments they shall inflict, and to refresh the strength of the sufferer, who, wearied out with such a variety of unheard-of torments, often falls into so profound a sleep, that they are obliged to apply the fire to awake him, and renew his sufferings. He is again fastened to the stake, and again they renew their cruelty; they stick him all over with small matches of wood that easily takes fire, but burns slowly; they continually run sharp reeds into every part of his body; they drag out his teeth with pincers, and thrust out his eyes; and, lastly, after having burned his flesh from the bones with slow fires; after having so mangled the body that it is all but one wound; after having mutilated his face in such a manner as to carry nothing human in it; after having peeled the skin from the head, and poured a heap of red-hot coals or boiling water on the naked skull—they once more unbind the wretch; who, blind, and staggering with pain and weakness, assaulted and pelted on every side with clubs and stones, now up, now down, falling into their fires at every step, runs hither and thither, until one of the chiefs, whether out of compassion, or weary of cruelty, puts an end to his life with a club or dagger. The body is then put into a kettle, and this barbarous employment is succeeded by a feast as barbarous.

The women, forgetting the human as well as the female nature, and transformed into something worse than furies, are said to surpass even the men in this scene of horror; while the principal persons of the country sit round the stake, smoking and looking on, without the least emotion. What is most extraordinary, the sufferer himself, in the little intervals of his torments, smokes too, appears unconcerned, and converses with his torturers about indifferent matters. Indeed, during the whole time of his execution, there seems a contest which shall exceed, they in inflicting the most horrid pains, or he in enduring them with a firmness and constancy almost above human: not a groan, not a sigh, not a distortion of countenance, escapes him: he possesses his mind entirely in the midst of his torments: he recounts his own exploits: he informs them what cruelties he has inflicted upon their countrymen; and threatens them with the revenge that will attend his death; and, though his reproaches exasperate them, to a perfect madness of rage and fury, he continues his insults even of their ignorance of the art of tormenting, pointing out himself more exquisite methods, and more sensible parts of the body to be afflicted. The women have this part of courage as well as the men; and it is as rare for an Indian to behave otherwise as it would be for any European to suffer as an Indian. Such is the wonderful power of an early institution, and a ferocious thirst of glory! "I am brave and in-

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treatment  
of their pri-  
soners.

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shocking  
tortures.

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Constancy  
of the suf-  
ferers.

America. intrepid (exclaims the savage in the face of his tormentors) ; I do not fear death, nor any kind of tortures ; those who fear them are cowards ; they are less than women ; life is nothing to those that have courage. May my enemies be confounded with despair and rage ! Oh ! that I could devour them, and drink their blood to the last drop."

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Surprising  
contrast in  
the Ameri-  
can charac-  
ter.

But neither the intrepidity, on one side, nor the inflexibility, on the other, are among themselves matter of astonishment : for vengeance, and fortitude, in the midst of torment, are duties which they consider as sacred ; they are the effects of their earliest education, and depend upon principles instilled into them from their infancy. On all other occasions they are humane and compassionate. Nothing can exceed the warmth of their affection towards their friends, who consist of all those who live in the same village, or are in alliance with it : among these all things are common ; and this, though it may in part, and among some of the tribes, arise from their not possessing very distinct notions of separate property, is chiefly to be attributed to the strength of their attachment : because, in every thing else, with their lives as well as their fortunes, they are ready to serve their friends. Their houses, their provision, even their young women, are not enough to oblige a guest. Has any one of these succeeded ill in his hunting ? Has his harvest failed ? or is his house burned ? He feels no other effect of his misfortunes, than that it gives him an opportunity to experience the benevolence and regard of his fellow-citizens. On the other hand, to the enemies of his country, or to those who have privately offended, the American is implacable. He conceals his sentiments ; he appears reconciled until by some treachery or surprise he has an opportunity of executing an horrible revenge. No length of time is sufficient to allay his resentment ; no distance of place great enough to protect the object ; he crosses the steepest mountains ; he pierces the most impracticable forests, and traverses the most hideous bogs and deserts, for several hundreds of miles ; bearing the inclemency of the season, the fatigue of the expedition, the extremes of hunger and thirst, with patience and cheerfulness, in hopes of surprising his enemy, on whom he exercises the most shocking barbarities, even to the eating of his flesh. To such extremes do the Indians push their friendship or their enmity ; and such indeed, in general, is the character of all strong and uncultivated minds.

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Treatment  
of their  
dead  
friends.

But what we have said respecting the Indians would be a faint picture, did we omit observing the force of their friendship, which principally appears by the treatment of their dead. When any one of the society is cut off, he is lamented by the whole : on this occasion a variety of ceremonies are practised, denoting the most lively sorrow. No business is transacted, however pressing, till all the pious ceremonies due to the dead are performed. The body is washed, anointed, and painted. Then, the women lament the loss with hideous howlings, intermixed with songs which celebrate the great actions of the deceased and his ancestors. The men mourn also, though in a less extravagant manner. The whole village is present at the interment, and the corpse is habited in their most sumptuous ornaments. Close to the body of the defunct are placed his bows and arrows, with whatever he valued most in his life, and a quantity of provision for his subsistence on the

journey which he is supposed to take. This solemnity, like every other, is attended with feasting. The funeral being ended, the relations of the deceased confine themselves to their huts, for a considerable time, to indulge their grief. After an interval of some weeks, they visit the grave, repeat their sorrow, new-clothe the remains of the body, and act over again all the solemnities of the funeral.

America.

Among the various tokens of their regard for their deceased friends, the most remarkable is the ceremony which they call the *feast of the dead*, or the *feast of souls*. The day for this ceremony is appointed in the council of their chiefs, who give orders for every thing which may enable them to celebrate it with pomp and magnificence ; and the neighbouring nations are invited to partake of the entertainment. At this time, all who have died since the preceding feast of the kind are taken out of their graves. Even those who have been interred at the greatest distance from the villages, are diligently sought for, and conducted to this rendezvous of the dead, which exhibits a scene of horror beyond the power of description. When the feast is concluded, the bodies are dressed in the finest skins which can be procured, and after being exposed for some time in this pomp, are again committed to the earth, with great solemnity, which is succeeded by funeral games.

Their taste for war, which forms the chief ingredient in their character, gives a strong bias to their religion. *Areskoui*, or the god of battle, is revered as the great god of the Indians. Him they invoke before they go into the field ; and according as his disposition is more or less favourable to them, they conclude they will be more or less successful. Some nations seem to do a kind of homage to the sun, as a symbol, or minister, of the beneficence and power of the *Great Spirit* : others pay a similar homage to the moon and planets ; among others, there is a number of traditions, relative to the creation of the world and the history of the gods : traditions which resemble the Grecian fables, but which are still more absurd and inconsistent. But religion is not the prevailing character of the Indians ; and except when they have some immediate occasion for the assistance of their gods, they pay them no sort of worship. Like all rude nations, however, they are strongly addicted to superstition. They believe in the existence of a number of good and bad genii, or spirits, who interfere in the affairs of mortals, and produce all our happiness, or misery. It is from the evil genii, in particular, that our diseases, they imagine, proceed ; and it is to the good genii we are indebted for a cure. The ministers of the genii are the jugglers, who are also the chief physicians among the savages. These jugglers are supposed to be inspired by the good genii, most commonly in their dreams, with the knowledge of future events : they are called in to the assistance of the sick, and are supposed to be informed by the genii whether they will get over the disease, and in what way they must be treated. But these spirits are extremely simple in their system of physic, and, in almost every disease, direct the juggler to the same remedy. The patient is inclosed in a narrow cabin, in the midst of which is a stone red-hot ; on this they throw water, until he is well soaked with the warm vapour and his own sweat. Then they hurry him from this bagnio, and plunge him sud-

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denly into the next river. This coarse method, which costs many their lives, often performs very extraordinary cures. "Some of their remedies, however, which are almost entirely derived from the vegetable kingdom, are certainly very powerful and efficacious, in their operation. The principal of these are a species of *stillingia* (perhaps a *croton*), several species of *iris*, particularly the *versicolor*, and the *verna*; the *bigonia crucigera*, &c."—These are principally employed by the jugglers, and old women; but most of the savages are more or less dextrous in curing wounds, and diseases. But the power of their remedies is generally attributed by the savages to the magical ceremonies with which they are administered.

Although the Indian women generally bear the laborious part of the domestic œconomy, their condition, at least among many of the tribes, is far from being so wretched, so slavish, and depressed, as has been represented, by Dr Robertson, and by many other writers. We do not mean, in this place, to engage in an inquiry concerning the comparative respectability and importance of the female character in the various stages of society and improvement: an inquiry this which has employed the pens of some of the most learned and eloquent writers of the present age, and concerning which there are still various, and very opposite, opinions. This, however, we think, we may, confidently and safely, assert, that the condition of the women among many of the American tribes is as respectable and as important as it was among the Germans, in the days of Tacitus; or as it is among any other nations, with whom we are acquainted, in a similar stage of improvement. "Their business, or employment," says the ingenious Mr William Bartram, "is chiefly in their houses, except at those seasons when their crops of maize, &c. are growing, at which times they generally turn out with their husbands and parents; but they are by no means compelled to do this, and one seldom sees a third as many females as males at work, in their plantations." "You may depend on my assertion," says the same gentleman, who had ample opportunities of studying the customs and manners of the southern Indians, of whom he is speaking, in this place) "that there are no people, any where, who love their women more than these Indians do, or men of better understanding in distinguishing the merits of the opposite sex;—or men more faithful in rendering suitable compensation. They are courteous and polite to their women,—gentle, tender and fondling, even to an appearance of effeminacy. An Indian man seldom attempts to use a woman, of any description, with indelicacy, either of action, or of language.

"In the hunting seasons, that is, in Autumn, and in winter, when the men are generally out in the forests, the whole care of the house or family devolves on the women: at these times they are obliged to undergo a great deal of labour and fatigue, such as cutting wood, &c. But this labour is, in part, alleviated by the assistance of the old men, who are past their hunting days, or who are, no longer, capable of serving in war." But nothing more clearly shows the importance and respectability of the women among the Indians than this circumstance, that, among some of the tribes, they are permitted to preside in the councils of their country: to this we may add, that several of the Florida nations have, at different times, been governed by the wisdom, and the prudence of female caequets.

Polygamy is practised by some nations, but it is not general. In most, they content themselves with one wife; but a divorce is admitted of in case of adultery. No nation of the Americans is without a regular marriage, in which there are many ceremonies; the principal of which is, the bride's presenting the bridegroom with a plate of their corn. The women, though before incontinent, are remarkable for chastity after marriage.

Liberty, in its full extent, being the darling passion of the Indians, their education is directed in such a manner as to cherish this disposition to the utmost. Hence children are never upon any account chastised with blows, and they are seldom even reprimanded. Reason, they say, will guide their children when they come to the use of it, and before that time their faults cannot be very great: but blows might damp their free and martial spirit, by the habit of a slavish motive to action. When grown up, they experience nothing like command, dependence, or subordination; even strong persuasion is industriously withheld by those who have influence among them.—No man is held in great esteem, unless he has increased the strength of his country with a captive, or adorned his hut with a scalp of one of his enemies.

Controversies among the Indians are few, and quickly decided. When any criminal matter is so flagrant as to become a national concern, it is brought under the jurisdiction of the great council; but in ordinary cases, the crime is either revenged or compromised by the parties concerned. If a murder be committed, the family which has lost a relation prepares to retaliate on that of the offender. They often kill the murderer; and when this happens, the kindred of the last person slain look upon themselves to be as much injured, and to have the same right to vengeance, as the other party. In general, however, the offender absents himself; the friends send compliments of condolence to those of the person who has been murdered. The head of the family, at length, appears with a number of presents, the delivery of which he accompanies with a formal speech. The whole ends, as usual, in mutual feasting, in songs, and in dances. If the murder is committed by one of the same family, or cabin, that cabin has the full right of judgment within itself, either to punish the guilty with death, or to pardon him, or to oblige him to give some recompence to the wife or children of the slain. Instances of such a crime, however, very seldom happen; for their attachment to those of the same family is remarkably strong, and is said to produce such friendships as may vie with the most celebrated in fabulous antiquity.

Such, in general, are the manners and customs of the Indian nations; but almost every tribe has something peculiar to itself. Among the Hurons, and the Natchez, the dignity of the chief is said to be hereditary, and the right of succession in the female line. When this happens to be extinct, the most respectable matron of the tribe, we are informed, makes choice of whom she pleases to succeed.

The Cheerake are governed by several sachems, or chiefs, elected by the different villages; as are also the Creeks, and the Chastaws. The two latter punish adultery in a woman by cutting off her hair, which they will not suffer to grow till the corn is ripe, the

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Their ardent love of liberty.39  
Crimes and punishments.40  
Peculiar manners of different nations.

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America. next season; but the Illinois, for the same crime, cut off the women's noses and ears.

The Indians on the Lakes are formed into a sort of empire; and the emperor is elected from the eldest tribe, which is that of the Ottowawas. This authority is very considerable. A few years ago, the person who held this rank formed a design of uniting all the Indian nations, under his sovereignty; but he miscarried in the bold attempt.

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Longevity  
of the In-  
dians.

In general, the American Indians live to a great age, although it is not easy to know from themselves the exact number of their years. It was asked of an Indian, who appeared to be extremely old, what age he was of? I am above twenty, was his reply. Upon putting the question in a different form, by reminding him of certain circumstances, in former times, my *machu*, said he, spoke to me, when I was young, of the Incas; and he had seen these princes. According to this reply, there must have elapsed, from the date of his *machu*'s (his grandfather's) remembrance to that time, a period of, at least, 232 years. The man who made this reply, appeared to be 120 years of age: for, besides the whiteness of his hair and beard, his body was almost bent to the ground; without, however, showing any other marks of debility, or suffering. This happened in 1764. This longevity, attended in general with uninterrupted health, is thought, by some writers, to be the consequence in part of their vacancy from all serious thought and employment, joined also with the robust texture and conformation of their bodily organs. If the Indians did not destroy one another, in their almost perpetual wars, and if their habits of intoxication were not so universal and incurable, they would be, of all the races of men who inhabit the globe, the most likely to extend, not only the bounds, but the enjoyments, of animal life to their utmost duration.

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Other pic-  
tures of the  
Americans.

Let us now attend to other pictures which have been given of the aboriginal inhabitants of the New-World. The vices and defects of the American Indians have been, by several writers, most unaccountably aggravated, and every virtue and good quality denied them. Their cruelties have been already described, and accounted for. The following anecdote of an Algonquin woman we find adduced as a remarkable proof of their innate thirst of blood. That nation being at war with the Iroquois, she happened to be taken prisoner, and was carried to one of the villages belonging to them. Here she was stripped naked, and her hands and feet bound, with ropes, in one of their cabins. In this condition she remained ten days, the savages sleeping round her every night. The eleventh night, while they were asleep, she found means to disengage one of her hands, with which she immediately freed herself from the ropes, and went to the door. Though she had now an opportunity of escaping unperceived, her revengeful temper could not let slip so favourable an opportunity of killing one of her enemies. The attempt was manifestly at the hazard of her own life; yet, snatching up a hatchet, she killed the savage that lay next her: and, springing out of the cabin, concealed herself in a hollow tree, which she had observed the day before. The groans of the dying person soon alarmed the other savages, and the young ones immediately set out in pursuit of her. Perceiving, from her tree, that they all

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Anecdote  
of an Al-  
gonquin  
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directed their course one way, and that no savage was near her, she left her sanctuary, and flying by an opposite direction, ran into a forest without being perceived. The second day after this happened, her footsteps were discovered; and they pursued her with such expedition, that the third day she discovered her enemies at her heels. Upon this, she threw herself into a pond of water; and diving among some weeds and bulrushes, she could just breath above water without being perceived. Her pursuers, after making the most diligent search, were forced to return.—For 35 days this woman held on her course through woods and deserts, without any other sustenance than that which roots and wild berries afforded her. When she came to the river St Lawrence, she made, with her own hands, a kind of a wicker raft, on which she crossed it. As she went by the French for Trois-Riviers, without well knowing where she was, she perceived a canoe full of savages; and fearing they might be Iroquois, ran again into the woods, where she remained till sunset.—Continuing her course soon after, she saw Trois-Riviers; and was then discovered by a party whom she knew to be Hurons, a nation in alliance with the Algonquins. She then squatted down, behind a bush, calling out to them that she was not in a condition to be seen, because she was naked. They immediately threw her a blanket, and then conducted her to a fort, where she recounted her story.

Personal courage has been denied them. In proof of their pusillanimity, the following incidents are quoted from Charlevoix by lord Kames, in his *Sketches of the History of Man*: “The fort de Vercheres, in Canada, belonging to the French, was, in the year 1690, attacked by the Iroquois. They approached silently, preparing to scale the palafade, when some musket-shot made them retire. Advancing a second time, they were again repulsed, wondering that they could discover none but a woman, who was seen every where. This was Madame de Vercheres, who appeared as resolute as if supported by a numerous garrison. The hopes of storming a place without men to defend it, occasioned reiterated attacks. After two days siege they retired, fearing to be intercepted in their retreat. Two years after, a party of the same nation appeared before the fort so unexpectedly, that a girl of fourteen, daughter of the proprietor, had but time to shut the gate. With the young woman there was not a soul but one raw soldier. She showed herself, with her assistant, sometimes in one place, and sometimes in another; changing her dress frequently, in order to give some appearance of a garrison; and always firing opportunely. The faint-hearted Iroquois decamped without success.”

There is no instance, it is said, either of a single Indian facing an individual, of any other nation, in fair and open combat, or of their jointly venturing to try the fate of battle with an equal number of any foes. Even with the greatest superiority of numbers, they dare not meet an open attack. Yet, notwithstanding this want of courage, they are still formidable; nay, it has been known, that a small party of them has routed a much superior body of regular troops: but this can only happen when they have surprised them in the fastnesses of their forests, where the covert of the wood may conceal them until they take their aim with the utmost certainty. After one such discharge they immediately retreat,

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America. retreat, without leaving the smallest trace of their route. It may easily be supposed, that an onset of this kind must produce confusion even among the steadiest troops, when they can neither know the number of their enemies, nor perceive the place where they lie in ambush.

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Perfidy. Perfidy combined with cruelty has been also made a part of their character. Don Ulloa relates, That the Indians called *Natches*, in Louisiana, laid a plot of massacring, in one night, every individual belonging to the French colony established there. This plot they actually executed, notwithstanding the seeming good understanding that subsisted between them and these European neighbours. Such was the secrecy which they observed, that no person had the least suspicion of their design until the blow was struck. One Frenchman alone escaped, by favour of the darkness, to relate the disaster of his countrymen. The compassion of a female Indian contributed also, in some measure, to his exemption from the general massacre. The tribe of *Natches* had invited the Indians of other countries, even to a considerable distance, to join in the same conspiracy. The day, or rather the night, was fixed, on which they were to make an united attack on the French colonists. It was intimated by sending a parcel of rods, more or less numerous according to the local distance of each tribe, with an injunction to abstract one rod daily; the day on which the last fell to be taken away being that fixed for the execution of their plan. The women were partners of the bloody secret. The parcels of rods being thus distributed, that belonging to the tribe of *Natches* happened to remain in the custody of a female. This woman, either moved by her own feelings of compassion, or by the commiseration expressed by her female acquaintances, in the view of the proposed scene of blood shed, abstracted one day three or four of the rods, and thus anticipated the term of her tribe's proceeding to the execution of the general conspiracy. The consequence of this was, that the *Natches* were the only actors in this carnage; their distant associates having still several rods remaining at the time when the former made the attack. An opportunity was, thereby, given to the colonists, in those quarters, to take measures for their defence, and for preventing a more extensive execution of the design.

It was by conspiracies similar to this that the Indians of the province of *Macás*, in the kingdom of *Quito*, destroyed the opulent city of *Logrogno*, the colony of *Guambaya*, and its capital *Sevilla del Oro*; and that so completely, that it is no longer known in what place these settlements existed, or where that abundance of gold was found from which the last-mentioned city took the addition to its name. Similar ravages have been committed upon *l'Imperial*, in *Chili*, the colonies of the *Missions of Chuncas*, those of *Darien*, in *Tierra-Ferme*, and many other places, which have afforded scenes of this barbarous ferocity. These conspiracies are always carried on in the same manner. The secret is inviolably kept, the actors assemble at the precise hour appointed, and every individual is animated with the same sanguinary purposes. The males who fall into their hands are put to death, with every shocking circumstance that can be suggested by a cool and determined cruelty. The females are carried off and preserved, as monuments of their victory, to be employed as their occasions require.

Nor can this odious cruelty and treachery, it is said, be justly ascribed to their subjection to a foreign yoke, seeing the same character belongs equally to all the original inhabitants of this vast continent, even to those who have preserved their independence most completely. Certain it is, continues *Ulloa*, that these people, with the most limited capacities for every thing else, display an astonishing degree of penetration and subtlety, with respect to every object that involves treachery, bloodshed, and rapine. As to these, they seem to have been all educated at one school; and a secret, referring to any such plan, no consideration on earth can extort from them.

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weak. Their understandings also have been represented as not less contemptible than their manners are gross and brutal. Many nations, it has been said, are neither capable of forming an arrangement for futurity, nor does their solicitude or foresight extend so far. They set no value upon those things of which they are not in some immediate want. In the evening, says father *Labat*, when a *Carib* is going to rest, no consideration will tempt him to sell his hammock; but in the morning he will part with it for the slightest trifle. At the close of winter, a *North-American*, mindful of what he has suffered from the cold, sets himself with vigour to prepare materials for erecting a comfortable hut, to protect him against the inclemency of the succeeding season: but as soon as the weather becomes mild, he abandons his work, and never thinks of it more till the return of the cold compels him to resume it.—In short, to be free from labour seems to be the utmost wish of an American. They will continue, whole days, stretched in their hammocks, or seated on the earth, without changing their posture, raising their eyes, or uttering a single word. They cannot compute the succession of days, nor of weeks. The different aspects of the moon alone engage their attention, as a measure of time. Of the year they have no other conception than what is suggested to them by the alternate heat of summer, and by the cold of winter; nor have they the least idea of applying to this period the obvious computation of the months which it contains. When it is asked of any old man, in *Peru*, even the most civilized, what age he is of? the only answer he can give is the number of caciques he has seen. It often happens, too, that they only recollect the most distant of these princes, in whose time certain circumstances had happened peculiarly memorable, while of those who lived in a more recent period they have lost all remembrance.

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stupidity. The same gross stupidity is alledged to be observable in those Indians who have retained their original liberty. They are never known to fix the dates of any events in their minds, or to trace the succession of circumstances that have arisen from such events. Their imagination takes in only the *present*, and in that only what intimately concerns themselves. Nor can discipline or instruction overcome this natural defect of apprehension. In fact, the subjected Indians in *Peru*, who have a continual intercourse with the Spaniards, who are furnished with curates perpetually occupied in giving them lessons of religion and morality, and who mix with all ranks of the civilized society established among them, are almost as stupid and barbarous as their countrymen who have had no such advantages. The *Peruvians*, while they lived under the govern-  
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America. ment of their Incas, preserved the records of certain remarkable events. They had also a kind of regular government described by the historians of the conquest of Peru. This government originated entirely from the attention and abilities of their princes, and from the regulations enacted by them for directing the conduct of their subjects. This ancient degree of civilization among them gives ground to presume that their legislatures sprung from some race more enlightened than the other tribes of Indians; a race, of which no individual seems to remain in the present times.

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Their vanity and conceit.

Vanity and conceit are said to be blended with their ignorance, and treachery. Notwithstanding all they suffer from Europeans, they still, it is said, consider themselves as a race of men far superior to their conquerors. This proud belief, arising from their perverted ideas of excellence, is universal over the whole known continent of America. They do not think it possible that any people can be so intelligent as themselves. When they are detected in any of their plots, it is their common observation, that the Spaniards, or *Virochocas*, want to be as knowing as they are. Those of Louisiana and the countries adjacent, are equally vain of their superior understanding, confounding that quality with the cunning which they themselves constantly practise. The whole object of their transactions is to over-reach those with whom they deal. Yet though faithless themselves, they never forgive the breach of promise on the part of others. While the Europeans seek their amity by presents, they give themselves no concern to secure a reciprocal friendship. Hence, probably, arises their idea, that they must be a superior race of men, in ability and intelligence, to those who are at such pains to court their alliance, and avert their enmity.

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Their eloquence disparaged.

Their natural eloquence has also been decried. The free tribes of savages who enter into conventions with the Europeans, it is observed, are accustomed to make long, pompous, and, according to their own notions, sublime harangues, but without any method, or connection. The whole is a collection of disjointed metaphors and comparisons. The light, heat, and course of the sun, form the principal topic of their discourse; and these unintelligible reasonings are always accompanied with violent and ridiculous gestures. Numberless repetitions prolong the oration, which, if not interrupted, would last whole days: at the same time, they meditate very accurately, before hand, in order to avoid mentioning any thing but what they are desirous to obtain. This pompous faculty of making speeches is also one of the grounds on which they conceive themselves to be superior to the nations of Europe: they imagine that it is their eloquence that procures them the favours they ask. The subjected Indians converse precisely in the same style. Prolix and tedious, they never know when to stop; so that, excepting by the difference in language, it would be impossible, in this respect, to distinguish a civilized Peruvian from an inhabitant of the most savage districts to the northward.

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All these views partial, and not free from misrepresentation.

But such partial and detached views, as the above, were they even free from misrepresentation, are not the just ground upon which to form an estimate of their character. Their qualities, good and bad (for they certainly

possess both), their way of life, the state of society among them, with all the circumstances of their condition, ought to be considered *in connection*, and in regard to their mutual influence. Such a view has been given in the preceding part of this article: from which, it is hoped, their real character may be easily deduced.

Many of the disagreeable traits exhibited in the anecdotes just quoted, are, indeed, extracted from Don Ulloa; an author of credit and reputation; but a Spaniard, and evidently biased, in some degree, by a desire to palliate the enormities of his countrymen in that quarter of the globe. And, with regard to the worst and least equivocal parts of the American character, cruelty and revenge; it may be fairly questioned, whether the instances of these, either in respect of their cause or their atrocity, be at all comparable to those exhibited in European history, and staining the annals of Christendom:—to those, for instance, of the Spaniards themselves, at their first discovery of America; to those indicated by the engines found on board their mighty Armada, in 1588; to those which, in cold blood, were perpetrated by the Dutch at Amboyna; to the dragoonings of the French; to their religious massacres: or, even, to the *tender mercies* of the Inquisition!

Still harsher, however, are the descriptions given by *Buffon* and *de Pauw*, of the natives of this whole continent, in which the most mortifying degeneracy of the human race, as well as of all the inferior animals, is asserted to be conspicuous. Against these philosophers, or rather theorists, however, the Americans have found an able advocate in the Abbé *Clavigero*; an historian, who, not only from his being a native of America, but also from his situation, and long residence in Mexico, has been enabled to obtain the best means of information, and who, though himself a subject of Spain, appears superior to prejudice, and disdains in his description the glosses of policy.

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The physical descriptions of Buffon and de Pauw refuted.

*Hist. of Mexico*, v. II. p. 32

Concerning the stature of the Americans, M. de *Pauw* says, that although, in general, it is not equal to the stature of the Castilians, there is but little difference between them. But the Abbé *Clavigero* evinces, that the Indians who inhabit those countries lying between 9 and 40 degrees of north latitude, which are the limits of the discoveries of the Spaniards, are more than five Parisian feet in height, and that those who do not reach that stature are as few in number amongst the Indians as they are amongst the Spaniards. It is besides certain, that many of the American nations, such as the *Apaches*, the *Hiaquesse*, the *Pimese*, and *Cochimies*, are at least as tall as the tallest Europeans; and that, in all the vast extent of the New-World, no race of people has been found, except the Esquimaux, in the north, and west, and the *Yacana-cuunees*, and *Pesherais*, &c. in the south, so diminutive in stature as the Laplanders, the *Samojeds*, and Tartars, in the north of the Old-Continent. In this respect, therefore, the inhabitants of the two continents are upon an equality.

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Stature, shape, &c.

Of the shape and character of the Mexican Indians, the Abbé gives a most advantageous description; which, he asserts, no one who reads it, in America, will contradict, unless he views them with the eye of a prejudiced mind. It is true, that *Ulloa* says, in speaking of the Indians of *Quito*, he had observed that “imperfect people abounded among them; that they were either irregularly

America. irregularly diminutive, or monstrous in some other respect, that they became either insensible, dumb, or blind; or wanted some limb of their body." Having, therefore, made some inquiry respecting this singularity of the Quitans, the Abbé found, that such defects were neither caused by what he calls bad humours, nor by the climate, but by the mistaken and blind humanity of their parents, who, in order to free their children from the hardships and toils to which the healthy Indians are subjected by the Spaniards, fix some deformity or weakness upon them, that they may become useless: a circumstance of misery which does not happen in other countries of America, nor in those places of the same kingdom of Quito, where the Indians are under no such oppression. M. de Pauw, and, in agreement with him, Dr Robertson, says, that no deformed persons are to be found among the savages of America; because, like the ancient Lacedemonians, they put to death those children which are born hunch-backed, blind, or defective, in any limb; but that in those countries where they are formed into societies, and where the vigilance of their rulers prevents the murder of such infants, the number of their deformed individuals is greater than it is in any country of Europe. This would make an exceedingly good solution of the difficulty if it were true: but if, possibly, there has been in America a tribe of savages who have imitated the barbarous example of the celebrated Lacedemonians, it is certain that those authors have no grounds to impute such inhumanity to the rest of the Americans: and it has not been the practice, at least with the far greater part of those nations, as may be demonstrated from the attestations of authors who are the best acquainted with their customs.

No argument against the New-World can be drawn from the colour of the Americans; for their colour is less distant from the white of the Europeans than it is from the black of the Africans, and a great part of the Asiatics. The hair of the Mexicans, and of the greater part of the Indians, is, as we have already said, coarse and thick; on their faces they appear to have little, and in general none on their arms and legs: but it is an error to say, as M. de Pauw does, that they are entirely destitute of hair in all the other parts of their body. This is one of the many passages in the *Philosophical Researches*, at which the Mexicans, and all the other nations, must smile, to find an European philosopher so eager to divest them of the dress they had from nature. Don Ulloa, indeed, in the description which he gives of the Indians of Quito, says, that hair neither grows upon the men nor upon the women when they arrive at puberty, as it does on the rest of mankind; but whatever singularity may attend the Quitans, or occasion this circumstance, there is no doubt that among the Americans in general, the period of puberty is accompanied with the same symptoms as it is among other nations of the world. In fact, with the North-Americans, it is disgraceful to be hairy on the body. They say it likens them to hogs. They, therefore, pluck the hair as fast as it appears. But the traders who marry their women, and prevail on them to discontinue this practice, say, that nature is the same with them as with the whites. As to the beards of the men, had Buffon, or de Pauw, known the pains and trouble it costs them to pluck out by the roots the hair that grows on

their faces, they would have seen that nature had not been deficient in that respect. Every nation has its customs. "I have seen an Indian beau, with a looking-glass in his hand (says Mr Jefferson), examining his face, for hours together, and plucking out, by the roots, every hair he could discover, with a kind of tweezer made of a piece of fine brass wire, that had been twisted round a stick, and which he used with great dexterity."

The very aspect of an Angolan, a Mandingan, or a Congan, would have shocked M. de Pauw, and made him recal the censure which he passes on the colour, the make, and hair of the Americans. What can be imagined more contrary to the idea we have of beauty, and the perfection of the human frame, than a man, whose skin is black as ink, whose head and face are covered with black wool, instead of hair, whose eyes are yellow and bloody, whose lips are thick and blackish, and whose nose is flat? Such are the inhabitants of a very large portion of Africa, and of many islands of Asia. What men can be more imperfect than those who measure no more than four feet in stature, whose faces are long and flat, the nose compressed, the irides yellowish black, the eye-lids turned back towards the temples, the cheeks extraordinarily elevated, their mouths monstrously large, their lips thick and prominent, and the lower part of their visages extremely narrow? Such, according to Count de Buffon, are the Laplanders, the Zemblans, the Borandines, the Samojeds, and the Tartars, in the East. What objects more deformed than men whose faces are too long and wrinkled even in their youth, their noses thick and compressed, their eyes small and sunk, their cheeks very much raised, the upper jaw low, their teeth long and disunited, eye-brows so thick that they shade their eyes, the eye-lids thick, some bristles on their faces instead of beard, large thighs and small legs? Such is the picture Count de Buffon gives of the Tartars; that is, of those people who, as he says, inhabit a tract of land in Asia 1200 leagues long and upwards, and more than 750 broad. Amongst these, the Calmucks are the most remarkable for their deformity; which is so great, that, according to Tavernier, they are the most brutal men of all the universe. Their faces are so broad that there is a space of five, or six, inches between their eyes, as Count de Buffon himself affirms. In Calicut, in Ceylon, and in other countries of India, there is, say Pyrrard, and other writers, on those regions, a race of men who have one, or both, of their legs as thick as the body of a man; and that this deformity among them is almost hereditary.

If we were, in like manner, to go through the nations of Asia and Africa, we should hardly find any extensive country where the colour of men is not darker, where there are not stronger irregularities observed, and grosser defects to be found in them, than even the penetrating eye of de Pauw could discover in the Americans. The colour of the latter is a good deal clearer than that of almost all the Africans and the inhabitants of south Asia. Even their alleged scantiness of beard is common to the inhabitants of the Philippine-Islands, and of all the Indian-Archipelago, to the famous Chinese, Japanese, Tartars, and many other nations of the Old-Continent. The imperfections of the Americans, however great they may be represented to be,

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<sup>54</sup> Their form and aspect contrasted with those of some other nations.

<sup>53</sup> Errors concerning their want of beard, &c.

are, certainly, not comparable with the defects of that immense people, whose character we have sketched, and others whom we omit.

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Their constitution and corporalabilities.

M. de Pauw represents the Americans to be a feeble and diseased set of nations; and, in order to demonstrate the weakness and disorder of their physical constitution, adduces several proofs equally ridiculous and ill-founded, and which it will not be expected we should enumerate. He alleges, among other particulars, that they were overcome in wrestling by all the Europeans, and that they sunk under a moderate burden; that by a computation made, 200,000 Americans were found to have perished, in one year, from carrying of baggage. With respect to the first point, the Abbé Clavigero observes, it would be necessary that the experiment of wrestling was made between many individuals of each continent, and that the victory should be attested by the Americans, as well as by the Europeans. It is not, however, meant to insist, that the Americans are stronger than the Europeans. They may be less strong, without the human species having degenerated in them. The Swiss are stronger than the Italians; and still we do not believe the Italians are degenerated, nor do we tax the climate of Italy. The instance of 200,000 Americans having died, in one year, under the weight of baggage, were it true, would not convince us so much of the weakness of the Americans, as of the inhumanity of the Europeans. In the same manner that these 200,000 Americans perished, 200,000 Prussians would also have perished, had they been obliged to make a journey of between 300 and 400 miles, with 100 pounds of burden upon their backs; if they had collars of iron about their necks, and were obliged to carry that load over rocks and mountains; if those who became exhausted with fatigue, or wounded their feet so as to impede their progress, had their heads cut off that they might not retard the pace of the rest; and if they were not allowed but a small morsel of bread to enable them to support so severe a toil. Las Casas, from whom M. de Pauw got the account of the 200,000 Americans, who died under the fatigue of carrying baggage, relates, also, all the above mentioned circumstances. If that author, therefore, is to be credited in the last, he is also to be credited in the first. But, a philosopher who vaunts the physical and moral qualities of Europeans, over those of the Americans, would have done better, we think, to have suppressed facts so opprobrious to the Europeans themselves.

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Their labour and industry.

Nothing, in fact, demonstrates so clearly the robustness of the Americans as those various, and lasting, fatigues in which they are continually engaged. M. de Pauw says, that when the New-World was discovered, nothing was to be seen but thick woods; that, at present, there are some lands cultivated, not by the Americans, however, but by the Africans, and Europeans; and that the soil in cultivation is to the soil which is uncultivated as 2000 to 2,000,000. These three assertions the Abbé Clavigero demonstrates to be precisely so many errors. Since the conquest, the Americans alone have been the people who have supported all the fatigues of agriculture in all the vast countries of the continent of South-America, and in the greater part of those of North-America subject to the crown of Spain. No European is ever to be seen employed in the labours of the field. The Moors who, in comparison of the

Americans, are very few in number in the kingdom of New-Spain, are charged with the culture of the sugar-cane, and tobacco, and the making of sugar; but the soil destined for the cultivation of those plants is not, with respect to all the cultivated land of that country, in the proportion of one to two thousand. The Americans are the people who labour on the soil. They are the tillers, the sowers, the weeders, and the reapers of the wheat, of the maize, of the rice, of the beans, and other kinds of grain or pulse, of the cocoa, of the vanilla, of the cotton, of the indigo, and all other plants useful to the sustenance, the cloathing, and commerce of those provinces; and without them so little can be done, that in the year 1762, the harvest of wheat was abandoned, in many places, on account of a sickness which prevailed, and prevented the Indians from reaping it. But this is not all; the Americans are they who cut and transport all the necessary timber from the woods; who cut, transport, and work the stones; who make lime, plaster, and tiles; who construct all the buildings of that kingdom, except a few places where none of them inhabit; who open and repair all the roads, who make the canals and sluices, and clean the cities. They work in many mines of gold, of silver, of copper, &c.: they are the shepherds, herdsmen, weavers, potters, basket-makers, bakers, couriers, day-labourers, &c.: in a word, they are the persons who bear all the burden of public labours. These, says our justly indignant author, are the employments of the weak, dastardly, and useless Americans; while the vigorous M. de Pauw, and other indefatigable Europeans, are occupied in writing invectives against them.

These labours, in which the Indians are continually employed, certainly, attest their healthiness and strength; for if they are able to undergo such fatigues, they cannot be diseased, nor have an exhausted stream of blood in their veins, as M. de Pauw insinuates. In order to make it believed that their constitutions are vitiated, he copies whatever he finds written by historians of America, whether true or false, respecting the diseases which reign in some particular countries of that great continent. It is not to be denied, that in some countries in the wide compass of America, men are exposed, more than elsewhere, to the distempers which are occasioned by the intemperature of the air, or the pernicious quality of the aliments; but it is certain, according to the assertion of many respectable authors acquainted with the New-World, that the American countries are, for the most part, healthy; and if the Americans were disposed to retaliate on M. de Pauw, and other European authors, who write as he does, they would have abundant subject of materials to throw discredit on the clime of the Old-Continent, and the constitution of its inhabitants in the endemic distempers which prevail there.

Lastly, the supposed feebleness and unsound bodily habit of the Americans do not correspond with the length of their lives. Among those Americans whose great fatigues and excessive toils do not anticipate their death, there are not a few who reach the age of 80, 90, and 100, or more, years, as formerly mentioned; and, what is more, without their being observed in them that decay which time commonly produces in the hair, in the teeth, in the skin, and in the muscles of the human body. This phenomenon, so much admired by

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These a sufficient proof of their healthiness and strength.



America. the Spaniards who reside in Mexico, cannot be ascribed to any other cause than the vigour of their constitutions, the temperance of their diet, and the salubrity of their climate. Historians, and other persons who have sojourned there for many years, report the same thing of other countries of the New-World.

58 Their mental qualities. As to the mental qualities of the Americans, M. de Pauw has not been able to discover any other characters than a memory so feeble, that to-day they do not remember what they did yesterday; a capacity so blunt, that they are incapable of thinking or putting their ideas in order; a disposition so cold, that they feel no excitement of love; a dastardly spirit, and a genius that is torpid, and indolent. Many other Europeans, indeed, and what is still more wonderful, many of those children or descendants of Europeans who are born in America, think as M. de Pauw does; some from ignorance, some from want of reflection, and others from hereditary prejudice and prepossession. But all this, and much more, would not be sufficient to invalidate the testimonies of other Europeans, whose authority has a great deal more weight, both because they were men of great judgment, learning, and knowledge, of these countries, and because they give their testimony in favour of strangers, against their own countrymen. In particular, Acofta, whose *Natural and Moral History* even de Pauw commends, as *an excellent work*, employs the whole sixth book in demonstrating the good sense of the Americans, by an explanation of their ancient government, their laws, their histories in paintings and knots, calenders, &c. M. de Pauw thinks the Americans are bestial; Acofta, on the other hand, repotes those persons weak and presumptuous who think them so. M. de Pauw says, that the most acute Americans were inferior in industry and sagacity to the rudest nations of the Old-Continent; Acofta extols the civil government of the Mexicans above many republics of Europe. M. de Pauw finds, in the moral and political conduct of the Americans, nothing but barbarity, extravagance, and brutality; and Acofta finds there, laws which are admirable and worthy of being preserved for ever.

59 M. de Pauw's proofs of American cowardice. M. de Pauw denies them courage, and alleges the conquest of Mexico as a proof of their cowardice. "Cortes (says he), conquered the empire of Mexico with 450 vagabonds, and 15 horses, badly armed: his miserable artillery consisted of six falconets, which would not at the present day be capable of exciting the fears of a fortress defended by invalids. During his absence, the capital was held in awe by the half of his troops. What men! what events!—It is confirmed by the depositions of all historians, that the Spaniards entered, the first time, into Mexico without making one single discharge of their artillery. If the title of hero is applicable to him who has the disgrace to occasion the death of a great number of rational animals, Ferdinand Cortes might pretend to it; otherwise I do not see what true glory he has acquired by the overthrow of a tottering monarchy, which might have been destroyed, in the same manner, by any other assassin of our continent." These passages indicate either M. de Pauw's ignorance of the history of the conquest of Mexico, or a wilful suppression of what would openly contradict his system; since all who have read that history know well, that the conquest of Mexico was not made with 450 men,

60 Refuted.

but with more than 200,000. Cortes himself, to whom it was of more importance than to M. de Pauw to make his bravery conspicuous, and his conquest appear glorious, confesses the excessive number of the allies who were under his command, at the siege of the capital, and combated with more fury against the Mexicans than the Spaniards themselves. According to the account which Cortes gave to the emperor Charles V. the siege of Mexico began with 87 horses, 848 Spanish infantry, armed with guns, cross-bows, swords, and lances, and upwards of 75,000 allies, of Tlascala, Huexotzinco, Cholula, and Chalco, equipped with various sorts of arms; with three large pieces of cannon of iron, 15 small of copper, and 13 brigantines. In the course of the siege were assembled the numerous nations of the Otomies, the Coahuixcas, and Matlazincas, and the troops of the populous cities of the lakes; so that the army of the besiegers not only exceeded 200,000, but amounted to 400,000, according to the letter from Cortes; and besides these, 3000 boats and canoes came to their assistance. Did it betray cowardice to have sustained, for full 75 days, the siege of an open city, engaging, daily, with an army so large, and in part provided with arms so superior, and at the same time having to withstand the ravages of famine? Can they merit the charge of cowardice, who, after having lost seven of the eight parts of their city, and about 50,000 citizens, part cut off by the sword, part by famine and sickness, continued to defend themselves until they were furiously assaulted in the last hold which was left them? See the article MEXICO.

61 Remarkable instance of calumny in M. de Pauw. According to M. de Pauw, "the Americans at first were not believed to be men, but rather satyrs, or large apes, which might be murdered, without remorse, or reproach. At last, in order to add to the oppression of those times, a pope made an original bull, in which he declared, that being desirous of founding bishoprics in the richest countries of America, it pleased him and the Holy-Spirit, to acknowledge the Americans to be true men: in so far, that without this decision of an Italian, the inhabitants of the New-World would have appeared, even at this day, to the eyes of the faithful, a race of equivocal men. There is no example of such a decision since this globe has been inhabited by men and apes." Upon this passage the Abbé Clavigero animadverts, as being a singular instance of calumny and misrepresentation; and gives the following history of the decision alluded to.

62 Occasion of the famous bull of Pope Paul III. "Some of the first Europeans who established themselves in America, not less powerful than avaricious, desirous of enriching themselves to the detriment of the Americans, kept them continually employed, and made use of them as slaves; and, in order to avoid the reproaches, which were made them, by the bishops and missionaries, who inculcated humanity, and the giving liberty to those people to get themselves instructed in religion, that they might do their duties towards the church, and their families, alleged, that the Indians were by nature slaves and incapable of being instructed; and many other falsehoods of which the Chronicler Herrera makes mention against them. Those zealous ecclesiastics being unable, either by their authority, or preaching, to free those unhappy converts from the tyranny of such misers, had recourse to the Catholic kings, and,

America. at last, obtained from their justice and clemency, those laws, as favourable to the Americans as honourable to the court of Spain, that compose the Indian code, which were chiefly due to the indefatigable zeal of the bishop de las Casas. On another side, Garces, bishop of Tlascala, knowing that those Spaniards bore, notwithstanding their perversity, a great respect to the decision of the vicar of Jesus Christ, made application, in the year 1586, to pope Paul III. by that famous letter, of which we have made mention; representing to him the evils which the Indians suffered from the wicked Christians, and praying him to interpose his authority in their behalf. The pope, moved by such heavy remonstrances, dispatched, the next year, the original bull, a faithful copy of which we have here subjoined (A), which was not made, as is manifest, to declare the Americans true men; for such a piece of weakness was very distant from that, or any other pope: but solely to support the natural rights of the Americans, against the attempts of their oppressors, and to condemn the injustice and inhumanity of those, who, under the pretence of supposing those people idolatrous, or incapable of being instructed, took from them their property and their liberty, and treated them as slaves and beasts."

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Columbus.

But, if, at first, the Americans were esteemed satyrs, nobody can better prove it than Christopher Columbus, their discoverer. Let us hear, therefore, how that celebrated admiral speaks, in his account to Ferdinand and Isabella, of the first satyrs he saw in the island of Haiti, or Hispaniola. "I swear," he says, "to your majesties, that there is not a better people in the world than these, more affectionate, affable, or mild. They love their neighbours as themselves; their language is the sweetest, the softest, and the most cheerful; for they always speak smiling; and although they go naked, let your majesties believe me, their customs are very becoming; and their king, who is served with great majesty, has such engaging manners, that it gives great pleasure to see him, and also to consider the great retentive faculty of that people, and their desire of knowledge, which incites them to ask the causes and the effects of things."

"We have had intimate commerce with the Americans (continues the Abbé); have lived, for some years, in a seminary destined for their instruction; saw the erection and progress of the royal college of Grada-loupe founded, in Mexico, by a Mexican Jesuit, for the education of Indian children; had, afterwards, some Indians among our pupils; had particular knowledge of many American rectors, many nobles, and numerous artists; attentively, observed their character, their genius, their disposition, and manner of thinking; and have examined, besides, with the utmost diligence, their ancient history, their religion, their government, their laws, and their customs. After such long experience and study of them, from which we imagine ourselves enabled to decide, without danger of erring, we declare to M. de Pauw, and to all Europe, that the mental qualities of the Americans are not in the least inferior to those of the Europeans; that they are capable of all, even the most abstract, sciences; and that if equal care was taken of their education, if they were brought up from childhood in seminaries, under good masters, were protected and stimulated by rewards, we should see rise among the Americans, philosophers, mathematicians, and divines, who would rival the first in Europe."

But, although we should suppose, that, in the torrid climates of the New-World, as well as in those of the Old, especially under the additional depression of slavery, there was an inferiority of the mental powers; the Chilese, and the North-Americans, have discovered higher rudiments of human excellence and ingenuity than have, perhaps, ever been known among tribes in a similar state of society, in any part of the world.

M. de Pauw affirms, that the Americans were unacquainted with the use of money, and quotes the following well-known passage from Montesquieu: "Imagine to yourself that, by some accident, you are placed in an unknown country; if you find money there, do not doubt that you are arrived among a polished people." But, if by money we are to understand a piece of metal with the stamp of the prince, or of the public, the want of it in a nation is no token of barbarity. The Athenians employed oxen for money, as the Romans did sheep. The Romans had no coined money till the time

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(A) Paulus papa III. universis Christi Fidelibus presentes Literas inspecturis Salutem & Apostolicam Benedictionem—"Veritas ipsa, quæ nec falli, nec fallere potest, cum Prædicatores Fidei ad officium prædicationis destinaret, dixisse dignoscitur: *Euntes docete omnes gentes*: omnes, dixit, absque omni delectu, cum omnes Fidei disciplina capaces existant. Quod videns & invidens ipsius humani generis æmulus, qui bonis operibus, ut pereant, semper adversatur, modum excogitavit hætenus inauditum, quo impediret, ne Verbum Dei Gentibus, ut salvæ fierent, prædicaretur: ut quosdam suos satellites commovit, qui suam cupiditatem adimplere cupientes. Occidentales & Meridionales Indos, & alias Gentes, quæ temporibus istis ad nostram notitiam pervenerunt, sub prætextu quod Fidei Catholicæ expertes existant, uti bruta animalia, ad nostra obsequia redigendos esse, passim asserere præsumant, & eos in servitutem redigant tantis afflictionibus illos urgentes, quantis vix bruta animalia illis servientia urgeant. Nos igitur, qui ejusdem Domini nostri vices, licet indigni, gerimus in terris, & Oves gregis sui nobis commissas, quæ extra ejus Ovile sunt, ad ipsum Ovile toto nixu exquirimus, attendentes Indos ipsos, utpote veros homines, non solum Christianæ Fidei capaces existere, sed, ut nobis innotuit, ad Fidem ipsam promptissime currere, ac volentes super his congruis remediis providere, prædictos Indos & omnes alias gentes ad notitiam Christianorum in posterum deventuras, licet extra fidem Christi existant, sua libertate & dominio hujusmodi uti, & potiri, & gaudere libere, & licete posse, nec in servitutem redigi debere, ac quicquid secus fieri contigerit irritum & inane, ipsosque Indos, & alias Gentes Verbi Dei prædicatione, & exemplo bonæ vitæ ad dictam Fidem Christi invitandos fore. Auctoritate Apostolica per præsentis literas decernimus, & declaramus, non obstantibus præmissis, cæterisque contrariis quibuscunque." Datum Romæ anno 1537. IV. Non. Jun. Pontificatus nostri anno III. Quæsta, è non altra è quella famosa bolla, per la quale s'è fatto un sì grande schiamazzo.

America. of Servius Tullius, nor had the Persians until the reign of Darius Hystaspes. But, if by money is understood a sign representing the value of merchandise, the Mexicans, and other nations of Anahuac, employed money in their commerce. The cacao, of which they made constant use in the market to purchase whatever they wanted, was employed for this purpose, as salt is in Assyria.

It has been affirmed, that stone bridges were unknown in America, when it was first discovered; and that the natives did not know how to form arches. But, these assertions are erroneous. The remains of the ancient palaces of Tezcuco, and, still more, their vapour baths, show the ancient use of arches and of vaults among the Mexicans. But the ignorance of this art would have been no proof of barbarity. Neither the Egyptians nor Babylonians understood the construction of arches.

M. de Pauw affirms, that the palace of Montezuma was nothing else than a *hut*. But, it is certain, from the affirmation of all the historians of Mexico, that the army under Cortes, consisting of 6,400 men, were all lodged in the palace; and there remained still sufficient room for Montezuma and his attendants.

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science.  
The advances which the Mexicans had made in the noble science of astronomy, is, perhaps, the most surprising proof of their attention and sagacity: for it appears, from Abbé Clavigero's *History*, that they not only counted 365 days to the year, but also knew of the excess of about six hours in the solar over the civil year, and remedied the difference, by means of intercalary days. See ASTRONOMY, n<sup>o</sup> 5.

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Specimen  
of their  
morality.  
Of American morality, the following exhortation of a Mexican to his son may serve as a specimen. "My son, who art come into the light from the womb of thy mother like a chicken from the egg, and, like it, art preparing to fly through the world, we know not how long Heaven will grant to us the enjoyment of that precious gem which we possess in thee; but however short the period, endeavour to live exactly, praying God continually to assist thee. He created thee: thou art his property. He is thy father, and loves thee still more than I do: repose in him thy thoughts, and day and night direct thy sighs to him. Reverence and salute thy elders, and hold no one in contempt. To the poor and distressed be not dumb, but rather use words of comfort. Honour all persons, particularly thy parents, to whom thou owest obedience, respect, and service. Guard against imitating the example of those wicked sons, who, like brutes that are deprived of reason, neither reverence their parents, listen to their instruction, nor submit to their correction; because whoever follows their steps will have an unhappy end, will die in a desperate or sudden manner, or will be killed, and devoured, by wild beasts.

"Mock not, my son, the aged, or the imperfect. Scorn not him whom you see fall into some folly, or transgression, nor make him reproaches; but restrain thyself, and beware lest thou fall into the same error which offends thee in another. Go not where thou art not called, nor interfere in that which does not concern thee. Endeavour to manifest thy good breeding, in all thy words, and actions. In conversation, do not lay thy hands upon another, nor speak too much, nor interrupt or disturb another's discourse. When any one discourses with thee, hear him, attentively, and hold

thyself in an easy attitude, neither playing with thy feet, nor putting thy mantle to thy mouth, nor spitting too often, nor looking about you here and there, nor rising up frequently if thou art sitting; for such actions are indications of levity, and low-breeding."—The father proceeds to mention several particular vices which are to be avoided, and concludes—"Steal not, nor give thyself to gaming; otherwise thou wilt be a disgrace to thy parents, whom thou oughtest rather to honour for the education they have given thee. If thou wilt be virtuous, thy example will put the wicked to shame. No more my son; enough hath been said in discharge of the duties of a father. With these counsels I wish to fortify thy mind. Refuse them not, nor act in contradiction to them; for on them thy life, and all thy happiness, depend."

As ranging on the same side with the Abbé Clavigero, our countryman Mr Jefferson deserves particular attention. This gentleman, in his *Notes on the State of Virginia*, &c. has taken occasion to combat the opinions of Buffon; and secms, in many instances, to have fully refuted them, both by argument and by facts. The French philosopher asserts, "That living nature is less active, less energetic, in the New-World than in the Old." He affirms, 1. That the animals common to both continents are smaller in America. 2. That those peculiar to the New are on an inferior scale. 3. That those which have been domesticated in both have degenerated in America; and, 4. That it exhibits fewer species of living creatures. The cause of this he ascribes to the diminution of heat in America, and to the prevalence of humidity from the extension of its lakes and waters over a prodigious surface. In other words, he affirms that *heat* is friendly, and *moisture* adverse, to the production and development of the larger quadrupeds.

The hypothesis that moisture is unfriendly to animal growth, Mr Jefferson shows to be contradicted by observation, and by experience. It is by the assistance of heat and moisture that vegetables are elaborated from the elements. Accordingly, we find that the more humid climates produce plants in greater profusion than the dry. Vegetables are, immediately, or remotely, the food of every animal; and, from the uniform operation of nature's laws, we discern, that, in proportion to the quantity of food, animals are not only multiplied in their numbers, but improved in their size. Of this last opinion is the Count de Buffon himself, in another part of his work: "En general, il paroît que les pays un peu froids conviennent mieux à nos bœufs que les pays chauds, et qu'ils sont d'autant plus gros et plus grands que le climat est plus *humide* et plus abondans en paturages. Les bœufs de Danemarck, de la Podolie, de l'Ukraine, et de la Tartarie qu'habitent les Calmouques, sont les plus grands de tous." Here, then, a race of animals, and one of the largest too, has been increased in its dimensions by cold and moisture, in direct opposition to the hypothesis, which supposes that these two circumstances diminish animal bulk, and that it is their contraries, heat, and dryness, which enlarge it. But, to try the question on more general ground, let us take two portions of the earth, Europe and America for instance, sufficiently extensive to give operation to general causes: let us consider the circumstances peculiar to each, and observe their effects

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America. facts on animal nature. America, running through the torrid, as well as temperate, zone, has more heat collectively taken, than Europe. But Europe, according to our hypothesis, is the driest. They are equally adapted, then, to animal productions; each being endowed with one of those causes which befriend animal growth, and with one which opposes it. Let us, then, take a comparative view of the quadrupeds of Europe and of America, presenting them to the eye in three different tables; in one of which shall be enumerated those found in both countries; in a second, those found in one only; in a third, those which have been domesticated in both. To facilitate the comparison, let those of each table be arranged in gradation, according to their sizes, from the greatest to the smallest, so far as their sizes can be conjectured. The weights of the large animal shall be expressed in the English averdupoise pound and its decimals; those of the smaller in the ounce and its decimals. Those which are marked thus\*, are actual weights of particular subjects, deemed among the largest of their species. Those marked thus †, are furnished by judicious persons, well acquainted with the species, and saying, from conjecture only, what the largest individual they had seen would probably have weighed. The other weights are taken from Messrs Buffon and D'Aubenton, and are of such subjects as came casually to their hands for dissection.

“ A Comparative view of the Quadrupeds of Europe and of America.

TABLE I. <i>Aboriginals of both.</i>	Europe.	America.
	lb.	lb.
Mammoth (B)		
Buffalo. Bison		*1800
White-bear. Ours blanc		
Carribou. Renne		
Bear. Ours	153.7	*410
Elk. Elan. Orignal, palmated		
Rcd-deer. Cerf	288.8	*273
Fallow-deer. Daim	167.8	
Wolf. Loup	69.8	
Roe. Chevreuil	56.7	
Glutton. Glouton. Carcajou		
Wild-cat. Chat sauvage		†30
Lynx. Loup cervier	25.	
Beaver. Castor	18.5	*45
Badger. Blaireau	13.6	
Red-fox. Renard	13.5	
Grey-fox. Ifatis		
Otter. Loutre	8.9	†12
Monax. Marmotte	6.5	
Vifon. Fouine	2.8	
Hedgehog. Herisson	2.2	
Martin. Marte	1.9	†6
	oz.	
Water-rat. Rat d'eau	7.5	
Wefel. Belette	2.2	oz.
Flying-squirrel. Polatouche	2.2	†4
Shrew-moufe. Mufaraigne	1.	

TABLE II. *Aboriginals of one only.*  
EUROPE. AMERICA.

EUROPE.	lb.	AMERICA.	lb.
Sanglier. Wild boar	280.	Tapir	534.
Mouffon. Wild sheep	56.	Elk, round horned	†450.
Bouquetin. Wild goat		Puma	
Lievre. Hare	7.6	Jaguar	218.
Lapin. Rabbit	3.4	Cabiai	109.
Putois. Polecat	3.3	Tainanoir	109.
Genette	3.1	Tamandua	45.4
Definan. Muskrat	oz.	Cougar of N. Amer.	75.
Ecureuil. Squirrel	12.	Cougar of S. Amer.	59.4
Hermine. Ermin	8.2	Ocelot	
Rat. Rat	7.5	Pecari	46.3
Loirs	3.1	Jaguaret	43.6
Lerot. Dormoufe	1.8	Alco	
Taupe. Mole	1.2	Lama	
Hamster	.9	Paco	
Zifel		Paca	32.7
Lenning		Serval	
Souris. Moufe	.6	Sloth. Unau	27 $\frac{1}{4}$
		Saricovienne	
		Kincajou	
		Tatou Kabaffou	21.8
		Urfon. Urchin	
		Racoon. Raton	16.5
		Coati	
		Coendou	16.3
		Sloth. Ai	13.
		Sapajou Ouarini	
		Sapajou Coaita	9.8
		Tatou Encubert	
		Tatou Apar	
		Tatou Cachica	7.
		Little Coendou	6.5
		Opossum. Sarigue	
		Tapeti	
		Margay	
		Crabier	
		Agouti	4.2
		Sapajou Sai	3.5
		Tatou Cirquinçon	
		Tatou Tatouate	3.3
		Mouffette Squash	
		Mouffette Chinche	
		Mouffette Conepate- Scunk	
		Mouffette. Zorilla	
		Whabus. Hare. Rab- bit	
		Aperea	
		Akouchi	
		Ondatra. Muskrat	
		Pilori	
		Great grey-squirrel	†2.7
		Fox squirrel, of Vir- ginia	†2.625
		Surikate	2.
		Mink	†2.
		Sapajou. Sajou	1.8

(B) The bones of the Mammoth, or, as it has been called, by Dr Hunter, and by other writers, *Pseudo-Elephant*, appear to be nearly of the same size, and weight, whether they are found in Europe, in Asia, or in America. In these three portions of the earth, the animal, to which these exuviae belonged, was, no doubt, *specifically* the same. See the article MAMMOUTH.

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Table II. continued.  
EUROPE. AMERICA.

	lb.
Indian pig. Cochon d'Inde	1.6
Sapajou. Saïmiri	1.5
Phalanger	
Coquallin	
Lesser grey squirrel	†1.5
Black squirrel	1.5
Red squirrel	10. oz.
Sagoin Saki	
Sagoin Pinche	
Sagoin Tamarin	oz.
Sagoin Ouistiti	4.4
Sagoin Marikine	
Sagoin Mico	
Cayopollin	
Fourmillier	
Marmose	
Sarigue of Cayenne	
Tucan	
Red mole	oz.
Ground squirrel	4.

TABLE III. Domesticated in both.

	Europe.	America.
	lb.	lb.
Cow	763	*2500
Horse		*1366
Ass		
Hog		*1200
Sheep		*125
Goat		*80
Dog	67.6	
Cat	7.	

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Result of the first table.

“ The result of this view is, that of 26 quadrupeds common to both countries, seven are said to be larger in America, seven of equal size, and 12 not sufficiently examined. So that the first table impeaches the first member of the assertion, that of the animals common to both countries the American are smallest, “ Et cela sans aucune exception.” It shows it not just, in all the latitude in which its author has advanced it, and probably not to such a degree as to found a distinction between the two countries.

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Explanation and result of the second table.

“ Proceeding to the second table, which arranges the animals found in one of the two countries only, M. de Buffon observes, that the tapir, the elephant of America, is but of the size of a small cow.” To preserve the comparison, Mr Jefferson states the wild boar, the elephant of Europe, as little more than half that size. He has made an elk, with round or cylindrical horns, an animal of America, and peculiar to it; because he has seen many of them himself, and more of their horns; and because, from the best information, it is certain that, in Virginia, this kind of elk has abounded, much, and still exists, in smaller numbers. He makes the American hare, or rabbit, peculiar, because he believes it to be different from both the European animals of those denominations, and calls it, therefore, by its Algonquin name, *Whabus*, to keep it distinct from these. Kalm is of the same opinion. The squirrels are deno-

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minated from a knowledge derived from daily sight of them, because with that the European appellations and descriptions seem irreconcilable. These are the only instances in which Mr Jefferson departs from the authority of M. de Buffon, in the construction of this table; whom he takes for his ground-work, because he thinks him the best informed of any naturalist who has ever written. The result is, that there are 18 quadrupeds peculiar to Europe; more than four times as many, to wit 74, peculiar to America; that the first of these 74, the tapir, the largest of the animals peculiar to America, weighs more than the whole column of Europeans; and consequently this second table disproves the second member of the assertion, that the animals peculiar to the New-World are on a smaller scale, so far as that assertion relied on European animals for support: and it is in full opposition to the theory which makes the animal volume to depend on the circumstances of heat and moisture.

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Of the third table.

The third table comprehends those quadrupeds only which are domestic in both countries. That some of these, in some parts of America, have become less than their original stock, is doubtless true; and the reason is very obvious. In a thinly-peopled country, the spontaneous productions of the forests and waste fields are sufficient to support indifferently the domestic animals of the farmer, with a very little aid from him in the severest and scarcest season. He, therefore, finds it more convenient to receive them from the hand of nature in that indifferent state, than to keep up their size by a care and nourishment which would cost him much labour. If, on this low fare, these animals dwindle, it is no more than they do in those parts of Europe where the poverty of the soil, or poverty of the owner, reduces them to the same scanty subsistence. It is the uniform effect of one and the same cause, whether acting on this or that side of the globe. It would be erring therefore against that principle of philosophy, which teaches us to ascribe like effects to like causes, should we impute this diminution of size in America to any imbecility or want of uniformity in the operations of nature. It may be affirmed, with truth, that in those countries, and with those individuals, of America, where necessity or curiosity has produced equal attention as in Europe to the nourishment of animals, the horses, cattle, sheep, and hogs of the one continent are as large as those of the other. There are particular instances, well attested, where individuals of America have imported good breeders from England, and have improved their size by care, in the course of some years”. And the weights actually known and stated in the third table, will suffice to show, that we may conclude, on probable grounds, that, with equal food and care, the climate of America will preserve the races of domestic animals as large as the European stock from which they are derived; and, consequently, that the domestic animals are subject to degeneration from the climate of America, is as probably wrong as the first and second are certainly so.

That the last part of it is erroneous, which affirms, that the species of American quadrupeds are comparatively few, is evident from the tables taken altogether; to which may be added the proofs adduced by the Abbé Clavigero. According to Buffon's latest calculation, in his *Epoques de la Nature*, there are 300 species of quadrupeds;

America. drupeds; and America, though it does not make more than a third part of the globe, contains, according to Clavigero, almost one half of the different species of these animals.

74 The human inhabitants comprehended in the same hypothesis of degeneracy. Of the human inhabitants of America, to whom the same hypothesis of degeneracy is extended, M. Buffon gives the following description: "Though the American savage be nearly of the same stature with men in polished societies; yet this is not a sufficient exception to the general contraction of animated Nature throughout the whole continent. In the savage, the organs of generation are small and feeble. He has no hair, no beard, no ardour for the female. Though nimbler than the European, because more accustomed to running, his strength is not so great. His sensations are less acute; and yet he is more timid and cowardly. He has no vivacity, no activity of mind. The activity of his body is not so much an exercise or spontaneous motion, as a necessary action produced by want. Destroy his appetite for victuals and drink, and you will, at once, annihilate the active principle of all his movements: he remains in stupid repose, on his limbs, or couch, for whole days. It is easy to discover the cause of the scattered life of savages, and of their estrangement from society. They have been refused the most precious spark of Nature's fire: they have no ardour for women, and of course, no love to mankind. Unacquainted with the most lively and the most tender of all attachments, their other sensations of this nature are cold and languid. Their love to parents and children is extremely weak. The bonds of the most intimate of all societies, that of the same family, are feeble; and one family has no attachment to another. Hence no union, no republic, no social state can take place among them. The physical cause of love gives rise to the morality of their manners. Their heart is frozen, their society cold, and their empire cruel. They regard their families as servants destined to labour, or as beasts of burden, whom they load unmercifully with the produce of their hunting, and oblige, without pity or gratitude, to perform labours which often exceed their strength. They have few children, and pay little attention to them. Every thing must be referred to the first cause; they are indifferent because they are weak; and this indifference to the sex is the original stain which disgraces Nature; prevents her from expanding, and by destroying the germs of life, cuts the root of society. Hence, man makes no exception to what has been advanced. Nature, by denying him the faculty of love, has abused and contracted him more than any other animal."

75 Observations by Mr Jefferson. An humiliating picture, indeed! but than which, Mr Jefferson assures us, never was one more unlike the original. M. Buffon grants, that their stature is the same as that of the men of Europe, and he might have admitted, that the Iroquois were larger, and the Lenopi, or Delawares, taller, than people in Europe generally are. But, he says, their organs of generation are smaller and weaker than those of Europeans: which is not known, at least, to be a fact. And as to their want of beard, this error has been already noticed (n<sup>o</sup> 53. *supra*).

76 Seeming coldness of the Americans to the sex accounted for. "They have no ardour for their females."—It is true, they do not indulge those excesses, nor discover that fondness, which are customary in Europe; but this is not owing to a defect in nature, but to manners. The soul of the Indian is wholly bent upon war. This is what procures him glory among the men, and makes him the admiration of the women. To this he is educated, from his earliest youth. When he pursues game with ardour, when he bears the fatigues of the chase, when he sustains and suffers patiently hunger and cold; it is not so much for the sake of the game he pursues, as to convince his parents and the council of the nation, that he is fit to be enrolled in the number of the warriors. The songs of the women, the dance of the warriors, the sage counsel of the chiefs, the tales of the old, the triumphal entry of the warriors returning, with success, from battle, and the respect paid to those who distinguish themselves in battle, and in subduing their enemies; in short, every thing he sees or hears tends to inspire the Indian with an ardent desire for military fame. If a young man were to discover a fondness for women before he has been to war, he would become the contempt of the men, and the scorn and ridicule of the women; or were he to indulge himself with a captive taken in war, and much more were he to offer violence in order to gratify his lust, he would incur indelible disgrace. The seeming frigidity of the American, therefore, is the effect of manners, and not a defect of nature. He is neither more defective in ardour, nor impotent with the female, than a White man reduced to the same diet and exercise.

77 Why they have few children. "They raise few children."—They, indeed, raise fewer children than we do; the causes of which are to be found not in a difference of nature, but of circumstance. The women very frequently attending the men in their parties of war and of hunting, child-bearing becomes extremely inconvenient to them. It is said, therefore, that they have learned the practice of procuring abortion by the use of certain vegetables; and that they even tend to prevent conception for a considerable time after. During these parties, they are exposed to numerous hazards, to excessive exertions, to the greatest extremities of hunger. Even at their homes, the nation depends for food, through a certain part of every year, on the gleanings of the forest; that is, they experience a famine once in every year. With all animals, if the female be badly fed, or not fed at all, her young perish; and if both male and female be reduced to like want, generation becomes less active, less productive. To the obstacles, then, of want and hazard, which nature has opposed to the multiplication of wild animals for the purpose of restraining their numbers within certain bounds, those of labour and of voluntary abortion are added with the Indian. No wonder, then, if they multiply less than we do. Where food is regularly supplied, a single farm will show more of cattle than a whole country of forests can of buffaloes. The same Indian women, when married to white traders, who feed them and their children plentifully and regularly, who exempt them from excessive drudgery, who keep them stationary and unexposed to accident, produce, and raise, as many children as the white women. Instances are known, under these circumstances, of their rearing a dozen children.

78 Of their sensibility &c. Neither do they seem to be "deficient in natural affection." On the contrary their sensibility is keen, even the warriors weeping most bitterly on the loss of their

America. their children, though, in general, they endeavour to appear superior to human events.

Their friendships are strong, and faithful, to the utmost extremity. A remarkable instance of this appeared in the case of the late Col. Byrd, of Virginia, who was sent to the Cheerake nation to transact some business with them. It happened that some of our disorderly people had just killed one or two of that nation. It was, therefore, proposed in the council of the Cheerake, that Col. Byrd should be put to death in revenge for the loss of their countrymen. Among them was a chief called *Silouee*, who, on some former occasion, had contracted an acquaintance and friendship with Col. Byrd. He came to him every night, in his tent, and told him not to be afraid, they should not kill him. After many days deliberation, however, the determination was, contrary to *Silouee's* expectation, that Byrd should be put to death, and some warriors were dispatched as executioners. *Silouee* attended them; and when they entered the tent, he threw himself between them and Byrd, and said to the warriors, "This man is my friend: before you get at him, you must kill me." On which they returned; and the council respected the principle so much as to recede from their determination.

That "they are timorous and cowardly" is a character with which there is little reason to charge them, when we recollect the manner in which the Iroquois met *Monf. —*, who marched into their country; in which the old men, who scorned to fly, or to survive the capture of their town, braved death, like the old Romans, in the time of the Gauls, and in which they soon after revenged themselves by sacking and destroying Montreal. In short, the Indian is brave, when an enterprise depends on bravery; education with him making the point of honour to consist in the destruction of an enemy by stratagem, and in the preservation of his own person free from injury: or, perhaps, this is nature, while it is education which teaches us to honour force more than finesse. He will defend himself against an host of enemies, always choosing to be killed rather than to surrender, though it be to the whites, who, he knows, will treat him well. In other situations, also, he meets death with more deliberation; and endures tortures with a firmness unknown almost to religious enthusiasm among us.

Much less are they to be characterized as a people of no vivacity, and who are excited to action or motion only by the calls of hunger and thirst. Their dances, in which they so much delight, and which to a European would be the most severe exercise, fully contradict this; not to mention their fatiguing marches, and the toil they voluntarily and cheerfully undergo in their military expeditions. It is true, that when at home they do not employ themselves in labour or the culture of the soil: but this, again, is the effect of customs and manners which have assigned that to the province of the women. But it is said, "they are averse to society and a social life." Can any thing be more inapplicable than this, to a people who always live in towns, or in clans? Or can they be said to have no *republique*, who conduct all their affairs in national councils; who pride themselves in their national character; who consider an insult or injury, done to an individual by a stranger, as done to the whole, and resent it, accordingly?

To form a just estimate of their genius and mental powers, Mr Jefferson observes, more facts are wanting, and great allowance is to be made for those circumstances of their situation which call for a display of particular talents only. This done, we shall, probably, find that the Americans are formed, in mind as well as in body, on the same model with the *homo sapiens Europæus*. The principles of their society forbidding all compulsion, they are to be led to duty and to enterprise by personal influence and persuasion. Hence eloquence in council, bravery and address in war, become the foundations of all consequence with them. To these acquirements all their faculties are directed. Of their bravery and address in war we have multiplied proofs, because we have been the subjects on which they were exercised. Of their eminence in oratory we have fewer examples, because it is displayed chiefly in their own councils. Some, however, we have of very superior lustre. We may challenge the whole orations of Demosthenes and Cicero, and of any more eminent orator, if Europe has furnished more eminent, to produce a single passage superior to the speech of Logan, a Mingo chief, to Lord Dunmore, when

governor of Virginia. The story is as follows; of which, and of the speech, the authenticity is unquestionable. In the spring of the year 1774, a robbery and murder were committed on an inhabitant of the frontiers of Virginia by two Indians, of the Shawanae tribe. The neighbouring whites, according to their custom, undertook to punish this outrage, in a summary way. Colonel Cresap, a man infamous for the many murders he had committed on those much-injured people, collected a party, and proceeded down the Kanhaway, in quest of vengeance. Unfortunately, a canoe of women and children, with one man only, was seen coming from the opposite shore, unarmed, and unsuspecting any hostile attack from the whites. Cresap and his party concealed themselves on the bank of the river; and the moment the canoe reached the shore, singled out their objects, and, at one fire, killed every person in it. This happened to be the family of Logan, who had long been distinguished as a friend of the whites. This unworthy return provoked his vengeance. He accordingly signalized himself in the war which ensued. In the autumn of the same year, a decisive battle was fought at the mouth of the Great-Kanhaway, between the collected forces of the Shawanaes, Mingoës, and Delawares, and a detachment of the Virginia militia. The Indians were defeated, and sued for peace. Logan, however, disdained to be seen among the suppliants; but, lest the sincerity of a treaty should be distrusted from which so distinguished a chief absented himself, he sent, by a messenger, the following speech, to be delivered to Lord Dunmore:—"I appeal to any white man to say if ever he entered Logan's cabin hungry, and he gave him not meat; if ever he came cold and naked, and he clothed him not. During the course of the last long and bloody war, Logan remained idle in his cabin, an advocate for peace. Such was my love for the whites, that my countrymen pointed as they passed, and said, *Logan is the friend of white men*. I had even thought to have lived with you, but for the injuries of one man. Colonel Cresap, the last spring, in cold blood, and unprovoked, murdered all the relations of Logan, not sparing even my women and

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America. and children. There runs not a drop of my blood in the veins of any living creature. This called on me for revenge. I have fought it; I have killed many; I have fully glutted my vengeance. For my country, I rejoice at the beams of peace; but do not harbour a thought that mine is the joy of fear. Logan never felt fear. He will not turn on his heel to save his life. Who is there to mourn for Logan? Not one."

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Other anecdotes.

To the preceding anecdotes, in favour of the American character, may be added the following, by Dr Benjamin Franklin.—The Indian men, when young, are hunters and warriors; when old, counsellors; for all their government is by the counsel or advice of the sages. Hence, they generally study oratory; the best speakers having the most influence. The Indian women till the ground, dress the food, nurse and bring up the children, and preserve and hand down to posterity the memory of public transactions. These employments of men and women are accounted natural and honourable. Having few artificial wants, they have abundance of leisure for improvement by conversation. Our laborious manner of life, compared with theirs, they esteem slavish and base; and the learning on which we value ourselves, they regard as frivolous and useless.

Having frequent occasions to hold public councils, they have acquired great order and decency in conducting them. The old men sit in the foremost rank, the warriors in the next, and the women and children in the hindmost. The business of the women is to take exact notice of what passes; imprint it in their memories, for they have no writing, and communicate it to their children. They are the records of the council, and they preserve tradition of the stipulations in treaties a hundred years back; which, when we compare with our writings, we always find exact. He that would speak, rises. The rest observe a profound silence. When he has finished, and sits down, they leave him five or six minutes to recollect, that if he has omitted any thing he intended to say, or has any thing to add, he may rise again and deliver it. To interrupt another, even in common conversation, is reckoned highly indecent.

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Politeness and civility of the American Indians.

The politeness of these savages in conversation is, indeed, carried to excess; since it does not permit them to contradict, or deny, the truth of what is asserted in their presence. By these means they, indeed, avoid disputes; but then it becomes difficult to know their minds, or what impression you make upon them. The missionaries, who have attempted to convert them to Christianity, all complain of this, as one of the great difficulties of their mission. The Indians hear, with patience, the truths of the gospel explained to them, and give their usual tokens of assent and approbation; but this by no means implies conviction: it is mere civility.

When any of them come into our towns, our people are apt to crowd round them, gaze upon them, and incommode them when they desire to be private; this they esteem great rudeness, and the effect of the want of instruction in the rules of civility, and good manners. "We have," say they, "as much curiosity as you; and when you come into our towns, we wish for opportunities of looking at you; but for this purpose we hide ourselves behind bushes where you are to pass, and never intrude ourselves into your company."

Their manner of entering one another's villages has likewise its rules. It is reckoned uncivil in travelling strangers to enter a village abruptly, without giving notice of their approach. Therefore, as soon as they arrive within hearing, they stop and hollow, remaining there till invited to enter. Two old men usually come out to them, and lead them in. There is in every village a vacant dwelling, called the *strangers-house*. Here they are placed, while the old men go round from hut to hut, acquainting the inhabitants that strangers are arrived, who are, probably, hungry and weary; and every one sends them what he can spare of victuals, and skins to repose on. When the strangers are refreshed, pipes and tobacco are brought; and then, but not before, conversation begins, with inquiries who they are, whither bound, what news, &c. and it usually ends with offers of service; if the strangers have occasion for guides, or any necessaries, for continuing their journey; and nothing is exacted for the entertainment.

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Their hospitality.

The same hospitality, esteemed among them as a principal virtue, is practised by private persons; of which Conrad Weiser, a celebrated interpreter of the Indian languages, gave Dr Franklin the following instance. He had been naturalized among the Six-Nations, and spoke well the Mohock language. In going through the Indian country, to carry a message from our governor to the council at Onondaga, he called at the habitation of Canasetego, an old acquaintance, who embraced him, spread furs for him to sit on, placed before him some boiled beans and venison, and mixed some rum and water for his drink. When he was well refreshed, and had lit his pipe, Canasetego began to converse with him: asked how he had fared the many years since they had seen each other, whence he then came, what had occasioned the journey, &c. Conrad answered all his questions; and when the discourse began to flag, the Indian, to continue it, said, "Conrad, you have lived long among the white people, and know something of their customs; I have been sometimes at Albany, and have observed that once in seven days they shut up their shops, and assemble all in the great house; tell me what it is for?—What do they do there? "They meet there," says Conrad, "to hear and learn *good things*." "I do not doubt," says the Indian, "that they tell you so; they have told me the same: but I doubt the truth of what they say, and I will tell you my reasons. I went lately to Albany to sell my skins, and buy blankets, knives, powder, rum, &c. You know I generally used to deal with Hans Hanson; but I was a little inclined, this time, to try some other merchants. However, I called first upon Hans, and asked him what he would give for beaver. He said he could not give more than 4s. a pound; but (says he) I cannot talk on business now; this is the day when we meet together to learn *good things*, and I am going to the meeting. So, I thought to myself, since I cannot do any business to-day, I may as well go to the meeting too; and I went with him.—There stood up a man in black, and began to talk to the people, very angrily. I did not understand what he said; but perceiving that he looked much at me and at Hanson, I imagined he was angry at seeing me there: so I went out, sat down near the house, struck fire, and lit my pipe, waiting till the meeting should break up. I thought, too, that the man had mentioned something



America. of beaver, and I suspected that it might be the subject of their meeting. So when they came out, I accosted my merchant.—Well, Hans, (says I) I hope you have agreed to give more than 4s. a pound? "No, (sayshe) I cannot give so much, I cannot give more than 3s. 6d." "I then spoke to several other dealers, but they all sung the same song, three and six-pence, three and six-pence. This made it clear to me that my suspicion was right; and that whatever they pretended of meeting to learn *good things*, the real purpose was, to consult how to cheat Indians in the price of beaver. Consider but a little, Conrad, and you must be of my opinion. If they met so often to learn *good things*, they certainly would have learned some before this time. But they are still ignorant. You know our practice. If a white man, in travelling through our country, enters one of our cabins, we all treat him as I treat you; we dry him if he is wet, we warm him if he is cold, and give him meat and drink, that he may allay his thirst and hunger; and we spread soft furs for him to rest and sleep on: we demand nothing in return. But if I go into a white-man's house at Albany, and ask for victuals and drink, they say, Where is your money? And if I have none, they say, Get out, you Indian dog. You see they have not yet learned those little *good things* that we need no meeting to be instructed in; because our mothers taught them to us when we were children; and, therefore, it is impossible their meetings should be, as they say, for any such purpose, or have any such effect; they are only to contrive *the cheating of Indians in the price of beaver.*"

The next question which offers itself to our notice, is, Whether the peculiarities of the *aboriginal Americans*, or the disparity between them and the inhabitants of the Old-World, afford sufficient grounds for determining *them*, as many eminent writers have done, to be a *race of men radically different from all others?*

In this question, to avoid being tedious, we shall confine ourselves to what has been advanced by Lord Kames; who is of opinion, that there are many different species of men, as well as of other animals; and gives an hypothesis, whereby he pretends his opinion may be maintained in a consistency with Revelation. "If (says he) the only rule afforded by nature for classing animals can be depended on, there are different races of men as well as of dogs: a mastiff differs not more from a spaniel, than a white man from a negro, or a Laplander from a Dane. And, if we have any faith in Providence, it ought to be so. Plants were created of different kinds, to fit them for different climates; and so were brute animals. Certain it is, that all men are not fitted equally for every climate. There is scarce a climate but what is natural to some men, where they prosper and flourish; and there is not a climate, but where some men degenerate. Doth not then analogy lead us to conclude, that, as there are different climates on the face of this globe, so there are different races of men fitted for these different climates?"

"M. Buffon, from the rule, That animals which can procreate together, and whose progeny can also procreate, are of one species; concludes, that all men are of one race or species; and endeavours to support that favourite opinion, by ascribing to the climate, to food,

or to other accidental causes, all the varieties that are found among men. But is he seriously of opinion, that any operation of climate, or of other accidental cause, can account for the copper colour and smooth chin universal among the Americans; the prominence of the pudenda universal among the Hottentot women, or the black nipple no less universal among the female Samoiedes?—It is in vain to ascribe to the climate, the low stature of the Esquimaux, the smallness of their feet, or the overgrown size of their heads. It is equally in vain to ascribe to climate the low stature of the Laplanders, or their ugly visage. The black colour of negroes, thick lips, flat nose, crisped woolly hair, and rank smell, distinguish them from every other race of men. The Abyssinians, on the contrary, are tall and well made, their complexion a brown olive, features well-proportioned, eyes large and of a sparkling black, thin lips, a nose rather high than flat. There is no such difference of climate between Abyssinia and Negro-land as to produce these striking differences.

"Nor shall our author's ingenious hypothesis concerning the extremities of heat and cold, purchase him impunity with respect to the fallow complexion of the Samoiedes, Laplanders, and Greenlanders. The Finlanders, and northern Norwegians, live in a climate not less cold than that of the people mentioned; and yet are fair beyond other Europeans. I say, more, there are many instances of races of people preserving their original colour, in climates very different from their own; but not a single instance of the contrary, as far as I can learn. There have been four complete generations of negroes in Pennsylvania, without any visible change of colour; they continue jet black, as originally. Those who ascribe all to the sun, ought to consider how little probable it is, that the colour it impresses on the parents should be communicated to their infant children who never saw the sun: I should be as soon induced to believe, with a German naturalist, whose name has escaped me, that the negro colour is owing to an ancient custom in Africa, of dyeing the skin black. Let a European, for years, expose himself to the sun, in a hot climate, till he be quite brown; the children will, nevertheless, have the same complexion with those in Europe. From the action of the sun, is it possible to explain, why a negro, like a European, is born with a ruddy skin, which turns jet black, the eighth, or ninth, day?"

Our author next proceeds to draw some arguments for the existence of different races of men, from the various tempers and dispositions of different nations; which he reckons to be *specific* differences, as well as those of colour, stature, &c. and having summed up his evidence, he concludes thus: "Upon summing up the whole particulars, mentioned above, would one hesitate a moment, to adopt the following opinion, were there no counterbalancing evidence, viz. 'That God created many pairs of the human race, differing from each other, both externally and internally; that he fitted those pairs for different climates, and placed each pair in its proper climate; that the peculiarities of the original pairs were preserved entire in their descendants; who, having no assistance but their natural talents, were left to gather knowledge from experience; and, in particular, was left (each tribe) to form a language for itself; that signs were sufficient

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America. ' sufficient for the original pairs, without any language  
' but what nature suggests; and that a language was  
' formed gradually, as a tribe increased in numbers,  
' and in different occupations, to make speech neces-  
' sary?' But this opinion, however plausible, we are  
not permitted to adopt; being taught a different lesson  
by Revelation, viz. That God created but a single  
pair of the human species. Though we cannot doubt  
the authority of Moses, yet his account of the crea-  
tion of man is not a little puzzling, as it seems to con-  
tradict every one of the facts mentioned above. Ac-  
cording to that account, different races of men were  
not formed, nor were men formed originally for diffe-  
rent climates. All men must have spoken the same lan-  
guage, viz. That of our first parents. And what of  
all seems the most contradictory to that account, is the  
savage state: Adam, as Moses informs us, was endued  
by his Maker with an eminent degree of knowledge;  
and he certainly was an excellent preceptor to his chil-  
dren and their progeny, among whom he lived many  
generations. Whence then the degeneracy of all men  
unto the savage state? To account for that dismal ca-  
tastrophe, mankind must have suffered some terrible con-  
vulsion. That terrible convulsion is revealed to us in the  
history of the tower of Babel, contained in the 11th  
chapter of Genesis, which is, ' That, for many cen-  
' turies after the deluge, the whole earth was of one  
' language, and of one speech; that they united to  
' build a city on the plain in the land of Shinar, with a  
' tower, whose top might reach unto heaven; that the  
' Lord, beholding the people to be one, and to have  
' all one language, and that nothing would be re-  
' strained from them which they imagined to do, con-  
' founded their language, that they might not under-  
' stand one another, and scattered them abroad upon  
' the face of all the earth.' Here, light breaks forth in  
the midst of darkness. By confounding the language  
of men, and scattering them abroad upon the face of  
all the earth, they were rendered savages. And to har-  
den them for their new habitations, it was necessary  
that they should be divided into different kinds, fitted  
for different climates. Without an immediate change  
of constitution, the builders of Babel could not possibly  
have subsisted in the burning region of Guinea, nor in  
the frozen region of Lapland; houses not being pre-  
pared, nor any other convenience to protect them a-  
gainst a destructive climate."

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We may, first, remark on his Lordship's hypothesis,  
that it is evidently incomplete: for, allowing the hu-  
man race to have been divided into different species, at  
the confusion of languages, and that each species was  
adapted to a particular climate: by what means were  
they to get to the climates proper for them, or how  
were they to know that such climates existed? How was  
an American, for instance, when languishing in an im-  
proper climate at Babel, to get to the land of the Ama-  
zons, or, the banks of the Oroonoko, in his own coun-  
try? Or how was he to know that these places were  
more proper for him than others?—If, indeed, we take  
the scripture phrase, " The Lord scattered them abroad  
upon the face of all the earth," in a certain sense, we may  
account for it. If we suppose that the different species  
were immediately carried off by a whirlwind, or other  
supernatural means, to their proper countries, the diffi-

culty will vanish: but if this is his Lordship's interpre-  
tation, it is certainly a very singular one.

Before entering upon the consideration of the parti-  
cular arguments used by our author for proving the di-  
versity of species in the human race, it will be proper  
to lay down the following general principles, which  
may serve as axioms. (1). When we assert a multi-  
plicity of species in the human race: we bring in a su-  
pernatural cause to solve a natural phenomenon: for  
these species are supposed to be the immediate work of  
the Deity. (2). No person has a right to call any  
thing the immediate effect of omnipotence, unless by  
express revelation from the Deity, or from a certainty  
that no natural cause is sufficient to produce the effect.  
The reason is plain. The Deity is invisible, and there  
are many natural causes: when we see an effect, there-  
fore, of which the cause does not manifest itself, we  
cannot know whether the immediate cause is the Deity,  
or an invisible natural power. An example of this we  
have in the phenomena of thunder and earthquakes,  
which were often ascribed immediately to the Deity,  
but are now discovered to be the effects of electricity.  
(3). No person can assert natural causes to be insuffi-  
cient to produce such and such effects, unless he per-  
fectly knows all these causes, and the limits of their  
power in all possible cases; and this no man has ever  
known, or can know.

By keeping in view these principles, which we hope  
are self-evident, we will easily see Lord Kames's ar-  
guments to consist entirely in a *petitio principii*.—In  
substance, they are all reduced to this single sentence:  
" Natural philosophers have been, hitherto, unsuccessful  
in their endeavours to account for the differences obser-  
ved among mankind, therefore these differences cannot  
be accounted for from natural causes."

His Lordship, however, tells us in the passages al-  
ready quoted, that " a mastiff differs not more from a  
spaniel, than a Laplander from a Dane;" that " it is  
vain to ascribe to climate the low stature of the Lap-  
landers, or their ugly visage.—Yet, in a note on the  
word *Laplanders*, he subjoins, that, " by late accounts  
it appears, that the Laplanders are only degenerated  
Tartars; and that they and the Hungarians originally  
sprung from the same breed of men, and from the same  
country."—The Hungarians are generally handsome  
and well-made, like Danes, or like other people. The  
Laplanders, he tells us, differ as much from them as a  
mastiff from a spaniel. Natural causes, therefore, ac-  
cording to Lord Kames himself, may cause two indivi-  
duals of the same species of mankind differ from each  
other as much as a mastiff does from a spaniel.

While we are treating this subject of colour, it may  
not be amiss to observe, that a very remarkable diffe-  
rence of colour may accidentally happen to individuals  
of the same species. In the isthmus of Darien, a singu-  
lar race of men have been discovered.—They are of  
low stature, of a feeble make, and incapable of endu-  
ring fatigue. Their colour is a dead milk white; not  
resembling that of fair people among Europeans, but  
without any blush or sanguine complexion. Their skin  
is covered with a fine hairy down of a chalky white;  
the hair of their heads, their eye-brows, and eye-lashes,  
are of the same hue. Their eyes are of a singular  
form, and so weak, that they can hardly bear the light

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General  
principles  
to be kept  
in view in  
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Remark-  
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**America.** of the sun; but they see clearly by moon-light, and are most active and gay in the night. Among the negroes of Africa, as well as the natives of the Indian islands, a small number of these people are produced. They are called *Albinos* by the Portuguese, and *Kackerlakes* by the Dutch.

91  
Colour no characteristic of a different species.  
This race of men is not indeed permanent; but it is sufficient to show, that mere colour is by no means the characteristic of a certain species of mankind. The difference of colour in these individuals is undoubtedly owing to a natural cause. To constitute, then, a race of men of this colour, it would only be necessary that this cause, which at present is merely accidental, should become permanent, and we cannot know but it may be so in some parts of the world.

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Nor stature  
If a difference of colour is no characteristic of a different species of mankind, much less can a difference in stature be thought so. In the southern parts of America, there are said to be a race of men exceeding the common size in height and strength\*. This account, however, is doubted of by some; but be that as it will, it is certain that the Esquimaux are as much under the common size, as the Patagonians are said to be above it. Nevertheless, we are not to imagine, that either of these are specific differences; seeing the Lappers and Hungarians are both of the same species, and yet the former are generally almost a foot shorter than the latter; and if a difference of climate, or other accidental causes, can make the people of one country a foot shorter than the common size of mankind, undoubtedly accidental causes of a contrary nature may make those of another country a foot taller than other men.

93  
Different causes contribute towards an alteration in colour.  
Though the sun has, most undoubtedly, a share in the production of the swarthy colour of those nations which are exposed to its influence; yet the manner of living to which people are accustomed; their food, their employment, and many other circumstances, must also contribute, not a little, to a difference of complexion. The more full examination, however, of these several circumstances we reserve for another article. See the article COMPLEXION.

94  
Habit capable of altering the instinct of animals.  
It is allowed on all hands, that it is more easy to work a change upon the body of a man, or any other animal, than upon his mind. A man who is naturally choleric may, indeed, learn to prevent the bad effects of his passion by reason, but the passion itself will remain as immutable as his colour.—But, to reason in a manner similar to Lord Kames; though a man should be naturally choleric, or subject to any other passion, why should his children be so?—This way of reasoning, however plausible, is by no means conclusive, as will appear from the following passage in Mr. Forster's Voyage.

Voyage round the World, Vol. I. p. 234.  
June 9th. "The officers who could not yet relish their salt provisions after the refreshments of New-Zealand, had ordered their black dog, mentioned p. 135, to be killed: this day, therefore, we dined, for the first time, on a leg of it roasted; which tasted so exactly like mutton, that it was absolutely undistinguishable. In our cold countries, where animal food is so much used, and where to be carnivorous, perhaps, lies in the nature of men, or is indispensibly necessary to the preservation of their health and strength, it is strange that there should exist a Jewish aversion to dogs-flesh, when hogs,

the most uncleanly of all animals, are eaten without scruple. Nature seems expressly to have intended them for this use, by making their offspring so very numerous, and their increase so quick, and frequent. It may be objected, that the exalted degree of instinct which we observe in our dogs, inspires us with great unwillingness to kill and eat them. But it is owing to the time we spend on the education of dogs, that they acquire those eminent qualities, which attach them so much to us. The natural qualities of our dogs may receive a wonderful improvement; but education must give its assistance, without which the human mind itself, though capable of an immense expansion, remains in a very contracted state. In New-Zealand, and (according to former accounts of voyages) in the tropical isles of the South-Sea, the dogs are the most stupid, dull animals imaginable, and do not seem to have the least advantage in point of sagacity over our sheep, which are commonly made the emblems of silliness. In the former country they are fed upon fish, in the latter on vegetables, and both these diets may have served to alter their disposition. Education may, perhaps, likewise, graft new instincts: the New-Zealand dogs are fed on the remains of their master's meals; they eat the bones of other dogs; and the puppies become true cannibals from their birth. We had a young New-Zealand puppy on board, which had certainly had no opportunity of tasting any thing but the mother's milk before we purchased it; however, it eagerly devoured a portion of the flesh and bones of the dog on which we dined today; while several others of the European breed, taken on board at the Cape, turned from it without touching it.

"On the 4th of August, a young bitch, of the terrier breed, taken on board at the Cape of Good-Hope, and covered by a spaniel, brought ten young ones, one of which was dead. The New-Zealand dog mentioned above, which devoured the bones of the roasted dog, now fell upon the dead puppy, and eat of it, with a ravenous appetite. This is a proof how far education may go in producing, and propagating, new instincts in animals. European dogs are never fed on the meat of their own species, but rather seem to abhor it. The New-Zealand dogs, in all likelihood, are trained up, from their earliest age, to eat the remains of their master's meals: they are, therefore, used to feed upon fish; their own species; and, perhaps, human flesh; and what was only owing to a habit, at first, may have become instinct, by length of time. This was remarkable in our cannibal dog; for he came on board so young, that he could not have been weaned long enough to have acquired a habit of devouring his own species, and much less of eating human flesh; however, one of our seamen having cut his finger, held it out to the dog, who fell to greedily, licked it, and then began to bite it."

From this account it appears, that even the instincts of animals are not unchangeable by natural causes; and if these causes are powerful enough to change the dispositions of succeeding generations, much more may we suppose them capable of making any possible alteration in the external appearance.

We are not here necessitated to confine ourselves to observations made on brute animals. The Franks are an example of the production of one general character, formed by some natural cause from a mixture of many different

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Ibid. p. 243.

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Confirmed by an observation on the Franks.

America. different nations.—They were a motley multitude, consisting of various German nations dwelling beyond the Rhine; who, uniting in defence of their common liberty, took thence the name of *Franks*; the word *frank* signifying in their language, as it still does in ours, *free*. Among them the following nations were mentioned, viz. the Actuarii, Chamavi, Brueteri, Salii, Frisii, Chauvi, Amfvarii, and Catti. We cannot suppose one character to belong to so many different nations; yet it is certain that the Franks were, nationally, characterized as treacherous. It is in vain, then, to talk of different races of men, either from their colour, size, or prevailing dispositions, seeing we have undeniable proofs that all these may be changed, in the most remarkable manner, by natural causes, without any miraculous interposition of the Deity.

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Of the peo-  
pling of  
America.

The questions which now present themselves to our notice are, From what part of the Old-World America has, most probably, been peopled?—And how was this peopling accomplished?—

Few *questions* in the history of mankind have been more agitated than these.—Philosophers, and men of learning and ingenuity, have been speculating upon *them*, ever since the discovery of the American-Islands, by Christopher Columbus.—But notwithstanding all the labours of Aosta, of Grotius, and of many other writers of eminence, the subject still affords an ample field for the researches of the man of science, and for the fancies of the theorist.

Discoveries, long ago made, inform us, than an intercourse between the Old-Continent and America might be carried on, with facility, from the north-west extremities of Europe and the north-east boundaries of Asia. In the ninth century the Norwegians discovered Greenland, and planted a colony there. The communication with that country was renewed in the last century by Moravian missionaries, in order to propagate their doctrines in that bleak and uncultivated region. By them we are informed that the north-west coast of Greenland is separated from America by a very narrow strait; that at the bottom of the bay it is highly probable that they are united; that the Esquimaux of America perfectly resemble the Greenlanders, in their aspect, dress, and mode of living; and that a Moravian missionary, well acquainted with the language of Greenland, having visited the country of the Esquimaux, found, to his astonishment, that they spoke the same language with the Greenlanders, and were, in every respect, the same people. The same species of animals, too, are found in the contiguous regions. The bear, the wolf, the fox, the hare, the deer, the roebuck, the elk, frequent the forests of North-America, as well as those in the north of Europe.

Other discoveries have proved, that if the two continents of Asia and America be separated at all, it is only by a narrow strait. From this part of the Old-Continent, also, inhabitants may have passed into the New; and the resemblance between the Indians of America and the eastern inhabitants of Asia, would induce us to conjecture that they have a common origin. This is the opinion adopted by Dr Robertson, in his *History of America*\*, where we find it accompanied with the following narrative.

“While those immense regions which stretched east-

ward from the river Oby to the sea of Kamtschatka were unknown, or imperfectly explored, the north-east extremities of our hemisphere were supposed to be so far distant from any part of the New-World, that it was not easy to conceive how any communication should have been carried on between them. But the Russians, having subjected the western part of Siberia to their empire, gradually extended their knowledge of that vast country, by advancing towards the east into unknown provinces. These were discovered by hunters in their excursions after game, or by soldiers employed in levying the taxes; and the court of Moscow estimated the importance of those countries only by the small addition which they made to its revenue. At length, Peter the Great ascended the Russian throne: His enlightened, comprehensive mind, intent upon every circumstance that could aggrandize his empire, or render his reign illustrious, discerned consequences of those discoveries, which had escaped the observation of his ignorant predecessors. He perceived, that, in proportion as the regions of Asia extended towards the east, they must approach nearer to America; that the communication between the two continents, which had long been searched for in vain, would probably be found in this quarter; and that, by opening this intercourse, some part of the wealth and commerce of the western world might be made to flow into his dominions by a new channel. Such an object suited a genius that delighted in grand schemes. Peter drew up instructions with his own hand for prosecuting this design, and gave orders for carrying it into execution.

“His successors adopted his ideas, and pursued his plan. The officers whom the Russian court employed in this service, had to struggle with so many difficulties, that their progress was extremely slow. Encouraged by some faint traditions among the people of Siberia concerning a successful voyage in the year 1648 round the north-east promontory of Asia, they attempted to follow the same course. Vessels were fitted out, with this view, at different times, from the rivers Lena and Kolyma; but in a frozen ocean, which nature seems not to have destined for navigation, they were exposed to many disasters, without being able to accomplish their purpose. No vessel fitted out by the Russian court ever doubled this formidable cape; we are indebted for what is known of those extreme regions of Asia, to the discoveries made in excursions by land. In all those provinces, an opinion prevails, that countries of great extent and fertility lie at no considerable distance from their own coasts. These the Russians imagined to be part of America; and several circumstances concurred not only in confirming them in this belief, but in persuading them that some portion of that continent could not be very remote. Trees of various kinds, unknown in those naked regions of Asia, are driven upon the coast by an easterly wind. By the same wind floating ice is brought thither in a few days; flights of birds arrive annually from the same quarter; and a tradition obtains among the inhabitants, of an intercourse formerly carried on with some countries situated to the east.

“After weighing all these particulars, and comparing the position of the countries in Asia which they had discovered, with such parts in the north-west of America as were already known; the Russian court formed

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America. ed a plan, which would have hardly occurred to any nation less accustomed to engage in arduous undertakings, and to contend with great difficulties. Orders were issued to build two vessels at Ochotz, in the sea of Kamtschatka, to sail on a voyage of discovery. Though that dreary uncultivated region furnished nothing that could be of use in constructing them but some larch-trees; though not only the iron, the cordage, the sails, and all the numerous articles requisite for their equipment, but the provisions for victualling them, were to be carried through the immense deserts of Siberia, along rivers of difficult navigation, and roads almost impassable, the mandate of the sovereign, and the perseverance of the people, at last surmounted every obstacle. Two vessels were finished; and, under the command of captains Behring and Tschirikow, sailed from Kamtschatka in quest of the New-World, in a quarter where it had never been approached. They shaped their course towards the east; and though a storm soon separated the vessels, which never rejoined, and many disasters befel them, the expectations from the voyage were not altogether frustrated. Each of the commanders discovered land, which to them appeared to be part of the American continent; and, according to their observations, it seems to be situated within a few degrees of the north-west coast of California. Each set some of his people ashore: but in one place the inhabitants fled as the Russians approached; in another, they carried off those who landed, and destroyed their boats. The violence of the weather, and the distresses of their crews, obliged both to quit this inhospitable coast. In their return they touched at several islands, which stretch in a chain from east to west between the country which they had discovered and the coast of Asia. They had some intercourse with the natives, who seemed to them to resemble the North-Americans. They presented to the Russians the calumet, or pipe of peace, which is a symbol of friendship universal among the people of North-America, and an usage of arbitrary institution peculiar to them."

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Reason for supposing the two continents to have been once joined.

The more recent and accurate discoveries of that illustrious navigator Cooke, and of his successor Clerke, have brought the matter still nearer to certainty. The sea, from the south of Behring's Straits to the crescent of isles between Asia and America, is very shallow. It deepens from these straits (as the British seas do from those of Dover) till soundings are lost in the Pacific-Ocean; but that does not take place but to the south of the isles. Between them and the straits is an increase from 12 to 54 fathoms, except only off St Thaddeus-Nofs, where there is a channel of greater depth. From the volcanic disposition, it has been judged probable, not only that there was a separation of the continents at the straits of Behring, but that the whole space from the isles to that small opening had once been occupied by land; and that the fury of the watry element, actuated by that of fire, had, in most remote times, subverted and overwhelmed the tract, and left the islands to serve as monumental fragments.

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Probable cause of their subsequent separation.

Without adopting all the fancies of Buffon, there can be no doubt, as the Abbé Clavigero observes, that our planet has been subject to great vicissitudes since the deluge. Ancient and modern histories confirm the truth which Ovid has sung in the name of Pythagoras:

*Vidi ego quod fuerat quondam solidissima tellus,  
Esse fretum; vidi factas ex æquore terras.*

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At present, they plough those lands over which ships, formerly, sailed, and now they sail over lands which were, formerly, cultivated: earthquakes have swallowed some lands, and subterraneous fires have thrown up others: the rivers have formed new soil with their mud: the sea, retreating from the shores, has lengthened the land in some places, and advancing in others has diminished it; it has separated some territories which were formerly united, and formed new straits and gulphs. We have examples of all these revolutions in the past century. Sicily was united to the continent of Naples, as Eubœa, now the Black-Sea, was to Bœotia. Diodorus, Strabo, and other ancient authors, say the same thing of Spain, and of Africa, and affirm, that by a violent eruption of the ocean upon the land between the mountains Abyla and Calpe, that communication was broken, and the Mediterranean-Sea was formed. Among the people of Ceylon there is a tradition that a similar irruption of the sea separated their island from the peninsula of India. The same thing is believed by those of Malabar with respect to the isles of Maldivia, and with the Malayans with respect to Sumatra. It is certain, says the count de Buffon, that in Ceylon the earth has lost 30 or 40 leagues, which the sea has taken from it; on the contrary, Tongres, a place of the Low-Countries, has gained 30 leagues of land from the sea. The northern part of Egypt owes its existence to inundations of the Nile. The earth which this river has brought from the inland countries of Africa, and deposited in its inundations, has formed a soil of more than 25 cubits of depth. In like manner, adds the above author, the province of the Yellow-River in China, and that of Louisiana, have only been formed of the mud of rivers. Pliny, Seneca, Diodorus, and Strabo, report innumerable examples of similar revolutions, which we omit, that our dissertation may not become too prolix; as also many modern revolutions, which are related in the theory of the earth of the Count de Buffon and other authors. In South America, all those who have observed with philosophic eyes the peninsula of Yucatan, do not doubt that that country has once been the bed of the sea; and, on the contrary, in the channel of Bahama, many indications show the island of Cuba to have been once united to the continent of Florida. In the strait which separates America from Asia many islands are found, which probably were the mountains belonging to that tract of land which we suppose to have been swallowed up by earthquakes; which is made more probable by the multitude of volcanoes which we know of in the peninsula of Kamtschatka. It is imagined, however, that the sinking of that land, and the separation of the two continents, has been occasioned by those great and extraordinary earthquakes mentioned in the histories of the Americans, which formed an æra almost as memorable as that of the deluge. The histories of the Toltecas fix such earthquakes in the year I Tecpatl; but as we know not to what century that belonged, we can form no conjecture of the time that great calamity happened. If a great earthquake should overwhelm the isthmus of Suez, and there should be at the same time as great a scarcity of historians as there were in the first ages after

America. after the deluge, it would be doubted, in 300 or 400 years after, whether Asia had ever been united by that part to Africa; and many would firmly deny it.

100 Separated only by a narrow strait.

101 Easiness of the passage between them.

102 Conjectures concerning the first migrations into the New-Continent.

103 Mr Pennant's opinion.

104 The bulk of its inhabitants probably first received from the eastern part of Asia.

Whether that great event, the separation of the continents, took place before or after the population of America, it is impossible for us to determine: but we are indebted to the abovementioned navigators for settling the long dispute about the point from which it was effected. Their observations prove, that in one place the distance between continent and continent is only 39 miles, not (as the author of the *Recherches Philosophiques sur les Americains* would have it) 800 leagues. This narrow strait has also in the middle two islands, which would greatly facilitate the migration of the Asiatics into the New-World, supposing that it took place in canoes after the convulsion which rent the two continents asunder. Besides, it may be added, that these straits are, even in the summer, often filled with ice; in winter, often frozen. In either case, mankind might find an easy passage; in the last, the way was extremely ready for quadrupeds to cross and stock the continent of America. But where, from the vast expanse of the north-eastern world, to fix on the first tribes who contributed to people the New-Continent, now inhabited almost from end to end, is a matter that baffles human reason. The learned may make bold and ingenious conjectures, but plain good sense cannot always accede to them.

As mankind increased in numbers, they naturally protruded one another forward. Wars might be another cause of migrations. There appears no reason why the Asiatic north might not be an *officina virorum*, as well as the European. The overteeming country, to the east of the Riphæan-Mountains, must find it necessary to discharge its inhabitants: the first great wave of people was forced forward by the next to it, more tumid and more powerful than itself: successive and new impulses continually arriving, short rest was given to that which spread over a more eastern tract; disturbed again and again, it covered fresh regions; at length, reaching the farthest limits of the Old-World, found a new one, with ample space to occupy unmolested for ages; till Columbus cursed them by a discovery, which brought again new sins and new deaths to both worlds.

“The inhabitants of the New-World (Mr Pennant observes), do not consist of the offspring of a single nation: different people, at several periods, arrived there; and it is impossible to say, that any one is now to be found on the original spot of its colonization. It is impossible, with the lights which we have so recently received, to admit that America could receive its inhabitants (at least the bulk of them) from any other place than Eastern-Asia. A few proofs may be added, taken from customs or dresses common to the inhabitants of both worlds: some have been long extinct in the old, others remain in both in full force.

“The custom of scalping was a barbarism in use with the Scythians, who carried about them, at all times, this savage mark of triumph: they cut a circle round the neck, and stripped off the skin, as they would that of an ox. A little image, found among the Kalmucs, of a Tartarian deity, mounted on a horse, and sitting on a human skin, with Scalps pendant from the breast, fully illustrates the custom of the Scythian progenitors, as described by the Greek historian. This usage, as

we well know, by horrid experience, is continued to this day in America. The ferocity of the Scythians to their prisoners extended to the remotest part of Asia. The Kamtschatkans, even at the time of their discovery by the Russians, put their prisoners to death by the most lingering and excruciating inventions; a practice in full force to this very day among the aboriginal Americans. A race of the Scythians were styled *Anthropophagi*, from their feeding on human flesh. The people of Nootka-Sound still make a repast on their fellow-creatures; but what is more wonderful, the savage allies of the British army have been known to throw the mangled limbs of the French prisoners into the horrible cauldron, and devour them with the same relish as those of a quadruped.

“The Scythians were said, for a certain time, annually to transform themselves into wolves, and again to resume the human shape. The new discovered Americans about Nootka-Sound, at this time, disguise themselves in dresses made of the skins of wolves, and other wild beasts, and wear even the heads fitted to their own. These habits they use in the chase, to circumvent the animals of the field. But would not ignorance or superstition ascribe to a supernatural metamorphosis these temporary expedients to deceive the brute creation?

“In their marches, the Kamtschatkans never went abreast, but followed one another in the same track. The same custom is exactly observed by the Americans.

“The Tungusi, the most numerous nation resident in Siberia, prick their faces with small punctures, with a needle, in various shapes; then rub into them charcoal, so that the marks become indelible. This custom is still observed in several parts of America. The Indians on the back of Hudson's Bay, to this day, perform the operation exactly in the same manner, and puncture the skin into various figures; as the natives of New-Zealand do at present, and as the ancient Britons did with the herb *glastum*, or woad; and the Virginians, on the first discovery of that country by the English.

“The Tungusi use canoes made of birch-bark, distended over ribs of wood, and nicely sowed together. The Canadian, and many other American nations, use no other sort of boats. The paddles of the Tungusi, are broad at each end; those of the people near Cook's river, and of Oonalascha, are of the same form.

“In burying of the dead, many of the American nations place the corpse at full length, after preparing it according to their customs; others place it in a sitting posture, and lay by it the most valuable cloathing, wampum, and other matters. The Tartars did the same: and both people agree in covering the whole with earth, so as to form a tumulus, barrow, or carnedd.

“Some of the American nations hang their dead in trees. Certain of the Tungusi observe a similar custom.

“We can draw some analogy from dress; convenience in that article must have been consulted on both continents, and originally the materials must have been the same, the skins of birds and beasts. It is singular, that the conic bonnet of the Chinese should be found among the people of Nootka. I cannot give into the notion,

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105 Proofs from a similarity of customs, &c.

106 Customs and dresses common to the eastern Asiatics & the Americans.

**America.** notion, that the Chinese contributed to the population of the New-World; but we can, readily, admit, that a shipwreck might furnish those Americans with a pattern for that part of the dress.

107  
Other re-  
semblances

“ In respect to the features and form of the human body, almost every tribe found along the western coast has some similitude to the Tartar nations, and, still, retain the little eyes, small noses, high cheeks, and broad faces. They vary in size, from the lusty Calmucs to the little Nogaïans. The internal Americans, such as the Five-Indian nations, who are tall of body, robust in make, and of oblong faces, are derived from a variety among the Tartars themselves. The fine race of Tschutski seems to be the stock from which those Americans are derived. The Tschutski, again, from that fine race of Tartars the Kabardinski, or inhabitants of Kabarda.

“ But, about Prince William’s-Sound begins a race chiefly distinguished by their dress, their canoes, and their instruments of the chase, from the tribes to the south of them. Here commences the Esquimaux people, or the race known by that name in the high latitudes of the eastern side of the continent. They may be divided into two varieties. At this place, they are of the largest size. As they advance northward, they decrease in height, till they dwindle into the dwarfish tribes which occupy some of the coasts of the Icy-Sea, and the maritime parts of Hudson’s-Bay, of Greenland, and Terra de-Labrador. The famous Japanese map places some islands seemingly within the straits of Behring, on which is bestowed the title of *Ya-Zue*, or the Kingdom of the Dwarfs. Does not this in some manner authenticate the chart, and give us reason to suppose that America was not unknown to the Japanese; and that they had (as is mentioned by Kæmpfer and Charlevoix) made voyages of discovery, and, according to the last, actually wintered on the continent? That they might have met with the Esquimaux is very probable; whom, in comparison of themselves, they might justly distinguish by the name of *dwarfs*. The reason of their low stature is very obvious: these dwell in a most severe climate, amidst penury of food; the former in one much more favourable, abundant in provisions; circumstances that tend to prevent the degeneracy of the human frame. At the island of Oonalascha, a dialect of the Esquimaux is in use, which was continued along the whole coast from thence northward.”

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The brute  
creation  
migrated  
by the same  
route.

The continent which stocked America with the human race, is supposed, by Mr. Pennant, to have poured in the brute creation, through the same passage. Very few quadrupeds continued in the peninsula of Kamtschatka; Mr Pennant enumerates only 25 which are inhabitants of land: all the rest persisted in their migration, and fixed their residence in the New-World. Seventeen of the Kamtschatkan quadrupeds are found in America: others are common only to Siberia, or Tartary, having, for unknown causes, entirely evacuated Kamtschatka, and divided themselves between America and the parts of Asia above cited. Multitudes, again, have deserted the Old-World, even to an individual, and fixed their seats at distances most remote from the spot from which they took their departure; from mount Ararat, the resting-place of the ark, in a central part of the Old-World, and excellently adapted for the dif-

perion of the animal creation, to all its parts. “ We need not be startled (says Mr Pennant) at the vast journeys many of the quadrupeds took to arrive at their present seats. Might not numbers of species have found a convenient abode in the vast alps of Asia, instead of wandering to the Cordilleras of Chili? or might not others have been contented with the boundless plains of Tartary, instead of travelling thousands of miles to the extensive flats of Pampas?—To endeavour to elucidate common difficulties is certainly a trouble worthy of the philosopher, and of the divine; not to attempt it would be a criminal indolence, a neglect to

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Vindicate the ways of God to man.

But there are multitudes of points beyond the human ability to explain, and yet are truths undeniable: the facts are indisputable, notwithstanding the causes are concealed. In such cases, faith must be called in to our relief. It would, certainly, be the height of folly to deny to that Being who broke open the great fountains of the deep to effect the deluge—and afterwards, to compel the dispersion of mankind to people the globe, directed the confusion of languages—powers inferior in their nature to these. After these wondrous proofs of omnipotency, it will be absurd to deny the possibility of infusing instinct into the brute creation. *Deus est anima brutorum*; “ God himself is the soul of brutes:” his pleasure must have determined their will, and directed several species, and even whole genera, by impulse irresistible, to move by slow progression to their destined regions. But for that, the ilama and the pacos might still have inhabited the heights of Armenia, and some more neighbouring Alps, instead of labouring to gain the distant Peruvian-Andes; the whole genus of armadillos, slow of foot, would never have quitted the torrid zone of the Old-World for that of the New; and the whole tribe of monkeys would have gamboled together in the forests of India, instead of dividing their residence between the shades of Indostan, and the deep forests of the Brasils. Lions and tigers might have infested the hot parts of the New-World, as the first do the deserts of Africa, and the last the provinces of Asia; or the pantherine animals of South-America might have remained additional scourges with the savage beasts of those ancient continents. The Old-World would have been overstocked with animals; the New remained an unanimated waste! or both have contained an equal portion of every beast of the earth. Let it not be objected, that animals bred in a southern climate, after the descent of their parents from the ark, would be unable to bear the frost and snow of the rigorous north, before they reached South-America, the place of their final destination. It must be considered, that the migration must have been the work of ages; that in the course of their progress each generation grew hardened to the climate it had reached; and that, after their arrival in America, they would again be gradually accustomed to warmer and warmer climates, in their removal from north to south, as they had in the reverse, or from south to north. Part of the tigers still inhabit the eternal snows of Ararat, and multitudes of the very same species live, but with exalted rage, beneath the line, in the burning soil of Borneo, or Sumatra; but neither lions or tigers ever migrated

America. migrated into the New-World. A few of the first are found in India and Persia, but they are found in numbers only in Africa. The tiger extends as far north as western Tartary, in lat. 40. 50, but never has reached America."

In fine, the conjectures of the learned respecting the vicinity of the Old and New-World are now, by the discoveries of late great navigators, lost in conviction; and, in the place of imaginary hypotheses, the real place of migration is almost incontrovertibly pointed out. Some (from a passage in Plato) have extended over the Atlantic, from the straits of Gibraltar to the coast of North and South-America, an island equal in size to the continents of Asia and Africa; over which had passed, as over a bridge, from the latter, men and animals; wool-headed negroes, and lions and tigers, none of which ever existed in the New-World. A mighty sea arose, and, in one day and night, engulfed this stupendous tract, and with it every being which had not completed its migration into America. The whole negro race, and almost every quadruped, now inhabitants of Africa, perished in this critical day. Five only are to be found, at present, in America; and of these only one, the bear, in South-America: Not a single custom, common to the natives of Africa and America, to evince a common origin. Of the quadrupeds, the bear, stag, wolf, fox, and weasel, are the only animals which we can pronounce, with certainty, to be found on each continent. The stag, the fox, and the weasel, have made, also, no farther progress in Africa than the north; but on the same continent the wolf is spread over every part, yet is unknown in South-America, as are the fox and weasel. In Africa and in South-America the bear is very local, being met with only in the north of the first, and on the Andes in the last. Some cause unknown arrested its progress in Africa, and impelled the migration of a few into the Chilian-Alps, and induced them to leave unoccupied the vast tract from North-America to the lofty Cordilleras.

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Remains of  
antiquity in  
America. Allusions have often been made by travellers, and others, to some remains in America which appeared to owe their original to a people more intimately acquainted with the arts of life than the *savage* tribes which inhabited this continent on its first discovery by the Europeans, or than those which are, at present, scattered through various parts of its extent. In a small work, published in London, in 1787, entitled *Observations on some parts of natural history: to which is prefixed, an account of several remarkable vestiges of an ancient date, which have been discovered in different parts of America*. Part I. the author has collected the scattered hints of Kalm, of Carver, of Filson, and some other travellers, and writers; and has added a plan and description of a regular work, which he supposes to have been a *fortification*, that has been discovered near the confluence of the rivers Ohio and Muskingum. The remains described, or alluded to, in this publication, are characters, or singular marks, which were supposed by some Jesuits, who examined them, to be *Tartarian*; furrows, as if the land had been ploughed; a stone wall; mounds of earth, of different forms and sizes; earthen walls, and ditches, &c.

The mounds of earth are supposed, by the author, to have been designed for different purposes: the *smaller* ones are, evidently, tumuli, or repositories of the dead;

and, he thinks, the larger ones, as that at Grave-Creek (a branch of the Ohio); many which are to be seen in Mexico, and in other parts of America, were intended to serve as the bases of temples.

The most curious part of this little work is the description, together with the plan, of the supposed fortification, above alluded to. It is situated on the east side of the river Muskingum, about half a mile above its junction with the river Ohio, nearly in the latitude of 39. 21. and about 170 miles below Fort-Pitt, at the confluence of the rivers Alleghaney and Monaugahela. The town, as it has been, sometimes, called, is a large level, encompassed by walls of a tetragon form; occupying a piece of ground about one quarter of a mile square. These walls are from six to ten feet in height, and from twenty to forty feet in thickness. They are, at present, overgrown with vegetables, of different kinds, and, among others, with trees, some of which are of a very considerable diameter. Each side of the walls is divided, by three chasms, or openings, into four, nearly equal, parts: these chasms are directly opposite to each other. Within the walls there are three elevations; the largest of these is of an oblong form, 74 yards long, 44 yards broad, and 6 feet in height: the second is nearly of a similar form, 50 yards long, and 40 broad: the third is, also, an oblong mount, but much smaller. Besides these three elevations, there is a small circular mount, placed nearly in the centre of four small caves; and a "semi-circular parapet," which, it is not improbable, may have been designed to guard one of the chasms, or openings: this parapet has a small mount. The author observes, that the three elevations "considerably resemble some of the eminences which have been discovered near the "river Mississippi," of which he has given an account in his publication.

The fortifications (for a distinction has been made between them and the town, but we cannot see with what great propriety) are nearly of the same form as the town. The walls have here, also, openings: and at each of these openings there is one, or more of the small circular mounts.

The pyramid is one of the most conspicuous parts of these singular remains. It is of a circular form; 50 feet in height, 390 feet in circumference; and is surrounded with a ditch, 5 feet deep, and 15 feet wide: externally to the ditch there is a parapet, which is 759 feet in circumference. "The pyramid, as well as the eminences and walls, is now covered with grasses, and other kinds of vegetables." Besides these, there are several other eminences, of which we do not think it necessary to take any notice, in this place.

The author's opinion concerning these remains is this; that they owe their original to "the Toltecas, or some other Mexican nation," and that these people were, probably, the descendants of the Danes. The first member of this *conjecture* appears not improbable, if we consider the similarity of the Mexican mounts and fortifications, described by Torquemada, by the Abbé Clavigero, and by other authors, to those of which our author has published an account; and, also, if we consider the tradition of the Mexicans, that they came from the north-west, in which tract great numbers of these remains have been discovered. As to the second member of this conjecture, we think it but feebly supported; although



**America.** although we are not ignorant that Grotius and other writers have endeavoured to prove, that the northern nations of Europe had, actually, some intercourse with America, long before the time of Columbus. See n<sup>o</sup>. 112. *infra*.

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The ancients supposed to have had some imperfect notion of a new world.

It is believed, by many, that the ancients had some imperfect notion of the New-World; and several ancient authors are quoted in confirmation of this opinion. In a book, ascribed to the philosopher Aristotle, we are told that the Carthaginians discovered an island, far beyond the pillars of Hercules, large, fertile, and finely watered, with navigable rivers, but uninhabited. This island was distant a few days sailing from the continent: its beauty induced the discoverers to settle there; but the policy of Carthage dislodged the colony, and laid strict prohibition on all the subjects of the state not to attempt any future establishment. This account is also confirmed by an historian of no mean credit, who relates, that the Tyrians would have settled a colony on the newly-discovered island, but were opposed by the Carthaginians, for state reasons. The following passage has been quoted, likewise, from Seneca's *Medea*, in confirmation of this notion.

—*Venient annis  
Sæcula feris, quibus oceanus  
Vincula rerum laxet, & ingens  
Pateat tellus, Typhisque novos  
Delegat orbis: nec sit terris  
Ultima Thule.*————

ACT. iii. ver. 375.

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Pretensions of the Welsh to the discovery of America, in the 12th century.

The Welsh, fondly, imagine that their country contributed, in 1170, to people the New-World, by the adventure of Madoc, son of Owen Gwynedd, who, on the death of his father, failed there, and colonized part of the country. It is pretended that Madoc made two voyages: that sailing west, he left Ireland so far to the north, that he came to a land unknown, where he saw many strange things; that he returned home, and, making a report of the fertility of the newly-discovered country, prevailed on numbers of the Welsh, of each sex, to accompany him, on a second voyage, from which he never returned. The favourers of this opinion assert, that several Welsh words, such as *gwrando*, “to hearken, or listen;” the isle of *Groeso*, or “welcome;” *Cape-Breton*, from the name of the British-island; *gwynndwr*, or “the white water;” and *pingwin*, or “the bird with a white head;” are to be found in the American language. But likeness of sound, in a few words, will not be deemed sufficient to establish the fact; especially if the meaning has been evidently perverted: for example, the whole pinguin tribe have, unfortunately, not only black heads, but are not inhabitants of the northern hemisphere; the name was also bestowed on them by the Dutch, a *pinguedine*, from their excessive fatness. It may be added, that the Welsh were never a naval people; that the age in which Madoc lived was peculiarly ignorant in navigation; and the most which they could have attempted must have been a mere coasting voyage.

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Those of the Norwegians better founded.

The Norwegians put in for a share of the glory, on grounds rather better than the Welsh. By their settlements in Iceland, and in Greenland, they had arrived within so small a distance of the New-World, that there

is a probability of its having been touched at by a people so versed in maritime affairs, and so adventurous, as the ancient Nortmans were. The proofs are much more numerous than those produced by the British historians; for the discovery is mentioned in several of the Icelandic manuscripts. The period was about the year 1002, when it was visited by one Biorn; and the discovery pursued to greater effect by Leif, the son of Eric, the discoverer of Greenland. It does not appear that they reached farther than Labrador; on which coast they met with Esquimaux, on whom they bestowed the name of *Skrælingues*, or dwarfish people, from their small stature. They were armed with bows and arrows, and had leathern canoes, such as they have at present. All this is probable; nor should the tale of the German, called *Turkil*, one of the crew, invalidate the account. He was, one day, missing; but soon returned, leaping and singing, with all the extravagant marks of joy a *bon vivant* could show, on discovering the inebriating fruit of his country, the grape: Torfæus even says, that he returned in a state of intoxication. To convince his commander, he brought several bunches: and the country, from that circumstance, was named *Vinland*. There appears no reason to doubt of the discovery; it is thought probable, however, that these people reached no farther than the barren country of Labrador. In short, it is from a much later period that we must date the *unequivocal* discovery of America.

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Towards the close of the 15th century, Venice and Genoa being rivals in commerce, in which the former had greatly the superiority, Christopher Colon, or Columbus, a native of Genoa, conceived a project of sailing to the East-Indies by directing his course westward. This design was founded upon a mistake of the geographers, of those days, who placed the eastern parts of Asia immensely too far to the eastward; so that had they been in the right, the shortest way would have been to sail directly westward. Columbus applied, first, to his own countrymen; but being rejected by them, he applied to Portugal, where he met with no better success. Spain was his next resource: here, after eight years attendance, he obtained, in 1492, a fleet of three ships. The largest, a ship of no considerable burden, was commanded by Columbus, as admiral, who gave it the name of *Santa Maria*, out of respect for the Blessed Virgin, whom he honoured with singular devotion. Of the second, called the *Pinta*, Martin Pinzon was captain, and his brother Francis pilot. The third, named the *Nigna*, was under the command of Vincent Yanez Pinzon. These two were light vessels, hardly superior in burden, or force, to large boats. This squadron, if it merits that name, was victualled for 12 months, and had on board 90 men, mostly sailors, together with a few adventurers, who followed the fortune of Columbus, and some gentlemen of Isabella's court, whom she appointed to accompany him. Though the expence of the undertaking was one of the circumstances which chiefly alarmed the court of Spain, and retarded, so long, the negotiation with Columbus, the sum employed in fitting out this squadron did not exceed 4000l. As Columbus was deeply impressed with sentiments of religion, he would not set out upon an expedition so arduous, and of which one great object was to extend the knowledge of the Christian faith, without imploring, publicly, the guidance

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The projects of Christopher Columbus.

America. dance and protection of Heaven. With this view, he, together with all the persons under his command, marched, in solemn procession, to the monastery of Rabida. After confessing their sins, and obtaining absolution, they received the holy sacrament from the hands of the guardian, who joined his prayers to theirs for the success of an enterprise which he had so zealously patronized.

114 His voyage Next morning, being Friday, the third day of August, in the year 1492, Columbus set sail, a little before sun-rise, in presence of a vast crowd of spectators, who sent up their supplications to Heaven for the prosperous issue of the voyage, which they wished, rather than expected. Columbus steered, directly, for the Canary-Islands, and arrived there without any occurrence that would have deserved notice on any other occasion: but, in a voyage of such expectation and importance, every circumstance was the object of attention. The rudder of the Pinta broke loose, the day after she left the harbour, and that accident alarmed the crew, no less superstitious than unskilful, as a certain omen of the unfortunate destiny of the expedition. Even in the short run to the Canaries, the ships were found to be so crazy, and ill appointed, as to be very improper for a navigation which was expected to be both long and dangerous. Columbus refitted them, however, to the best of his power; and having supplied himself with fresh provisions, he took his departure from Gomera, one of the most westerly of the Canary-Islands, on the sixth day of September.

Here the voyage of discovery may properly be said to begin; for Columbus, holding his course due west, left, immediately, the usual track of navigation, and stretched into unfrequented and unknown seas. The first day, as it was very calm, he made but little way; but on the second he lost sight of the Canaries; and many of the sailors, already dejected and dismayed, when they contemplated the boldness of the undertaking, began to beat their breasts, and to shed tears, as if they were never more to behold land. Columbus comforted them with assurances of success, and the prospect of vast wealth, in those opulent regions whither he was conducting them. He regulated every thing by his sole authority; he superintended the execution of every order; and, allowing himself only a few hours for sleep, he was at all other times upon deck. As his course lay through seas which had not, formerly, been visited, the sounding-line, or instruments for observation, were continually in his hands. After the example of the Portuguese discoverers, he attended to the motion of tides and currents, watched the flight of birds, the appearance of fishes, of sea-weeds, and of every thing that floated on the waves, and entered every occurrence, with a minute exactness, in the journal which he kept. As the length of the voyage could not fail of alarming sailors habituated only to short excursions, Columbus endeavoured to conceal from them the real progress which they made. With this view, though they ran 18 leagues the second day, after they left Gomera, he gave out that they had advanced only 15, and he, uniformly, employed the same artifice of reckoning short, during the whole voyage. By the 14th of September, the fleet was above 200 leagues to the west of the Canary-Isles. There they were struck with an appearance, no less astonishing than new.

They observed that the magnetic needle, in their compasses, did not point exactly to the polar star, but varied towards the west; and, as they proceeded, this variation increased. This appearance, which is now familiar, though it still remains one of the mysteries of nature, into the cause of which the sagacity of man hath not been able to penetrate, filled the companions of Columbus with terror. They were now in a boundless, unknown, ocean, far from the usual course of navigation; nature itself seemed to be altered, and the only guide which they had left was about to fail them. Columbus, with no less quickness than ingenuity, invented a reason for this appearance, which, though it did not satisfy himself, seemed so plausible to them, that it dispelled their fears, or silenced their murmurs.

He still continued to steer due west, nearly in the same latitude with the Canary-Islands. In this course, he came within the sphere of the trade-wind, which blows, invariably, from east to west, between the tropics, and a few degrees beyond them. He advanced before this steady gale with such uniform rapidity, that it was seldom necessary to shift a sail. When about 400 leagues to the west of the Canaries, he found the sea so covered with weeds, that it resembled a meadow of vast extent; and in some places they were so thick, as to retard the motion of the vessels. This strange appearance occasioned new alarm and disquiet. The sailors imagined that they were now arrived at the utmost boundary of the navigable ocean; that these floating weeds would obstruct their farther progress, and concealed dangerous rocks, or some large tract of land, which had sunk, they knew not how, in that place. Columbus endeavoured to persuade them, that what had alarmed, ought rather to have encouraged them, and was to be considered as a sign of approaching land. At the same time, a brisk gale arose, and carried them forward. Several birds were seen hovering about the ship, and directed their flight towards the west. The desponding crew resumed some degree of spirit, and began to entertain fresh hopes.

Upon the first of October they were, according to the admiral's reckoning, 770 leagues to the west of the Canaries; but, lest his men should be intimidated by the prodigious length of the navigation, he gave out that they had proceeded only 584 leagues; and, fortunately for Columbus, neither his own pilot, nor those of the other ships, had skill sufficient to correct this error, and to discover the deceit. They had, now, been above three weeks at sea: they had proceeded far beyond what former navigators had attempted, or deemed possible: all their prognostics of discovery, drawn from the flight of birds, and other circumstances, had proved fallacious: the appearances of land, with which their own credulity, or the artifice of their commander, had, from time to time, flattered and amused them, had been altogether illusive, and their prospect of success seemed now to be as distant as ever. These reflections occurred often to men, who had no other object, or occupation, than to reason and to discourse concerning the intention and circumstances of their expedition. They made impression, at first, upon the ignorant and timid, and extending, by degrees, to such as were better informed, or more resolute, the contagion spread, at length, from ship to ship. From secret whispers and murmurings, they proceeded to open cabals and public complaints.

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Astonishment occasioned by observing the variation of the compass.

America. complaints. They taxed their sovereign with inconsiderate credulity, in paying such regard to the vain promises and rash conjectures of an indigent foreigner, as to hazard the lives of so many of her own subjects, in prosecuting a chimerical scheme. They affirmed that they had fully performed their duty, by venturing so far in an unknown and hopeless course, and could incur no blame, for refusing to follow, any longer, a desperate adventurer to certain destruction. They contended, that it was necessary to think of returning to Spain, while their crazy vessels were still in a condition to keep the sea, but expressed their fears that the attempt would prove vain, as the wind, which had hitherto been so favourable to their course, must render it impossible to sail in the opposite direction. All agreed that Columbus should be compelled by force to adopt a measure on which their common safety depended. Some of the more audacious proposed, as the most expeditious and certain method for getting rid, at once, of his remonstrances, to throw him into the sea; being persuaded that, upon their return to Spain, the death of an unsuccessful projector would excite little concern, and be inquired into with no curiosity.

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Perilous  
situation of  
Columbus.

Columbus was fully sensible of his perilous situation. He had observed, with great uneasiness, the fatal operation of ignorance, and of fear, in producing disaffection, among his crew; and saw that it was now ready to burst out into open mutiny. He retained, however, perfect presence of mind. He affected to seem ignorant of their machinations. Notwithstanding the agitation and solicitude of his own mind, he appeared with a cheerful countenance; like a man satisfied with the progress which he had made, and confident of success. Sometimes he employed all the arts of insinuation to soothe his men. Sometimes he endeavoured to work upon their ambition, or avarice, by magnificent descriptions of the fame and wealth which they were about to acquire. On other occasions, he assumed a tone of authority, and threatened them with vengeance from their sovereign, if, by their dastardly behaviour, they should defeat this noble effort to promote the glory of God, and to exalt the Spanish name, above that of every other nation. Even with seditious sailors, the words of a man, whom they had been accustomed to reverence, were weighty and persuasive; and not only restrained them from those violent excesses which they meditated, but prevailed with them to accompany their admiral for some time longer.

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His crew  
ready to  
mutiny.

As they proceeded, the indications of approaching land seemed to be more certain, and excited hope in proportion. The birds began to appear in flocks making towards the south-west. Columbus, in imitation of the Portuguese navigators, who had been guided in several of their discoveries by the motion of birds, altered his course from due west towards that quarter whither they pointed their flight. But after holding on for several days in this new direction without any better success than formerly, having seen no object during 30 days but the sea and the sky, the hopes of his companions subsided faster than they had risen; their fears revived with additional force; impatience, rage, and despair, appeared in every countenance. All sense of subordination was lost. The officers, who had hitherto concurred with Columbus in opinion, and supported his authority, now took part with the private

men: they assembled, tumultuously, on the deck, expostulated with their commander, mingled threats with their expostulations, and required him instantly to tack about, and to return to Europe. Columbus perceived that it would be of no avail to have recourse to any of his former arts, which having been tried so often had lost their effect; and that it was impossible to rekindle any zeal for the success of the expedition among men in whose breasts fear had extinguished every generous sentiment. He saw that it was no less vain to think of employing either gentle or severe measures, to quell a mutiny so general and so violent. It was necessary, on all these accounts, to soothe the passions which he could no longer command, and to give way to a torrent too impetuous to be checked. He promised, solemnly, to his men, that he would comply with their request, provided they would accompany him, and obey his commands for three days longer; and if, during that time, land were not discovered, he would then abandon the enterprise and direct his course towards Spain.

Enraged as the sailors were, and impatient to turn their faces again towards their native country, this proposition did not appear to them unreasonable. Nor did Columbus hazard much in confining himself to a term so short. The presages of discovering land were now so numerous and promising, that he deemed them infallible. For some days, the sounding line had reached the bottom, and the soil which it brought up indicated land to be at no great distance. The flocks of birds increased; and were composed not only of sea fowl, but of such land-birds as could not be supposed to fly far from the shore. The crew of the Pinta observed a cane floating which seemed to be newly cut, and likewise a piece of timber artificially carved. The sailors aboard the Nigna took up the branch of a tree, with red berries, perfectly fresh. The clouds around the setting sun assumed a new appearance; the air was more mild and warm; and, during night, the wind became unequal and variable. From all these symptoms, Columbus was so confident of being near land, that, on the evening of the 11th of October, after public prayers for success, he ordered the sails to be furled and the ships to lie by, keeping strict watch, lest they should be driven ashore in the night. During this interval of suspense and expectation, no man shut his eyes, all kept upon deck, gazing intently towards that quarter where they expected to discover the land which had been so long the object of their wishes.

About two hours before midnight, Columbus standing on the fore-castle, observed a light at a distance, and privately pointed it out to Pedro Gutierrez, a page of the queen's wardrobe. Gutierrez perceived it; and calling to Salcedo, comptroller of the fleet, all three saw it in motion, as if it were carried from place to place. A little after midnight, the joyful sound of *Land! land!* was heard from the Pinta, which kept always a-head of the other ships. But having been so often deceived by fallacious appearances, every man was now become slow of belief; and waited, in all the anguish of uncertainty and impatience, for the return of day. As soon as morning dawned, all doubts and fears were dispelled. From each ship, an island was seen about two leagues to the north, whose flat and verdant fields, well strewed with wood, and watered with many rivulets, presented the aspect of a delightful country.

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Their joy  
on descrying  
land.

America. country. The crew of the *Pinta* instantly began the *Te Deum*, as a hymn of thanksgiving to God; and were joined by those of the other ships, with tears of joy and transports of congratulation. This office of gratitude to Heaven was followed by an act of justice to their commander. They threw themselves at the feet of Columbus, with feelings of self-condemnation mingled with reverence. They implored him to pardon their ignorance, incredulity, and insolence, which had created him so much unnecessary disquiet, and had so often obstructed the prosecution of his well-concerted plan; and passing, in the warmth of their admiration, from one extreme to another, they now pronounced the man whom they had so lately reviled, and threatened, to be a person inspired by Heaven, with sagacity and fortitude more than human, in order to accomplish a design so far beyond the ideas and conception of all former ages.

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They land  
in one of  
the islands  
of the New-  
World.

As soon as the sun arose, all their boats were manned and armed. They rowed towards the island with their colours displayed, with warlike music, and other martial pomp. As they approached the coast, they saw it covered with a multitude of people, whom the novelty of the spectacle had drawn together, whose attitudes and gestures expressed wonder and astonishment, at the strange objects which presented themselves to their view. Columbus was the first European who set foot in the New-World, which he had discovered. He landed in a rich dress, and with a naked sword in his hand. His men followed; and, kneeling down, they all kissed the ground which they had so long desired to see. They, next, erected a crucifix; and, prostrating themselves before it, returned thanks to God for conducting their voyage to such an happy issue.

The above was one of the Bahama-Islands; to which he gave the name of *San Salvador*, and took possession of it, in the name of their Catholic majesties. In this first voyage he discovered several other of the Lucayo, or Bahama-Islands, with those of Cuba and Hispaniola. The natives considered the Spaniards as divinities, and the discharge of the artillery as their thunder: they fell prostrate at the sound. The women, however, offered their favours, and courted the embraces of their new guests as men. Their husbands were not jealous of them; and in the arms of those wantons the companions of Columbus are said, by some authors, to have caught that malady which directs its poison to the springs of life. In a second voyage, many new islands were discovered. In a third, he attained the great object of his ambition, by discovering the continent of America, near the mouth of the river Oroonoko, on the first day of August 1498. His success produced a crowd of adventurers, from all nations; but the year before this, the northern continent had been discovered by Sebastian Cabot, in the service of Henry VII. of England.

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The conti-  
nent after-  
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covered.

Notwithstanding the many settlements of the Europeans in this continent, great part of America remains still unknown. The northern continent contains the British colonies of Hudson's-Bay, Canada, and Nova-Scotia; the New-England states, New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North, and South, Carolina, and Georgia. It contains, also, the Spanish territories of East, and West, Florida, Louisiana, New-Mexico, California, and Mexico. Besides these, there are immense regions to the west, and north, the boundaries of

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Division of  
America.

which have never yet been discovered. In such as are in any degree known, dwell the Esquimaux, the Algonquins, the Hurons, the Iroquois, the Cheerake, the Chickasaws, and many other tribes of Indians. In the southern continent lie the Spanish provinces of *Tierra-Firmé*, Guiana, Peru, Paraguay, and Chili; together with that of Brasil, belonging to the Portuguese; and the country of Surinam, belonging to the Dutch. Vast tracts, however, in the inland parts, are unknown, being comprehended under the general name of *Amazonia*. A large district, also, said to be the residence of a gigantic race of men, lies on the east side of the continent, between the straits of Magellan and the province of Paraguay. See the article *PATAGONIA*.

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This vast country produces many of the metals, minerals, plants, fruits, trees, and wood, to be met with in the other parts of the world, and many of them in greater quantities, and in high perfection. The gold and silver of America have supplied Europe with such immense quantities of those valuable metals, that they are become vastly more common; so that the gold and silver of Europe now bear little proportion to the high price set upon them before the discovery of America.

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Its produc-  
tions.

It also produces diamonds, pearls, emeralds, amethysts, and other valuable stones, which, by being brought into Europe, have contributed, likewise, to lower their value. To these, which are chiefly the productions of Spanish-America, may be added a great number of other commodities, which, though of less price, are of much greater use. Of these are the plentiful supplies of cochineal, indigo, anatto, logwood, brazil, fustic, pimento, lignum vitæ, rice, ginger, cocoa, or the chocolate-nut, sugar, cotton, tobacco, banillas, red-wood, the balsams of Tolu, Peru, and Chili, that valuable article, in medicine, the Jesuit's bark, mechoacan, sassafras, sarsaparilla, cassia, tamarinds, hides, furs, ambergrise, and a great variety of woods, roots, and plants; to which, before the discovery of America, the Europeans were either entire strangers, or which they were forced to buy at an extravagant rate from Asia and Africa, through the hands of the Venetians and Genoese, who then engrossed the trade of the Eastern-World.

On this continent there grows also a variety of excellent native fruits; as pine-apples, citrons, lemons, oranges, malicats, figs, grapes, great numbers of culinary, medicinal, and other herbs, roots, and plants, with many exotic productions, which are nourished in as great perfection as in their native soil.

Although the Indians still live in the quiet possession of many large tracts, America, so far as known, is chiefly claimed, and divided into colonies, by three European nations, the Spaniards, English, and Portuguese. The Spaniards, as they first discovered it, have the largest and richest portion, extending from New-Mexico and Louisiana, in North-America, to the Straits of Magellan, in the South-Sea, excepting the large province of Brasil, which belongs to Portugal; for though the French and Dutch have some forts upon Surinam and Guiana, they scarcely deserve to be considered as proprietors of any part of the southern continent.

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Next to Spain, the most considerable proprietor of America was Great Britain, who derived her claim to North-America from the first discovery of that continent by Sebastian Cabot, in the name of Henry VII.

America. *anno* 1497, about six years after the discovery of South-America by Columbus, in the name of the king of Spain. This country was in general called *Newfoundland*; a name which is now appropriated solely to an island upon its coast. It was a long time before the English made any attempt to settle in this country. Sir Walter Raleigh, an uncommon genius and a brave commander, first showed the way, by planting a colony in the southern part, which he called *Virginia*, in honour of his virgin mistress Queen Elizabeth.

The French indeed, from this period until the conclusion of the war before last, laid a claim to, and actually possessed, Canada, and Louisiana; comprehending all that extensive inland country reaching from Hudson's-Bay, on the north, to Mexico and the gulph of the same name, on the south. But, in that war, they were not only driven from Canada and its dependencies, but obliged to relinquish all that part of Louisiana lying on the east side of the Mississippi, as related under the *History of BRITAIN*. And thus the British colonies were preserved, secured, and extended so far, as to render it difficult to ascertain the precise bounds of empire in North America. To the northward they might have extended their claims quite to the pole itself, nor did any nation seem inclined to dispute the property of this northernmost country with them. From that extremity they had a territory extending, southward, to Cape Florida in the Gulph of Mexico, N. Lat. 25°, and consequently near 4000 miles long in a direct line. And to the westward, their boundaries reached to nations unknown even to the Indians of Canada.

Of the revolution that has since taken place, by which a great part of those territories has been torn from the British empire, the history follows in the next article.

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Rise of the American republic.

*AMERICA (United States of)*. Of the rise and establishment of this republic, which has given a new face to the western world, a succinct and impartial narrative shall in this article be attempted; in which, however, we cannot hope entirely to avoid errors, as they are perhaps unavoidable. The accounts from which the historian must derive his information are not yet cleared from the mistakes of prejudice and the fabrications of party; when they differ, their comparative authenticity is with difficulty ascertained; and they want, above all, that softening which they can receive from time alone.

It has hitherto been remarked, that the beginning of every political establishment is contemptible. Some few banditti, taking refuge among the marshes on the banks of the Tiber, laid the foundation of the Roman empire: and it may, perhaps, be said, that the turbulence of some North Americans, and the blunders of some British statesmen, gave birth to this new republic, which, at a future period, bids fair to surpass even the splendor of Rome.

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State and character of the British colonies at the end of the war 1763.

The state of the British colonies at the conclusion of the war in 1763, was such as attracted the attention of all the politicians in Europe. Their flourishing condition at that period was remarkable and striking: their trade had prospered in the midst of all the difficulties and distresses of a war in which they were so nearly and so immediately concerned. Their population continued on the increase, notwithstanding the ravages and depredations that had been so fiercely carried on

America. by the French, and the native Indians in their alliance. They abounded with spirited and active individuals of all denominations. They were flushed with the uncommon prosperity that had attended them in their commercial affairs and military transactions. Hence they were ready for all kind of undertakings, and saw no limits to their hopes and expectations.

As they entertained the highest opinion of their value and importance, and of the immense benefit that Britain derived from its connection with them, their notions were adequately high in their own favour. They deemed themselves, not without reason, entitled to every kindness and indulgence which the mother-country could bestow.

Although their pretensions did not amount to a perfect equality of advantages and privileges in matters of commerce, yet in those of government they thought themselves fully competent to the task of conducting their domestic concerns, with little or no interference from abroad. Though willing to admit the supremacy of Great Britain, they viewed it with a suspicious eye, and with a marked desire to restrain it within its strict constitutional boundaries.

Their improvements in all the necessary and useful arts did honour to their industry and ingenuity. Though they did not live in the luxury of Europe, they had all the solid and substantial enjoyments of life, and were not unacquainted with many of its elegancies and refinements.

A circumstance much to their praise is, that, notwithstanding their peculiar addiction to those occupations of which lucre is the sole object, they were duly attentive to cultivate the field of learning; and they have, ever since their first foundation, been particularly careful to provide for the education of the rising progeny.

Their vast augmentation of internal trade and external commerce, was not merely owing to their position and facility of communication with other parts; it arose also from their natural turn and temper, full of schemes and projects; ever aiming at new discoveries, and continually employed in the search of means of improving their condition.

Their condition carried them into every quarter from whence profit could be derived. There was scarcely any part of the American hemisphere to which they had not extended their navigation. They were continually exploring new sources of trade, and were found in every spot where business could be transacted.

To this extensive and incessant application to commerce, they added an equal vigilance in the administration of their affairs at home. Whatever could conduce to the amelioration of the soil they possessed, to the progress of agriculture, or to the improvement of their domestic circumstances, was attended to with so much labour and care, that it may be strictly said, that Nature had given them nothing of which they did not make the most.

In the midst of this solicitude and toil in matters of business, the affairs of government were conducted with steadiness, prudence, and lenity, seldom experienced, and never exceeded, in the best regulated countries of Europe.

Such was the situation of the British colonies in general throughout North America, and of the New-England provinces in particular, when the pacification above

<sup>127</sup> America. above-mentioned opened one of the most remarkable scenes that ever commanded the attention of the world. Intrigues of the French, supposed by English writers to be the origin of the American war.

In treating of the American revolution, it has become a fashion with the English writers to ascribe that event to the successful intrigues of the French government. Instead of contemplating it, with the characteristic philosophy of their country, as the result of a contest between the desire of power, and the abhorrence of oppression, they have sought the origin of the evil in any source rather than their own misconduct; and have endeavoured, at once, to hush the reproaches of their political conscience, and to gratify the cravings of their national animosity, in wild conjectures of a scheme formed by their neighbours to divide the British Empire, and in declamatory invectives against the Gallic faith and honour. Thus, it has been repeatedly asserted, that the French having long viewed, with equal envy and apprehension, the flourishing state of the colonies which Britain had founded in America, began immediately after the peace of Paris to carry into execution their project for separating those colonies from the mother country. Secret emissaries, it is said, were employed in spreading dissatisfaction among the colonists; and the effects produced by these machinating spirits are described to have been a rapid diminution of that peculiar warmth of attachment, which the inhabitants of North-America had hitherto demonstrated for the mother country; the excitement of a jealousy which led them to view her rather in the light of a sovereign than of a parent; and the introduction of a hostile policy which taught them to examine, with a scrupulous nicety, the nature of those ties that rendered them parts of her empire. That such emissaries were ever employed, is a fact unsupported by any document which the purity of historical truth can admit; and, although the effects here described, have certainly appeared, it must be remembered that their appearance followed, but did not precede, the attempts of Britain upon the rights and liberties of America. By mere artifice and address to have alienated the affections of the colonists from their mother country, at the close of a war, in which their interests and feelings had been interwoven with more than usual strength and energy, was a task of infinite difficulty; not surely to be accomplished in the short period between the declaration of peace in 1761, and the promulgation of the first obnoxious acts of the British parliament in 1764. But, if we trace these effects to another cause, to a love of liberty and a quick sense of injury, their appearance will be natural and just; consistent with the American character, and corresponding with the conduct which was displayed in all the vicissitudes that attended the revolt.

<sup>128</sup> Taxes laid on goods imported into the colonies, and other obnoxious acts framed;

In March 1764, a bill was passed, by which heavy duties were laid on goods imported by the colonists from such West India islands as did not belong to Great Britain; at the same time that these duties were to be paid into the exchequer in specie: and in the same session, another bill was framed to restrain the currency of paper-money in the colonies themselves. Not only the principle of taxation, but the mode of collection was considered as an unconstitutional and oppressive innovation; for the penalties incurred by an infraction of the acts of parliament, might be recovered in the courts of ad-

miralty, before a single judge (whose salary was the fruit of the forfeitures he decreed) without trial by jury, or any of the other benefits of common law jurisprudence. These acts coming so close to each other, threw the whole continent into the utmost ferment. Vehement remonstrances were made to the ministry, and every argument made use of that reason or ingenuity could suggest, but to no purpose. Their reasoning, however, convinced a great number of people in Britain; and thus the American cause came to be considered as the cause of liberty.

The Americans, finding all argumentation vain, at last united in an agreement to import no more of the manufactures of Great Britain, but to encourage to the utmost of their power every thing of that kind among themselves. Thus the British manufacturers also became a party against the ministry, and did not fail to express their resentment in the strongest terms; but the ministry were not to be so easily daunted, and therefore proceeded to the last step of their intended plan, which was to lay on stamp duties throughout the continent. Previous to this, indeed, several regulations were passed in favour of the commerce of the colonies; but they had now imbibed such unfavourable sentiments of the British ministry, that they paid very little regard to any thing pretended to be done in their favour; or if these acts made any favourable impression, it was quickly obliterated by the news of the stamp-act. The reason given for this act, so exceedingly obnoxious, was, that a sum might be raised sufficient for the defence of the colonies against a foreign enemy; but this pretence was so far from giving any satisfaction to the Americans, that it excited their indignation to the utmost degree. They not only asserted that they were abundantly able to defend themselves against any foreign enemy, but denied that the British parliament had any right to tax them at all.

It would be superfluous to enter into any arguments used by the contending parties on this important occasion. It was evident that the matter was not to be decided by argument, but by force of arms; and the British ministry, too confident of the authority and power of that country, determined to carry on matters with an high hand, to terrify the colonists into an implicit subjection, or, if that would not do, to compel them to it by force. The stamp-act, after a violent opposition in parliament, was passed, and its reception in America was such as might have been expected. The news, and the act itself, first arrived at Boston, where the bells were muffled and rung a funeral peal. The act was first hawked about the streets with a Death's head affixed to it, and styled the "Folly of England, and the Ruin of America;" and afterwards publicly burnt by the enraged populace: The stamps themselves were seized and destroyed, unless brought by men of war, or kept in fortified places; those who were to receive the stamp duties were compelled to resign their offices; and such of the Americans as sided with government on this occasion, had their houses plundered and burnt.

Though these outrages were committed by the lowest of the multitude, they were first connived at by those of superior rank, and the principles on which they were founded afterwards openly patronized by them;

America.

<sup>129</sup> Which exasperate the Americans.

<sup>130</sup> The stamp-act framed.

<sup>131</sup> Received with universal indignation in America.

America. them ; and the doctrine became general and openly avowed, that Britain had no right whatever to tax the colonies without their own consent.

It was now found absolutely necessary either to yield to the Americans, by repealing the obnoxious statutes, or to enforce them by arms. The ferment had diffused itself universally throughout the colonies. Virginia first, and after that all the rest of the provinces, declared against the right of Britain to lay on taxes in America ; and that every attempt to vest others with this power besides the king, or the governor of the province and his general assembly, was illegal, unconstitutional, and unjust. Non-importation agreements were every where entered into ; and it was even resolved to prevent the sale of any more British goods after the present year. American manufactures, though dearer, as well as inferior in quality to the British, were universally preferred. An association was entered into against eating of lamb, in order to promote the growth of wool ; and the ladies with cheerfulness agreed to renounce the use of every species of ornament manufactured in Britain. Such a general and alarming confederacy determined the ministry to repeal some of the most obnoxious statutes ; and to this they were the more inclined by a petition from the first American congress, held at New York in the beginning of October 1765.

The stamp-act was therefore repealed, to the universal joy of the Americans, and indeed to the general satisfaction of the English, whose manufactures had begun to suffer very severely in consequence of the American association against them. The disputes on the subject without doors, however, were by no means silenced, but each party continued to argue the case as violently as ever. The celebrated Dr Benjamin Franklin was, on this occasion, examined before the House of Commons ; and his opinion was in substance as follows :

“ That the tax in question was impracticable and ruinous. The very attempt had so far alienated the affection of the colonies, that they behaved in a less friendly manner towards the natives of England than before ; considering the whole nation as conspiring against their liberty, and the parliament as willing rather to oppress than to support and assist them. America, in fact, did not stand in any need of British manufactures, having already begun to construct such as might be deemed absolutely necessary, and that with such success, as left no doubt of their arriving in a short time at perfection. The elegancies of dress had already been renounced for manufactures of the American kind, though much inferior ; and the bulk of the people, consisting of farmers, were such as could in no way be affected by the want of British commodities, as having every necessary within themselves. Materials of all kinds were to be had in plenty : the wool was fine ; flax grew in great abundance ; and iron was every where to be met with.”

The Doctor also insisted, That “ the Americans had been greatly misrepresented ; that they had been traduced as void of gratitude and affection to the parent state ; than which nothing could be more contrary to truth. In the war of 1755 they had, at their own expence, raised an army of 25,000 men ; and in that of 1739, they assisted the British expeditions against South-America with several thousand men, and had made

many brave exertions against the French in North-America. It was said that the war of 1755 had been undertaken in defence of the colonies ; but the truth was, that it originated from a contest about the limits between Canada and Nova-Scotia, and in defence of the English rights to trade on the Ohio. The Americans, however, would still continue to act with their usual fidelity ; and, were any war to break out in which they had no concern, they would show themselves as ready as ever to assist the parent state to the utmost of their power, and would never fail to manifest their readiness in contributing to the emergencies of government, when called to do so in a regular and constitutional manner.”

The ministry were conscious, that in repealing this obnoxious act, they yielded to the Americans ; and therefore, to support, as they thought, the dignity of Great Britain, it was judged proper to publish a declaratory bill, setting forth the authority of the mother-country over her colonies, and her power to bind them by laws and statutes *in all cases whatever*. This much diminished the joy with which the repeal of the stamp-act was received in America. It was considered as a proper reason to enforce any claims equally prejudicial with the stamp-act, which might hereafter be set up ; a spirit of jealousy pervaded the whole continent, and a strong party was formed, watchful on every occasion to guard against the supposed encroachments of the British power.

It was not long before an occasion offered, in which the Americans manifested a spirit of absolute independency ; and that, instead of being bound by the British legislature in all cases, they would not be controuled by it in the most trivial affairs. The Rockingham ministry had passed an act, providing the troops stationed in different parts of the colonies with such accommodations as were necessary for them. The assembly of New York, however, took upon them to alter the mode of execution prescribed by the act of parliament, and to substitute one of their own. This gave very great offence to the new ministry, and rendered them, though composed of those who had been active against the stamp-bill, less favourable to the colonies than in all probability they would have otherwise been. An unlucky circumstance at the same time occurred, which threw every thing once more into confusion. One of the new ministry, Mr Charles Townshend, having declared that he could find a way of taxing the Americans without giving them offence, was called upon to propose his plan. This was by imposing a duty upon tea, paper, painters colours, and glass imported into America. The conduct of the New-York assembly, respecting the troops, and that of Boston, which had proceeded in a similar manner, caused this bill to meet with less opposition than otherwise it might have done. As a punishment to the refractory assemblies, the legislative power was taken from that of New-York, until it should fully comply with the terms of the act. That of Boston at last submitted with reluctance. The bill for the new taxes was quickly passed, and sent to America in 1768.

A ferment much greater than that occasioned by the stamp-act now took place throughout the continent. The populace renewed their outrages, and those of superior station entered into regular combinations against

America.

134  
Declaratory bill gives offence in America.

135  
Assembly of New-York disobeys an act of parliament.

136  
Mr Townshend's plan to tax America.

137  
Is received there with still greater indignation than even the stamp-act.

132  
repealed.

133  
opinion of Franklin on this subject.

America. it. Circular letters were sent from Massachusetts colony to all the rest, setting forth the injustice and impropriety of the behaviour of the British legislature. Meetings were held in all the principal towns, in which it was proposed to lessen the consumption of foreign manufactures, by giving proper encouragement to their own. Continual disputes ensued betwixt the governors and general assemblies of their provinces, which were much heightened by a letter from Lord Shelburne to governor Barnard of Massachusetts-Bay, containing complaints of the people he governed. The assembly, exasperated to the highest degree, charged their governor with having misrepresented them to the court of Britain, required him to produce copies of the letters he had sent; and, on his refusal, wrote letters to the English ministry, accusing him of misrepresentation and partiality, complaining at the same time most grievously of the proceedings of parliament, as utterly subversive of the liberties of America, and the rights of British subjects.

138  
Quarrel between the people of Massachusetts-Bay and their governor.

The governor, at a loss how to defend himself, pronounced the assembly; and, in his speech on the occasion, gave a loose to his resentment, accusing the members of ambitious designs, incompatible with those of dutiful and loyal subjects. To counteract the circular letter of the province of Massachusetts-Bay, Lord Hillsborough, secretary for the American department, sent another to the governors of the different colonies, reprobating the other as full of misrepresentation, and tending to excite a rebellion against the authority of the parent state.

Matters now hastened to a crisis. The governor had been ordered to proceed with vigour, and by no means to show any disposition to yield to the people as formerly. In particular, they were required to rescind that resolution by which they had written the circular letter above mentioned; and, in case of a refusal, it was told them that they would be dissolved. As this letter had been framed by the resolutions of a former House, they desired, after a week's consultation, that a recess might be granted to consult with their constituents; but this being refused, they came to a determination, 92 against 17, to adhere to the resolution which produced the circular letter. At the same time a letter was sent to Lord Hillsborough, and a message to the governor, in justification of their proceedings. In both they expressed themselves with such freedom as was by no means calculated to accord with the sentiments of those in power. They insisted that they had a right to communicate their sentiments to their fellow-subjects upon matters of such importance; complained of the requisition to rescind the circular letter as unconstitutional and unjust; and particularly insisted, that they were represented as harbouring seditious designs, when they were doing nothing but what was lawful and right. At the same time they condemned the late acts of parliament as highly oppressive, and subversive of liberty. The whole was concluded by a list of accusations against their governor, representing him as unfit to continue in his station, and petitioning the king for his removal from it.

139  
He requires the assembly to rescind their circular letter;

Which they refuse.

140  
Accuse their governor, and petition for his removal.

141  
A tumult at Boston.

These proceedings were followed by a violent tumult at Boston. A vessel belonging to a capital trader had been seized in consequence of his having neglected

some of the new regulations; and being taken under the protection of a man of war at that time lying in the harbour, the populace attacked the houses of the commissioners of excise, broke their windows, destroyed the collector's boats, and obliged the customhouse officers to take refuge in Castle William, situated at the entrance of the harbour.

The governor now took the last step in his power to put a stop to the violent proceedings of his assembly, by dissolving it entirely; but this was of little moment. Their behaviour had been highly approved by the other colonies, who had written letters to them expressive of their approbation. After the dissolution of the assembly, frequent meetings of the people were held in Boston, which ended in a remonstrance to the governor, to the same purpose as some of the former; but concluding with a request, that he would take upon him to order the king's ships out of the harbour.

While the disposition of the Bostonians was thus going on from bad to worse, news arrived that the agent for the colony had not been allowed to deliver their petition to the king; it having been objected, that the assembly without the governor was not sufficient authority. This did not contribute to allay the ferment; and it was further augmented by the news that a number of troops had been ordered to repair to Boston, to keep the inhabitants in awe.

A dreadful alarm now took place. The people called on the governor to convene a general assembly, in order to remove their fears of the military; who, they said, were to be assembled to overthrow their liberties, and force obedience to laws to which they were entirely averse. The governor replied, it was no longer in his power to call an assembly; having, in his last instructions from England, been required to wait the king's orders, the matter being then under consideration at home. Being thus refused, the people took upon themselves the formation of an assembly, which they called a *convention*. The proceedings and resolutions of this body naturally partook of the temper and disposition of the late assembly; but they went a step farther, and having voted "that there is apprehension in the minds of many of an approaching rupture with France," requested the inhabitants to put themselves in a posture of defence against any sudden attack of an enemy; and circular letters were directed to all the towns in the province, acquainting them with the resolutions that had been taken in the capital, and exhorting them to proceed in the same manner. The town of Hatfield alone refused its concurrence. The convention, however, thought proper to assure the governor of their pacific intentions, and renewed their request that an assembly might be called; but being refused any audience, and threatened with being treated as rebels, they at last thought proper to dissolve of themselves, and sent over to Britain a circumstantial account of their proceedings, with the reason of their having assembled in the manner already mentioned.

The expected troops arrived on the very day on which the convention broke up, and had some houses in the town fitted up for their reception. Their arrival had a considerable influence on the people, and for some time seemed to put a stop to the disturbances; but the seeds of discord had now taken such deep root, that it

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142  
The assembly dissolved.

143  
The disturbances still increase.

144  
Some troops ordered to Boston.

145  
The people form an assembly called a *Convention*;

146  
Which dissolves, and vindicates its own conduct.

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America. was impossible to quench the flame. The late outrageous behaviour in Boston had given the greatest offence in England; and, notwithstanding all the efforts of opposition, an address from both houses of parliament was presented to the king; in which the behaviour of the colony of Massachusetts-Bay was set forth in the most ample manner, and the most vigorous measures recommended for reducing them to obedience. The Americans, however, continued steadfast in the ideas they had adopted. Though the troops had for some time quieted the disturbances, yet the calm continued no longer than they appeared respectable on account of their number; but as soon as this was diminished by the departure of a large detachment, the remainder were treated with contempt, and it was even resolved to expel them altogether. The country people took up arms for this purpose, and were to have assisted their friends in Boston; but before the plot could be put in execution, an event happened which put an end to every idea of reconciliation betwixt the contending parties.

147 Both houses of parliament address the king against America.

148 Some people killed by the soldiers in a mob at Boston.

On the 5th of March 1770, a scuffle happened between the soldiers and a party of the town's people. The inhabitants poured in from all quarters to the assistance of their fellow-citizens; a violent tumult ensued, during which the military fired upon the mob, killing and wounding several of them. The whole province now rose in arms, and the soldiers were obliged to retire to Castle William to prevent their being cut in pieces. Let it be remembered, however, to the praise of American virtue, that, on the trial, notwithstanding popular prejudice and apprehension, the captain and six of the men were acquitted, two men only being found guilty of manslaughter. In other respects the determinations of the Americans continued, if possible, more firm than ever, until at last government, determining to act with vigour, and at the same time to behave with as much condescension as possible, without abandoning their principles, repealed all the duties lately laid on, that of tea alone excepted. This was left on purpose to maintain the dignity of the crown of Britain; and it was thought that it could not be productive of any discontent in America, as being an affair of very little moment, the produce of which was not expected to exceed L.16,000. The opposition, however, were strenuous in their endeavours to get this tax likewise abrogated; insisting, that the Americans would consider it only as inlet to others; and that the repeal of all the rest, without this, would answer no good purpose. The event showed that their opinion was well founded. The Americans opposed the tea-tax with the same violence as they had done all the rest: and at last, on the news that salaries had been settled on the justices of the superior court of Boston, the governor was addressed on the subject; the measure was condemned in the strongest terms; and a committee selected out of the several districts of the colony appointed to inquire into it.

149 All the duties excepting that on tea taken off;

150 Which is as violently opposed as all the rest.

151 Assembly of Massachusetts-Bay formally denies the British right of taxation.

The new assembly proceeded in the most formal manner to disavow the supremacy of the British legislature; and accused the parliament of Britain of having violated the natural rights of the Americans in a number of instances. Copies of the transactions of this assembly were transmitted to every town in Massachusetts, ex-

horting the inhabitants to rouse themselves, and exert every nerve in opposition to the iron hand of oppression, which was daily tearing the choicest fruits from the fair tree of liberty. The disturbances were also greatly heightened by an accidental discovery that Mr Hutchinson, governor of Massachusetts-Bay, had written several confidential letters to people in power in England, complaining of the behaviour of the province, recommending vigorous measures against them; and, among other things, asserting, that "there must be an abridgement of what is called British liberty." Letters of this kind had fallen into the hands of the agent for the colony at London. They were immediately transmitted to Boston; where the assembly was sitting, by whom they were laid before the governor, who was thus reduced to a very mortifying situation. Losing every idea of respect or friendship for him as their governor, they instantly dispatched a petition to the king, requesting him to remove the governor and deputy-governor from their places; but to this they not only received no favourable answer, but the petition itself was declared groundless and scandalous.

Matters were now ripe for the utmost extremities on the part of the Americans; and they were brought on in the following manner. Though the colonies had entered into a non-importation agreement against tea as well as all other commodities from Britain, it had nevertheless found its way into America, though in smaller quantities than before. This was sensibly felt by the East-India Company, who had now agreed to pay a large sum annually to government; in recompence for which compliance, and to make up their losses in other respects, they were empowered to export their tea free from any duty payable in Britain; and in consequence of this permission, several ships freighted with the commodity were sent to North-America, and proper agents appointed for disposing of it. The Americans now perceiving that the tax was thus likely to be enforced whether they would or not, determined to take every possible method to prevent the tea from being landed, as well knowing that it would be impossible to hinder the sale, should the commodity once be brought on shore. For this purpose the people assembled in great numbers, forcing those to whom the tea was consigned to resign their offices, and to promise solemnly never to resume them; and committees were appointed to examine the accounts of merchants, and make public tests, declaring such as would not take them enemies to their country. Nor was this behaviour confined to the colony of Massachusetts-Bay; the rest of the provinces entered into the contest with the same warmth, and manifested the same resolution to oppose this invasion of their rights.

In the midst of this confusion, three ships laden with tea arrived in Boston; but so much were the captains alarmed at the disposition which seemed to prevail among the people, that they offered, providing they could obtain the proper discharges from the tea-figures, custom-house, and governor, to return to Britain without landing their cargoes. The parties concerned, however, though they durst not order the tea to be landed, refused to grant the discharges required. The ships, therefore, would have been obliged to remain in the harbour; but the people, apprehensive that

America.

152 Gov. Hutchinson's letters to British ministry discovered.

153 The petition against him refused.

**America.** that if they remained there, the tea would be landed in small quantities and disposed of in spite of every endeavour to prevent it, resolved to destroy it at once. This resolution was executed with equal speed and secrecy. The very evening after the above-mentioned discharges had been refused, a number of people dressed like Mohawk Indians boarded the ships, and threw into the sea their whole cargoes, consisting of 342 chests of tea; after which they retired without making any further disturbance, or doing any other damage. No tea was destroyed in other places, though the same spirit was every where manifested. At Philadelphia the pilots were enjoined not to conduct the vessels up the river; and at New-York, though the governor caused some tea to be landed under the protection of a man of war, he was obliged to deliver it up to the custody of the people to prevent its being sold.

154  
Tea destroyed at Boston.

155  
And refused admittance in other places.

156  
Punishment of Boston resolved on.

157  
Arguments and petitions against it.

158  
And for the impartial administration of justice.

159  
Quebec bill

The destruction of the tea at Boston, which happened in November 1773, was the immediate prelude to the disasters attending civil discord. Government finding themselves every where insulted and despised, resolved to enforce their authority by all possible means; and as Boston had been the principal scene of the riots and outrages, it was determined to punish that city in an exemplary manner. Parliament was acquainted by a message from his majesty with the undutiful behaviour of the city of Boston, as well as of all the colonies, recommending at the same time the most vigorous and spirited exertions to reduce them to obedience. The parliament in its address promised a ready compliance; and, indeed, the Americans seemed now to have lost many of their partisans. It was proposed to lay a fine on the town of Boston equal to the price of the tea which had been destroyed, and to shut up its port by armed vessels until the refractory spirit of the inhabitants should be subdued; which, it was thought, must quickly yield, as a total stop would thus be put to their trade. The bill was strongly opposed on the same grounds that the other had been; and it was predicted, that, instead of having any tendency to reconcile or subdue the Americans, it would infallibly exasperate them beyond any possibility of reconciliation. The petitions against it, presented by the colony's agent, pointed out the same consequence in the strongest terms, and in the most positive manner declared that the Americans never would submit to it; but such was the infatuation attending every rank and degree of men, that it never was imagined the Americans would dare to resist the parent state openly, but would in the end submit implicitly to her commands. In this confidence, a third bill was proposed for the impartial administration of justice on such persons as might be employed in the suppression of riots and tumults in the province of Massachusetts-Bay; By this act it was provided, that should any persons acting in that capacity be indicted for murder, and not able to obtain a fair trial in the province, they might be sent by the governor to England, or to some other colony, if necessary, to be tried for the supposed crime.

These three bills having passed so easily, the ministry proposed a fourth, relative to the government of Canada; which, it was said, had not yet been settled on any proper plan. By this bill the extent of that province was greatly enlarged; its affairs were put under the direction of a council in which Roman Catho-

lics were to be admitted; the Roman Catholic clergy were secured in their possessions and the usual perquisites from those of their own profession. The council above mentioned were to be appointed by the crown; to be removeable at its pleasure; and to be invested with every legislative power, excepting that of taxation.

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No sooner were these laws made known in America, than they cemented the union of the colonies almost beyond any possibility of dissolving it. The assembly of Massachusetts-Bay had passed a vote against the judges accepting salaries from the crown, and put the question, Whether they would accept them as usual from the general assembly? Four answered in the affirmative; but Peter Oliver, the chief-justice, refused. A petition against him, and an accusation, were brought before the governor; but the latter refused the accusation, and declined to interfere in the matter; but as they still insisted for justice against Mr Oliver, the governor thought proper to put an end to the matter by dissolving the assembly.

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These acts exasperate the Americans.

In this situation of affairs, a new alarm was occasioned by the news of the port-bill. This had been totally unexpected, and was received with the most extravagant expressions of displeasure among the populace; and while these continued, the new governor, General Gage, arrived from England. He had been chosen to this office on account of his being well acquainted in America, and generally agreeable to the people; but human wisdom could not now point out a method by which the flame could be allayed. The first act of his office as governor was to remove the assembly to Salem, a town 17 miles distant, in consequence of the late act. When this was intimated to the assembly, they replied by requesting him to appoint a day of public humiliation for deprecating the wrath of heaven, but met with a refusal. When met at Salem, they passed a resolution, declaring the necessity of a general congress composed of delegates from all the provinces, in order to take the affairs of the colonies at large into consideration; and five gentlemen, remarkable for their opposition to the British measures, were chosen to represent that of Massachusetts-Bay. They then proceeded with all expedition to draw up a declaration, containing a detail of the grievances they laboured under, and the necessity of exerting themselves against lawless power; they set forth the disregard shown to their petitions, and the attempts of Great Britain to destroy their ancient constitution; and concluded with exhorting the inhabitants of the colony to obstruct, by every method in their power, such evil designs, recommending at the same time a total renunciation of every thing imported from Great Britain, till a redress of grievances could be procured.

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Resentment occasioned by the port-bill.

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Proceedings of the general assembly met at Salem.

Intelligence of this declaration was carried to the governor on the very day that it was completed; on which he dissolved the assembly. This was followed by an address from the inhabitants of Salem in favour of those of Boston; and concluding with these remarkable words: "By shutting up the port of Boston, some imagine that the course of trade might be turned hither, and to our benefit; but nature, in the formation of our harbour, forbids our becoming rivals in commerce with that convenient mart; and were it otherwise,

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Generosity of the people of Salem to those of Boston.

*America.* otherwise, we must be dead to every idea of justice, lost to all feelings of humanity, could we indulge one thought to seize on wealth, and raise our fortunes on the ruin of our suffering neighbours."

It had been fondly hoped by the ministerial party at home, that the advantages which other towns of the colony might derive from the annihilation of the trade of Boston, would make them readily acquiesce in the measure of shutting up that port, and rather rejoice in it than otherwise; but the words of the address above-mentioned seemed to preclude all hope of this kind; and subsequent transactions soon manifested it to be totally vain. No sooner did intelligence arrive of the remaining bills passed in the session of 1774, than the cause of Boston became the cause of all the colonies. The port-bill had already occasioned violent commotions throughout them all. It had been reprobated in provincial meetings, and resistance even to the last had been recommended, against such oppression. In Virginia, the first of June, the day on which the port of Boston was to be shut up, was held as a day of humiliation, and a public intercession in favour of America was enjoined. The style of the prayer enjoined at this time was, that "God would give the people one heart and one mind, firmly to oppose every invasion of the American rights." The Virginians, however, did not content themselves with acts of religion. They recommended in the strongest manner a general congress of all the colonies, as fully persuaded that an attempt to tax any colony in an arbitrary manner was in reality an attack upon them all, and must ultimately end in the ruin of them all.

The provinces of New York and Pennsylvania, however, were less sanguine than the rest, being so closely connected in the way of trade with Great Britain, that the giving it up entirely appeared a matter of the most serious magnitude, and not to be thought of but after every other method had failed. The intelligence of the remaining bills respecting Boston, however, spread a fresh alarm throughout the continent, and fixed those who had seemed to be the most wavering. The proposal of giving up all commercial intercourse with Britain was again proposed; contributions for the inhabitants of Boston were raised in every quarter; and they every day received addresses commending them for the heroic courage with which they sustained their calamity.

The Bostonians on their part were not wanting in their endeavours to promote the general cause. An agreement was framed, which, in imitation of former times, they called a Solemn League and Covenant. By this the subscribers most religiously bound themselves to break off all communication with Britain after the expiration of the month of August ensuing, until the obnoxious acts were repealed; at the same time they engaged neither to purchase nor use any goods imported after that time, and to renounce all connection with those who did; or who refused to subscribe to this covenant; threatening to publish the names of the refractory; which at this time was a punishment by no means to be despised. Agreements of a similar kind were almost instantaneously entered into throughout all America. General Gage indeed attempted to counteract the covenant by a proclamation, wherein it was declared an illegal and traitorous combi-

nation, threatening with the pains of law such as subscribed or countenanced it. But matters were too far gone for his proclamations to have any effect. The Americans retorted the charge of illegality on his own proclamation, and insisted that the law allowed subjects to meet in order to consider of their grievances, and associate for relief from oppression.

Preparations were now made for holding the general congress so often proposed. Philadelphia, as being the most central and considerable town, was pitched upon for the place of its meeting. The delegates, of whom it was to be composed, were chosen by the representatives of each province, and were in number from two to seven for each colony, though no province had more than one vote. The first congress, which met at Philadelphia, in the beginning of September 1774, consisted of 51 delegates. The novelty and importance of the meeting excited an universal attention; and their transactions were such as could not but tend to render them respectable.

The first act of congress was an approbation of the conduct of Massachusetts-Bay, and an exhortation to continue in the same spirit with which they had begun. Supplies for the suffering inhabitants (whom the operation of the port-bill had reduced to great distress) were strongly recommended; and it was declared, that in case of attempts to enforce the obnoxious acts by arms, all America should join to assist the town of Boston; and, should the inhabitants be obliged, during the course of hostilities, to remove further up the country, the losses they might sustain should be repaired at the public expence.

They next addressed General Gage by letter; in which, having stated the grievances of the people of Massachusetts colony, they informed him of the fixed and unalterable determination of all the other provinces to support their brethren and to oppose the British acts of parliament; that they themselves were appointed to watch over the liberties of America; and intreated him to desist from military operations, lest such hostilities might be brought on as would frustrate all hopes of reconciliation with the parent state.

The next step was to publish a declaration of their rights. These they summed up in the rights belonging to Englishmen; and particularly insisted, that as their distance rendered it impossible for them to be represented in the British parliament, their provincial assemblies, with the governor appointed by the king, constituted the only legislative power within each province. They would, however, consent to such acts of parliament as were evidently calculated merely for the regulation of commerce, and securing to the parent state the benefits of the American trade; but would never allow that they could impose any tax on the colonies, for the purpose of raising a revenue, without their consent. They proceeded to reprobate the intention of each of the new acts of parliament; and insisted on all the rights they had enumerated as being unalienable, and what none could deprive them of. The Canada act they particularly pointed out as being extremely inimical to the colonies, by whose assistance it had been conquered; and they termed it "An act for establishing the Roman Catholic religion in Canada, abolishing the equitable system of English laws, and establishing a tyranny there." They further declared

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Congress meets at Philadelphia.169  
Account of its transactions.164  
The cause of Boston espoused by all the rest of the colonies.165  
The Americans firmly united in their opposition to Britain.166  
Solemn league and covenant formed at Boston.167  
The governor attempts in vain to counteract it by proclamation.

America. clared in favour of a non-importation and non-consumption of British goods, until the acts were repealed by which duties were imposed upon tea, coffee, wine, sugar, and molasses, imported into America, as well as the Boston port-act, and the three others passed in the preceding session of parliament. The new regulations against the importation and consumption of British commodities were then drawn up with great solemnity; and they concluded with returning the warmest thanks to those members of parliament who had, with so much zeal, though without any success, opposed the obnoxious acts of parliament.

Their next proceedings were, to frame a petition to the king, an address to the British nation, and another to the colonies; all of which were so much in the usual strain of American language for some time past, that it is needless to enter into any particular account of them. It is sufficient to say, that they were all drawn up in a masterly manner, and ought to have impressed the people of England with a more favourable idea of the Americans that they could at that time be induced to entertain.

All this time the disposition of the people had corresponded with the warmest wishes of congress. The first of June had been kept as a fast, not only throughout Virginia, where it was first proposed, but through the whole continent. Contributions for the distressed of Boston had been raised throughout America, and people of all ranks seemed to be particularly touched with them. Even those who seemed to be most likely to derive advantages from them, took no opportunity, as has been already instanced in the case of Salem.

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Generosity of the inhabitants of Marblehead to Boston.

The inhabitants of Marblehead also showed a noble example of magnanimity in the present case. Though situated in the neighbourhood of Boston, and most likely to derive benefit from their distressed, they did not attempt to take any advantage, but generously offered the use of their harbour to the Bostonians; as well as their wharfs and warehouses, free of all expence. In the mean time the British forces at Boston were continually increasing in number, which greatly augmented the general jealousy and disaffection; the country were ready to rise at a moment's warning; and the experiment was made by giving a false alarm that the communication between the town and country was to be cut off, in order to reduce the former by famine to a compliance with the acts of parliament. On this intelligence, the country people assembled in great numbers, and could not be satisfied till they had sent messengers into the city to enquire into the truth of the report. These messengers were enjoined to inform the town's people, that if they should be so pusillanimous as to make a surrender of their liberties, the province would not think itself bound by such examples; and that Britain, by breaking their original charter, had annulled the contract subsisting between them, and left them to act as they thought proper.

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Extreme attachment of the country people to the Bostonians.

The people in every other respect manifested their inflexible determination to adhere to the plan they had so long followed. The new counsellors and judges were obliged to resign their offices, in order to preserve their lives and properties from the fury of the multitude. In some places they shut up the avenues to the court-houses; and, when required to make way for the judges, replied, that they knew of none but such as

were appointed by the ancient usage and custom of the province. Every where they manifested the most ardent desire of learning the art of war; and every individual who could bear arms, was most assiduous in procuring them, and learning their exercise.

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Matters at last proceeded to such an height, that General Gage thought proper to fortify the neck of land which joins the town of Boston to the continent. This, though undoubtedly a prudent measure in his situation, was exclaimed against by the Americans in the most vehement manner; but the General, instead of giving ear to their remonstrances, deprived them of all power of acting against himself, by seizing the provincial powder, ammunition, and military stores at Cambridge and Charlestown. This excited such indignation, that it was with the utmost difficulty the people could be restrained from marching to Boston and attacking the troops. Even in the town itself, the company of cadets that used to attend him disbanded themselves, and returned the standard he had as usual presented them with on his accession to the government. This was occasioned by his having deprived the celebrated patriot John Hancock, afterwards president of the congress, of his commission as colonel of the cadets. A similar instance happened of a provincial colonel having accepted a seat in the new council; upon which 24 officers of his regiment resigned their commissions in one day.

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Gen. Gage fortifies Boston Neck.

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And seizes the military stores belonging to the province.

In the mean time a meeting was held of the principal inhabitants of the towns adjacent to Boston. The purport of this was publicly to renounce all obedience to the late acts of parliament, and to form an engagement to indemnify such as should be prosecuted on that account; the members of the new council were declared violators of the rights of their country; all ranks and degrees were exhorted to learn the use of arms; and the receivers of the public revenue were ordered not to deliver it into the treasury, but to retain it in their own hands till the constitution should be restored, or a provincial congress dispose of it otherwise.

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Opposition to the British parliament still increases.

A remonstrance against the fortifications on Boston Neck was next prepared; in which, however, they still declared their unwillingness to proceed to any hostile measures; asserting only as usual their firm determination not to submit to the acts of parliament they had already so much complained of. The governor, to restore tranquillity, if possible, called a general assembly; but so many of the council had resigned their seats, that he was induced to countermand its sitting by proclamation. This measure, however, was deemed illegal; the assembly met at Salem; and, after waiting a day for the governor, voted themselves into a provincial congress, of which Mr Hancock was chosen president. A committee was instantly appointed, who waited on the governor with a remonstrance concerning the fortifications on Boston Neck; but nothing of consequence took place, both parties mutually criminating each other. The winter was now coming on, and the governor, to avoid quartering the soldiers upon the inhabitants, proposed to erect barracks for them; but the select-men of Boston compelled the workmen to desist. Carpenters were sent for to New-York, but they were refused; and it was with the utmost difficulty that he could procure winter-lodgings for his troops. Nor was the difficulty less in procuring clothes; as the mercantils

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A general assembly called and dissolved by proclamation.

176  
Gen. Gage meets with great difficulties in accommodating his troops.

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America. chants of New-York told him, that "they would never supply any article for the benefit of men-  
177 sent as enemies to their country."

The Ame- This disposition, known to be almost universal  
ricans make throughout the continent, was in the highest degree  
preparati- satisfactory to congress. Every one saw that the en-  
ons for war. suing spring was to be the season of commencing ho-  
stilities, and the most indefatigable diligence was used  
by the colonies to be well-provided against such a for-  
midable enemy. A list of all the fencible men in each  
colony was made out, and especially of those who had  
served in the former war; of whom they had the satis-  
faction to find that two-thirds were still alive and fit  
to bear arms. Magazines of arms were collected, and  
money was provided for the payment of troops. The  
governors in vain attempted to put a stop to these pro-  
ceedings by proclamations; the fatal period was now  
arrived: and the more the servants of government at-  
tempted to repress the spirit of the Americans, the  
more violent it appeared.

178 Distress of In the mean time the inhabitants of Boston were re-  
the inhabi- duced to great distress. The British troops, now dis-  
tants of Bos- tinguished by the name of the *enemy*, were absolutely in  
ton. possession of it; the inhabitants were kept as prisoners,  
and might be made accountable for the conduct of  
the whole colonies; and various measures were con-  
trived to relieve the latter from such a disagreeable  
situation. Sometimes it was thought expedient to  
remove the inhabitants altogether; but this was im-  
practicable without the governor's consent. It was  
then proposed to set fire to the town at once, after  
valuing the houses and indemnifying the proprietors;  
but this being found equally impracticable, it was re-  
solved to wait some other opportunity, as the garrison  
were not very numerous, and, not being supplied with  
necessaries by the inhabitants, might soon be obliged  
to leave the place. The friends of British government  
indeed attempted to do something in opposition to the  
general voice of the people; but, after a few ineffectual  
meetings and resolutions, they were utterly silenced,  
and obliged to yield to the superior number of their  
adversaries.

Matters had now proceeded so far that every idea of  
reconciliation or friendship with Britain was lost. The  
Americans therefore, without ceremony, began to seize  
on the military stores and ammunition belonging to  
government. This first commenced at New-port in  
Rhode-Island, where the inhabitants carried off 40  
pieces of cannon appointed for the protection of the  
place; and on being asked the reason of this proceed-  
ing, they replied, that the people had seized them lest  
they should be made use of against themselves. After  
this the assembly met, and resolved that ammunition  
and warlike stores should be purchased with the public  
money.

179 Military New-Hampshire followed the example of Rhode-  
stores seiz- Island, and seized a small fort for the sake of the pow-  
ed by the der and military stores it contained. In Pennsylvania,  
Americans. however, a convention was held, which expressed an  
earnest desire of reconciliation with the mother-coun-  
try; though, at the same time, in the strongest manner  
declaring, that they were resolved to take up arms in  
defence of their just rights, and defend to the last their  
opposition to the late acts of parliament; and the peo-  
ple were exhorted to apply themselves with the great-

est assiduity to the prosecution of such manufactures as  
were necessary for their defence and subsistence, such  
as salt, salt-petre, gunpowder, steel, &c. This was  
the universal voice of the colonies, New-York only  
excepted. The assembly of that province, as yet ig-  
norant of the fate of their last remonstrance, refused to  
concur with the other colonies in their determination  
to throw off the British yoke: their attachment, how-  
ever, was very faint, and by the event it appeared that  
a perseverance in the measures which the ministry had  
adopted was sufficient to unite them to the rest.

As the disturbances had originated in the province  
of Massachusetts-Bay, and *there* continued all along  
with the greatest violence, so this was the province  
where the first hostilities were formally commenced.  
In the beginning of February the provincial congress  
met at Cambridge; and as no friends to Britain could  
now find admittance to that assembly, the only consid-  
eration was how to make proper preparations for war.  
Expertness in military discipline was recommended in  
the strongest manner, and several military institutions  
enacted; among which that of the *minute-men* was  
one of the most remarkable. These were chosen from  
the most active and expert among the militia; and their  
business was to keep themselves in constant readiness  
at the call of their officers; from which perpetual vigi-  
lance they derived their title.—It was now easily seen  
that a slight occasion would bring on hostilities, which  
could not but be attended with the most violent and cer-  
tain destruction to the vanquished party; for both were  
so much exasperated by a long course of reproaches and  
literary warfare, that they seemed to be filled with the  
utmost inveteracy against each other.

On the 26th of February General Gage having been  
informed that a number of field-pieces had been brought  
to Salem, dispatched a party to seize them. Their  
road was obstructed by a river, over which was a  
draw-bridge. This the people had pulled up, and re-  
fused to let down: upon which the soldiers seized a  
boat to ferry them over; but the people cut out her  
bottom. Hostilities would immediately have commen-  
ced, had it not been for the interposition of a clergy-  
man, who represented to the military, on the one hand,  
the folly of opposing such numbers; and to the people,  
on the other, that as the day was far spent the military  
could not execute their design, so that they might with-  
out any fear leave them the quiet possession of the draw-  
bridge. This was complied with; and the soldiers, af-  
ter having remained for some time at the bridge, re-  
turned without executing their orders.

The next attempt, however, was attended with more  
serious consequences. General Gage, having been in-  
formed that a large quantity of ammunition and mili-  
tary stores had been collected at Concord, about 20  
miles from Boston, and where the provincial congress  
was sitting, sent a detachment, under the command of  
Colonel Smith and Major Pitcairn, to destroy the stores,  
and, as was reported, to seize Messrs. Hancock and  
Adams, the leading men of the congress. They set  
out before day-break, on the 19th of April, marching  
with the utmost silence, and securing every one they  
met on the road, that they might not be discovered.  
But notwithstanding all their care, the continual ring-  
ing of bells and firing of guns as they went along,  
soon gave them notice that the country was alarmed.

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setts affem-  
bly recom-  
mend pre-  
parations  
for war.

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Skirmish at  
Lexington.

America. About five in the morning they had reached Lexington, 15 miles from Boston, where the militia of the place were exercising. An officer called out to them to disperse; but, as they still continued in a body, he advanced, discharged his pistol, and ordered his soldiers to fire; who instantly obeyed, and killed and wounded several of the militia. The detachment then proceeded to Concord, where, having destroyed the stores, they were encountered by the Americans; and a scuffle ensued, in which several fell on both sides. The purpose of their expedition being thus accomplished, it was necessary for the king's troops to retreat, which they did through a continual fire kept upon them from Concord to Lexington. Here their ammunition was totally expended; and they would have been unavoidably cut off, had not a considerable reinforcement commanded by Lord Percy met them. The Americans, however, continued their attack with great fury; and the British would still have been in the utmost danger had it not been for two field-pieces which Lord Percy had brought with him. By these the impetuosity of the Americans was checked, and the British made good their retreat to Boston with the loss of 250 killed and wounded: that of the Americans was about 60.

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A great army assembled before Boston.

By this engagement the spirits of the Americans were so raised, that they meditated nothing less than the total expulsion of the British troops from Boston. An army of 20,000 men was assembled, who formed a line of encampment from Roxbury to Mystic, through a space of about 30 miles; and here they were soon after joined by a large body of Connecticut troops, under General Putnam, an old officer of great bravery and experience. By this formidable force was the town of Boston now kept blocked up. General Gage, however, had so strongly fortified it, that the enemy, powerful as they were, durst not make an attack; while, on the other hand, his force was by far too insignificant to meet such an enemy in the field. But towards the end of May, a considerable reinforcement having arrived, with Generals Howe, Burgoyne, and Clinton, he was soon enabled to attempt something of consequence; and this, the boasts of the provincials, that they were besieging those who had been sent to subdue them, seemed to render necessary. Some skirmishes in the mean time happened in the islands lying off Boston harbour, in which the Americans had the advantage, and burnt an armed schooner, which her people had been obliged to abandon after she was left aground by the tide. Nothing decisive, however, took place till the 17th of June. In the neighbourhood of Charlestown, a place on the northern shore of the peninsula on which Boston stands, is an high ground called *Bunker's Hill*, which overlooks and commands the whole town of Boston. In the night of the 16th the provincials took possession of this place; and worked with such indefatigable diligence, that, to the astonishment of their enemies, they had, before day-light, almost completed a redoubt, with a strong entrenchment reaching half a mile eastward, as far as the river Mystic. After this they were obliged to sustain a heavy and incessant fire from the ships and floating batteries with which Charlestown neck was surrounded, as well as the cannon that could reach the place from Boston; in spite of which, however, they continued their work, and finished it before mid-day. A confi-

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Battle at Bunker's Hill.

derable body of foot was then landed at the foot of Bunker's Hill, under the command of Generals Howe and Pigot; the former being appointed to attack the lines, and the latter the redoubt. The Americans, however, having the advantage of the ground, as well as of their intrenchments, poured down such incessant volleys as threatened the whole body with destruction; and General Howe was for a little time left almost alone, all his officers being killed or wounded. The provincials in the mean time had taken possession of Charlestown, so that General Pigot was obliged to contend with them in that place as well as in the redoubt. The consequence was, that he was overmatched; his troops were thrown into disorder; and he would in all probability have been defeated, had not General Clinton advanced to his relief: upon which the attack was renewed with such fury, that the provincials were driven beyond the neck that leads to Charlestown. In the heat of the engagement the British troops, in order to deprive the enemy of a cover, set fire to Charlestown, which was totally consumed; and, eventually, the Americans were obliged to retreat over Charlestown neck, which was raked by an incessant fire from the Glasgow man of war, and several floating batteries. The loss on the British side amounted to about 1000, among whom were 19 officers killed and 70 wounded; that of the Americans did not exceed 500.

The British troops claimed the victory in this engagement; but it must be allowed that it was dearly bought; and the Americans boasted that the real advantages were on their side, as they had so much weakened the enemy that they durst not afterwards venture out of their entrenchments. Considering that this was the first time the provincials had been in actual service, it must be owned that they behaved with great spirit, and by no means merited the appellation of *cowards*, with which they were so often branded in Britain.

In other places the same determined spirit of resistance appeared on the part of the Americans. Lord North's conciliatory scheme was utterly rejected by the assemblies of Pennsylvania and New-Jersey, and afterwards in every other colony. The commencement of hostilities at Lexington determined the colony of New-York, which had hitherto continued to waver, to unite with the rest; and as the situation of New-York renders it unable to resist an attack from the sea, it was resolved, before the arrival of a British fleet, to secure the military stores, send off the women and children, and to set fire to the city if it was still found incapable of defence. The exportation of provisions was every where prohibited, particularly to the British fishery on the banks of Newfoundland, or to such colonies of America as should adhere to the British interest. Congress resolved on the establishment of an army, and of a large paper-currency in order to support it. In the inland northern colonies, Colonels Easton and Ethan Allen, without receiving any orders from Congress, or communicating their design to any body, with a party of only 250 men, surprised the forts of Crown-Point, Ticonderago, and the rest that form a communication betwixt the colonies and Canada. On this occasion 200 pieces of cannon fell into their hands, besides mortars and a large quantity of military stores, together with two armed vessels, and materials for the construction of others.

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The Americans become more and more determined in their opposition.

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Crown-Point and Ticonderago taken by the Americans.

After

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After the battle of Bunker's Hill, the provincials erected fortifications on the heights which commanded Charlestown, and strengthened the rest in such a manner that there was no hope of driving them from thence; at the same time that their activity and boldness astonished the British officers, who had been accustomed to entertain a mean and unjust opinion of their courage.

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Troops in  
Boston dis-  
tressed.

The troops, thus shut up in Boston, were soon reduced to distress. Their necessities obliged them to attempt the carrying off the American cattle on the islands before Boston, which produced frequent skirmishes; but the provincials, better acquainted with the navigation of these shores, landed on the islands, destroyed or carried off whatever was of any use, burned the light-house at the entrance of the harbour, and took prisoners the workmen sent to repair it, as well as a party of marines who guarded them. Thus the garrison were reduced to the necessity of sending out armed vessels to make prizes indiscriminately of all that came in their way, and of landing in different places to plunder for subsistence as well as they could.

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Articles of  
union be-  
tween the  
colonies.

The congress in the mean time continued to act with all the vigour which its constituents had expected. Articles of confederation and perpetual union were drawn up and solemnly agreed upon; by which they bound themselves and their posterity for ever. These were in substance as follows.

1. Each colony was to be independent within itself, and to retain an absolute sovereignty in all domestic affairs.

2. Delegates to be annually elected to meet in congress, at such time and place as should be enacted in the preceding congress.

3. This assembly should have the power of determining war or peace, making alliances; and in short all that power which sovereigns of states usually claim as their own.

4. The expences of war to be paid out of the common treasury, and raised by a poll-tax on males between 16 and 60; the proportions to be determined by the laws of the colony.

5. An executive council to be appointed to act in place of the congress during its recess.

6. No colony to make war with the Indians without consent of congress.

7. The boundaries of all the Indian lands to be secured and ascertained to them; and no purchases of lands were to be made by individuals, or even by a colony, without consent of congress.

8. Agents appointed by congress should reside among the Indians, to prevent frauds in trading with them, and to relieve, at the public expence, their wants and distresses.

9. This confederation to last until there should be a reconciliation with Britain; or, if that event should not take place, it was to be perpetual.

After the action of Bunker's Hill, however, when the power of Great Britain appeared less formidable in the eyes of America than before, congress proceeded formally to justify their proceedings in a declaration drawn up in terms more expressive, and well calculated to excite attention.

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"Were it possible (said they) for men who exercise their reason, to believe that the divine Author of

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our existence intended a part of the human race to hold an absolute property in and unbounded power over others, marked out by His infinite goodness and wisdom as the objects of a legal domination, never rightfully resistible, however severe and oppressive; the inhabitants of these colonies might at least require from the parliament of Great-Britain some evidence that this dreadful authority over them had been granted to that body: but a reverence for our Great Creator, principles of humanity, and the dictates of common sense, must convince all those who reflect upon the subject, that government was instituted to promote the welfare of mankind, and ought to be administered for the attainment of that end.

"The legislature of Great-Britain, however, stimulated by an inordinate passion for power, not only unjustifiable, but which they know to be peculiarly reprobated by the very constitution of that kingdom; and despairing of success in any mode of contest where regard should be had to law, truth, or right; have, at length, deserting those, attempted to effect their cruel and impolitic purpose of enslaving these colonies by violence, and have thereby rendered it necessary for us to close with their last appeal from reason to arms. Yet, however blinded that assembly may be, by their intemperate rage for unlimited domination, so to slight justice in the opinion of mankind, we esteem ourselves bound by obligations to the rest of the world to make known the justice of our cause."

After taking notice of the manner in which their ancestors left Britain, the happiness attending the mutual friendly commerce betwixt that country and her colonies, and the remarkable success of the late war, they proceed as follows: "The new ministry, finding the brave foes of Britain, though frequently defeated, yet still contending, took up the unfortunate idea of granting them a hasty peace, and of then subduing her faithful friends.

"These devoted colonies were judged to be in such a state as to present victories without bloodshed, and all the easy emoluments of statutable plunder. The uninterrupted tenor of their peaceable and respectful behaviour from the beginning of their colonization; their dutiful, zealous, and useful services during the war, though so recently and amply acknowledged in the most honourable manner by his Majesty, by the late king, and by parliament, could not save them from the intended innovations. Parliament was influenced to adopt the pernicious project; and assuming a new power over them, has in the course of eleven years given such decisive specimens of the spirit and consequences attending this power, as to leave no doubt of the effects of acquiescence under it.

"They have undertaken to give and grant our money without our consent, though we have ever exercised an exclusive right to dispose of our own property. Statutes have been passed for extending the jurisdiction of the courts of admiralty and vice-admiralty beyond their ancient limits; for depriving us of the accustomed and inestimable rights of trial by jury, in cases affecting both life and property; for suspending the legislature of one of our colonies; for interdicting all commerce to the capital of another; and for altering fundamentally the form of government established by charter, and secured by acts of its own legislature;

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America. and solemnly confirmed by the crown; for exempting the murderers of colonists from legal trial, and in effect from punishment; for erecting in a neighbouring province, acquired by the joint arms of Great-Britain and America, a despotism dangerous to our very existence; and for quartering soldiers upon the colonists in time of a profound peace. It has also been resolved in parliament, that colonists, charged with committing certain offences, shall be transported to England to be tried.

“But why should we enumerate our injuries in detail?—By one statute it was declared, that parliament can of right make laws to bind us in all cases whatever. What is to defend us against so enormous, so unlimited a power? Not a single person who assumes it is chosen by us, or is subject to our controul or influence; but, on the contrary, they are all of them exempt from the operation of such laws; and an American revenue, if not diverted from the ostensible purposes for which it is raised, would actually lighten their own burdens in proportion as it increases ours.

“We saw the misery to which such despotism would reduce us. We for ten years incessantly and ineffectually besieged the throne as supplicants; we reasoned, we remonstrated with parliament in the most mild and decent language; but administration, sensible that we should regard these measures as freemen ought to do, sent over fleets and armies to enforce them.

“We have pursued every temperate, every respectful measure; we have even proceeded to break off all commercial intercourse with our fellow-subjects, as our last peaceable admonition, that our attachment to no nation on earth would supplant our attachment to liberty; this we flattered ourselves was the ultimate step of the controversy; but subsequent events have shown how vain was this hope of finding moderation in our enemies!

“The Lords and Commons, in their address in the month of February, said, that a rebellion at that time actually existed in the province of Massachusetts-Bay; and that those concerned in it had been countenanced and encouraged by unlawful combinations and engagements entered into by his majesty's subjects in several of the colonies; and therefore they besought his Majesty that he would take the most effectual measures to enforce due obedience to the laws and authority of the supreme legislature. Soon after the commercial intercourse of whole colonies with foreign countries was cut off by an act of parliament; by another, several of them were entirely prohibited from the fisheries in the seas near their coasts, on which they always depended for their subsistence; and large reinforcements of ships and troops were immediately sent over to General Gage.

“Fruitless were all the intreaties, arguments, and eloquence of an illustrious band of the most distinguished peers and commoners, who nobly and strenuously asserted the justice of our cause, to stay, or even to mitigate, the heedless fury with which these accumulated outrages were hurried on. Equally fruitless was the interference of the city of London, of Bristol, and of many other respectable towns in our favour.”

After having reproached parliament, General Gage, and the British government in general, they proceed thus: “We are reduced to the alternative of choosing

an unconditional submission to tyranny, or resistance by force. The latter is our choice. We have counted the cost of this contest, and find nothing so dreadful as voluntary slavery. Honour, justice, and humanity, forbid us tamely to surrender that freedom which we received from our gallant ancestors, and which our innocent posterity have a right to receive from us. Our cause is just; our union is perfect; our internal resources are great; and, if necessary, foreign assistance is undoubtedly attainable. We fight not for glory or conquest; we exhibit to mankind the remarkable spectacle of a people attacked by unprovoked enemies. They boast of their privileges and civilization, and yet proffer no milder conditions than servitude or death. In our native land, in defence of the freedom that is our birthright, for the protection of our property acquired by the honest industry of our forefathers and our own, against violence actually offered, we have taken up arms; we shall lay them down when hostilities shall cease on the part of our aggressors, and all danger of their being renewed shall be removed—and not before.”

These are some of the most striking passages in the declaration of congress on taking up arms against Great-Britain, and dated July 6th, 1775. Without inquiring whether the principles on which it is founded are right or wrong, the determined spirit which it shows, ought to have convinced the people of Britain, that the conquest of America was an event scarce ever to be expected. In every other respect an equal spirit was shown; and the rulers of the British nation had the mortification to see those whom they styled *rebels* and *traitors*, succeed in negociations in which they themselves were utterly foiled. In the passing of the Quebec-bill, ministry had flattered themselves that the Canadians would be so much attached to them on account of restoring the French laws, that they would very readily join in any attempt against the colonists who had reprobated that bill in such strong terms: but in this, as in every thing else indeed, they found themselves mistaken. The Canadians having been subject to Britain for a period of 15 years, and being thus rendered sensible of the advantages of British government, received the bill itself with evident marks of disapprobation; nay, reprobated it as tyrannical and oppressive. A scheme had been formed for General Carleton, governor of the province, to raise an army of Canadians wherewith to act against the Americans; and so sanguine were the hopes of administration in this respect, that they had sent 20,000 stand of arms, and a great quantity of military stores, to Quebec for the purpose. But the people, though they did not join the Americans, yet were found immoveable in their purpose to stand neuter. Application was made to the bishop; but he declined to interpose his influence, as contrary to the rules of the Popish clergy: so that the utmost efforts of government in this province were found to answer little or no purpose.

The British administration next tried to engage the Indians in their cause. But though agents were dispatched among them with large presents to the chiefs, they universally replied, that they did not understand the nature of the quarrel, nor could they distinguish whether those who dwelt in America or on the other side of the ocean were in fault: but they were surprised

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whom it  
was intended  
to please.

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Ministry  
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vain to arm  
the Indians.



**America.** prised to see Englishmen ask their assistance against one another; and advised them to be reconciled, and not to think of shedding the blood of their brethren.— To the representations of congress they paid more respect. These set forth, that the English on the other side of the ocean, had taken up arms to enslave, not only their countrymen in America, but the Indians also; and if the latter should enable them to overcome the colonists, they themselves would soon be reduced to a state of slavery also. By arguments of this kind these savages were engaged to remain neuter; and thus the colonists were freed from a most dangerous enemy. On this occasion the congress thought proper to hold a solemn conference with the different tribes of Indians. The speech made by them on the occasion is curious, but too long to be fully inserted. The following is a specimen of the European mode of addressing these people.

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Speech of  
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missioners  
from con-  
gress to the  
Indians.

“ Brothers, Sachems, and Warriors!

“ We the delegates from the Twelve United Provinces, now sitting in general congress at Philadelphia, send their talk to you our brothers.

“ Brothers and Friends, now attend!

“ When our fathers crossed the great water, and came over to this land, the king of England gave them a talk, assuring them that they and their children should be his children; and that if they would leave their native country, and make settlements, and live here, and buy and sell, and trade with their brethren beyond the water, they should still keep hold of the same covenant-chain, and enjoy peace; and it was covenanted, that the fields, houses, goods, and possessions, which our fathers should acquire, should remain to them as their own, and be their childrens for ever, and at their sole disposal.

“ Brothers and Friends, open an ear!

“ We will now tell you of the quarrel betwixt the counsellors of King George and the inhabitants and colonies of America.

“ Many of his counsellors have persuaded him to break the covenant-chain, and not to send us any more good talks. They have prevailed upon him to enter into a covenant against us, and have torn asunder, and cast behind their backs, the good old covenant which their ancestors and ours entered into, and took strong hold of. They now tell us they will put their hands into our pocket without asking, as though it were their own; and at their pleasure they will take from us our charters, or written civil constitution, which we love as our lives; also our plantations, our houses, and our goods, whenever they please, without asking our leave. They tell us that our vessels may go to that or this island in the sea, but to this or that particular island we shall not trade any more; and in case of our non-compliance with these new orders, they shut up our harbours.

“ Brothers, we live on the same ground with you; the same island is our common birth-place. We desire to sit down under the same tree of peace with you: let us water its roots, and cherish the growth, till the large leaves and flourishing branches shall extend to the setting sun, and reach the skies. If any thing disagreeable should ever fall out between us, the Twelve United Colonies, and you, the Six Nations, to wound our peace, let us immediately seek measures for heal-

ing the breach. From the present situation of our affairs, we judge it expedient to kindle up a small fire at Albany, where we may hear each other's voice, and disclose our minds fully to one another.”

The other remarkable transactions of this congress were the ultimate refusal of the conciliatory proposal made by Lord North, of which such sanguine expectations had been formed by the English ministry; and appointing a generalissimo to command their armies, which were now very numerous. The person chosen for this purpose was **GEORGE WASHINGTON**: a man so universally beloved, that he was raised to such a high station by the unanimous voice of congress; and his subsequent conduct showed him every way worthy of it. Horace Gates and Charles Lee, two English officers of considerable reputation, were also chosen; the former an adjutant-general, the second a major-general. Artemus Ward, Philip Schuyler, and Israel Putnam, were likewise nominated major-generals. Seth Pomeroy, Richard Montgomery, David Wooster, William Heath, Joseph Spencer, John Thomas, John Sullivan, and Nathaniel Green, were chosen brigadier-generals at the same time.

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commander  
in chief.

Congress had now also the satisfaction to receive deputies from the colony of Georgia, expressing a desire to join the confederacy. The reasons they gave for renouncing their allegiance to Britain was, that the conduct of parliament towards the other colonies had been oppressive; that though the obnoxious acts had not been extended to them, they could view this only as an omission, because of the seeming little consequence of their colony; and therefore looked upon it rather to be a slight than a favour. At the same time they framed a petition to the king, similar to that sent by the other colonies, and which met with a similar reception.

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Georgia ac-  
cedes to  
the confe-  
deracy.

The success which had hitherto attended the Americans in all their measures, now emboldened them to think not only of defending themselves, but likewise of acting offensively against Great-Britain. The conquest of Canada appeared an object within their reach, and one that would be attended with many advantages; and as an invasion of that province was already facilitated by the taking of Crown-Point and Ticonderoga, it was resolved if possible to penetrate that way into Canada, and reduce Quebec during the winter, before the fleets and armies which they were well assured would sail thither from Britain should arrive. By order of congress, therefore, 3000 men were put under the command of Generals Montgomery and Schuyler, with orders to proceed to Lake Champlain, from whence they were to be conveyed in flat-bottomed boats to the mouth of the river Sorel, a branch of the great river St. Lawrence, and on which is situated a fort of the same name with the river. On the other hand, they were opposed by General Carleton, governor of Canada, a man of great activity and experience in war; who, with a very few troops, had hitherto been able to keep in awe the disaffected people of Canada, notwithstanding all the representations of the colonists. He had now augmented his army by a considerable number of Indians, and promised, even in his present situation, to make a very formidable resistance.

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conquest of  
Canada.

As soon as General Montgomery arrived at Crown-Point, he received information that several armed vessels were stationed at St. John's, a strong fort on the

**America.** Sorel, with a view to prevent his crossing the lake ; on which he took possession of an island which commands the mouth of the Sorel, and by which he could prevent them from entering the lake. In conjunction with General Schuyler, he next proceeded to St John's : but finding that place too strong, it was agreed in a council of war, to retire to Isle aux Noix, where General Schuyler being taken ill, Montgomery was left to command alone. His first step was to gain over the Indians whom Gen. Carleton had employed, and this he in a great measure accomplished ; after which, on receiving the full number of troops appointed for his expedition, he determined to lay siege to St John's. In this he was facilitated by the reduction of Chamblee, a small fort in the neighbourhood, where he found a large supply of powder. An attempt was made by General Carleton to relieve the place ; for which purpose he with great pains collected about 1000 Canadians, while Colonel Maclean proposed to raise a regiment of the Highlanders who had emigrated from their own country to America.

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Chamblee  
taken.

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Gen. Carle-  
ton defeat-  
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But while Gen. Carleton was on his march with these new levies, he was attacked by the provincials, and utterly defeated ; which being made known to another body of Canadians who had joined Colonel Maclean, they abandoned him without striking a blow, and he was obliged to retreat to Quebec.

The defeat of General Carleton was a sufficient recompence to the Americans for that of Colonel Ethan Allen, which had happened some time before. The success which had attended this gentleman against Crown-Point and Ticonderago had emboldened him to make a similar attempt on Montreal ; but being attacked by the militia of the place, supported by a detachment of regulars, he was entirely defeated and taken prisoner.

As the defeat of General Carleton and the desertion of Maclean's forces left no room for the garrison of St John's to hope for any relief, they now consented to surrender themselves prisoners of war ; but were in other respects treated with great humanity. They were in number 500 regulars and 200 Canadians, among whom were many of the French nobility, who had been very active in promoting the cause of Britain among their countrymen.

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St John's  
fort taken,

General Montgomery next took measures to prevent the British shipping from passing down the river from Montreal to Quebec. This he accomplished so effectually, that the whole were taken. The town itself was obliged to surrender at discretion ; and it was with the utmost difficulty that General Carleton escaped in an open boat by the favour of a dark night.

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And like-  
wise Mont-  
real.

No further obstacle now remained in the way of the Americans to the capital, except what arose from the nature of the country ; and these indeed were very considerable. Nothing, however, could damp the ardour of the provincials. Notwithstanding it was now the middle of November, and the depth of winter was at hand, Colonel Arnold formed a design of penetrating through woods, morasses, and the most frightful solitudes from New-England to Canada by a nearer way than that which Montgomery had chosen ; and this he accomplished in spite of every difficulty, to the astonishment of all who saw or heard of the attempt. A third part of his men under another colonel had been

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Col. Arnold  
penetrates  
into Cana-  
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obliged to leave him by the way, for want of provisions ; the total want of artillery rendered his presence insignificant before a place strongly fortified ; and the smallness of his army rendered it even doubtful whether he could have taken the town by surprise. The Canadians indeed were amazed at the exploit, and their inclination to revolt from Britain was somewhat augmented ; but none of them as yet took up arms in behalf of America. The consternation into which the town of Quebec was thrown proved detrimental rather than otherwise to the expedition ; as it doubled the vigilance and activity of the inhabitants to prevent any surprise ; and the appearance of common danger united all parties, who, before the arrival of Arnold, were contending most violently with one another. He was therefore obliged to content himself with blocking up the avenues to the town, in order to distress the garrison for want of provisions ; and even this he was unable to do effectually, by reason of the small number of his men.

The matter was not much mended by the arrival of General Montgomery. The force he had with him, even when united to that of Arnold, was too insignificant to attempt the reduction of a place so strongly fortified, especially with the assistance only of a few mortars and field-pieces. After the siege had continued through the month of December, General Montgomery, conscious that he could accomplish his end no other way than by surprise, resolved to make an attempt on the last day of the year 1775. The method he took at this time was perhaps the best that human wisdom could devise. He advanced by break of day, in the midst of an heavy fall of snow, which covered his men from the sight of the enemy. Two real attacks were made by himself and Colonel Arnold, at the same time that two feigned attacks were made on two other places, thus to distract the garrison, and make them divide their forces. One of the real attacks was made by the people of New-York, and the other by those of New-England under Arnold. Their hopes of surprising the place, however, were defeated by the signal for the attack being through some mistake given too soon. General Montgomery himself had the most dangerous place, being obliged to pass between the river and some high rocks on which the Upper Town stands ; so that he was forced to make what haste he could to close with the enemy. His fate, however, was now decided. Having forced the first barrier, a violent discharge of musketry and grape-shot from the second killed him, his principal officers, and the most of the party he commanded ; on which those who remained immediately retreated: Colonel Arnold, in the mean time, made a desperate attack on the Lower Town, and carried one of the barriers after an obstinate resistance for an hour ; but in the action he himself received a wound, which obliged him to withdraw. The attack, however, was continued by the officers whom he had left, and another barrier forced : but the garrison, now perceiving that nothing was to be feared except from that quarter, collected their whole force against it ; and, after a desperate engagement of three hours, overpowered the provincials, and obliged them to surrender.

In this action, it must be confessed that the valour of the provincial troops could not be exceeded. They had

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Attempt to  
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Quebec.

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killed, and  
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*America.* had fought under as great disadvantages as those which attended the British at Bunker's Hill, and had behaved equally well. Such a terrible disaster left no hope remaining of the accomplishment of their purpose, as General Arnold could now scarce number 800 effective men under his command. He did not, however, abandon the province, or even remove to a greater distance than three miles from Quebec; and here he still found means to annoy the garrison very considerably by intercepting their provisions. The Canadians, notwithstanding the bad success of the American arms, still continued friendly; and thus he was enabled to sustain the hardships of a winter-encampment in that most severe climate. The congress, far from passing any censure on him for his misfortune, created him a brigadier-general.

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Arnold created a Brigadier-General.

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Disputes of Lord Dunmore with his province of Virginia.

While hostilities were thus carried on with vigour in the north, the flame of contention was gradually extending itself in the south. Lord Dunmore, the governor of Virginia, was involved in disputes similar to those which had taken place in other colonies. These had proceeded so far that the assembly was dissolved; which in this province was attended with a consequence unknown to the rest. As Virginia contained a great number of slaves, it was necessary that a militia should be kept constantly on foot to keep them in awe. During the dissolution of the assembly the militia-laws expired; and the people, after complaining of the danger they were in from the negroes, formed a convention, which enacted that each county should raise a quota for the defence of the province. Dunmore, on this, removed the powder from Williamsburg; which created such discontents, that an immediate quarrel would probably have ensued, had not the merchants of the town undertaken to obtain satisfaction for the injury supposed to be done to the community. This tranquillity, however, was soon interrupted; the people, alarmed by a report that an armed party were on their way from the man of war where the powder had been deposited, assembled in arms, and determined to oppose by force any farther removals. In some of the conferences which passed at this time, the governor let fall some unguarded expressions, such as threatening them with setting up the royal standard, proclaiming liberty to the negroes, destroying the town of Williamsburg, &c. which were afterwards made public, and exaggerated in such a manner as greatly to increase the public ferment.

The people now held frequent assemblies. Some of them took up arms with a design to force the governor to restore the powder, and to take the public money into their own possession: but on their way to Williamsburg for this purpose, they were met by the receiver-general, who became security for the payment of the gun-powder, and the inhabitants promised to take care of the magazine and public revenue.

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He sends his family aboard a man of war.

By this insurrection the governor was so much intimidated, that he sent his family on board a man of war. He himself, however, issued a proclamation, in which he declared the behaviour of the person who promoted the tumult treasonable, accused the people of disaffection, &c. On their part they were by no means deficient in recriminating; and some letters of his to Britain being about the same time discovered, consequences ensued extremely similar to those which had

been occasioned by those of Mr Hutchinson at Boston.

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Fortifies his palace.

In this state of confusion the governor thought it necessary to fortify his palace with artillery, and procure a party of marines to guard it. Lord North's conciliatory proposal arriving also about the same time, he used his utmost endeavours to cause the people comply with it. The arguments he used were plausible; and, had not matters already gone to such a pitch of distraction, it is highly probable that some attention would have been paid to them. "The view (he said) in which the colonies ought to behold this conciliatory proposal, was no more than an earnest admonition from Great-Britain to relieve her wants: that the utmost condescendence had been used in the mode of application; no determinate sum having been fixed, as it was thought most worthy of British generosity to take what they thought could be conveniently spared, and likewise to leave the mode of raising it to themselves," &c. But the clamour and dissatisfaction were now so universal, that nothing else could be attended to. The governor had called an assembly for the purpose of laying this conciliatory proposal before them; but it had been little attended to. The assembly began their session by inquiries into the state of the magazine. It had been broken into by some of the townsmen; for which reason spring-guns had been placed there by the governor, which discharged themselves upon the offenders at their entrance: these circumstances, with others of a similar kind, raised such a violent uproar, that, as soon as the preliminary business of the session was over, the governor retired on board a man of war, informing the assembly that he durst no longer trust himself on shore. This produced a long course of disputation, which ended in a positive refusal of the governor to trust himself again in Williamsburg, even to give his assent to the bills, which could not be passed without it, and though the assembly offered to bind themselves for his personal safety. In his turn he requested them to meet him on board the man of war, where he then was; but his proposal was rejected, and all further correspondence containing the least appearance of friendship was discontinued.

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His arguments for L. North's conciliatory plan.

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The governor retires on board a man of war.

Lord Dunmore, having thus abandoned his government, attempted to reduce by force those whom he could no longer govern. Some of the most strenuous adherents to the British cause, whom their zeal had rendered obnoxious at home, now repaired to him. He was also joined by numbers of black slaves. With these, and the assistance of the British shipping, he was for some time enabled to carry on a kind of predatory war sufficient to hurt and exasperate, but not to subdue. After some inconsiderable attempts on land, proclaiming liberty to the slaves, and setting up the royal standard, he took up his residence at Norfolk, a maritime town of some consequence, where the people were better affected to Britain than in most other places. A considerable force, however, was collected against him; and the natural impetuosity of his temper prompting him to act against them with more courage than caution, he was entirely defeated, and obliged to retire to his shipping, which was now crowded by the number of those who had incurred the resentment of the provincials.

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Attempts to reduce the colony by force.

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But is entirely defeated.

In the mean time a scheme of the utmost magnitude and importance was formed by one Mr Conolly, a Pennsylvania,

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Mr Conolly's plan for reducing Virginia.

America. sylvanian, attached to the cause of Britain. The first step of this plan was to enter into a league with the Ohio Indians. This he communicated to Lord Dunmore, and it received his approbation: Upon which Conolly set out, and actually succeeded in his design. On his return he was dispatched to General Gage, from whom he received a colonel's commission, and set out in order to accomplish the remainder of his scheme. The plan in general was, that he should return to the Ohio, where, by the assistance of the British and Indians in these parts, he was to penetrate through the back settlements into Virginia, and join Lord Dunmore at Alexandria. But by an accident very naturally to be expected, he was discovered, taken prisoner, and confined.

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He is discovered and taken prisoner.

After the retreat of Lord Dunmore from Norfolk, that place was taken possession of by the provincials, who greatly distressed those on board Lord Dunmore's fleet, by refusing to supply them with any necessaries. This proceeding drew a remonstrance from his Lordship; in which he insisted that the fleet should be furnished with necessaries; but his request being denied, a resolution was taken to set fire to the town. After giving the inhabitants proper warning, a party landed, under cover of a man of war, and set fire to that part which lay nearest the shore; but the flames were observed at the same time to break forth in every other quarter, and the whole town was reduced to ashes. This universal destruction, occasioned a loss of more than L. 300,000.

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The town of Norfolk destroyed.

In the southern colonies of Carolina, the governors were expelled, and obliged to take refuge on board of men of war, as Lord Dunmore had been; Mr Martin, governor of North Carolina, on a charge of attempting to raise the back-settlers, consisting chiefly of Scots Highlanders, against the colony. Having secured themselves against any attempts from these enemies, however, they proceeded to regulate their internal concerns in the same manner as the rest of the colonies; and by the end of the year 1775, Britain beheld the whole of America united against her in the most determined opposition. Her vast possessions of that tract of land (since known by the name of the *Thirteen United States*) were now reduced to the single town of Boston; in which her forces were besieged by an enemy with whom they were apparently not able to cope, and by whom they must of course expect in a very short time to be expelled. The situation of the inhabitants of Boston, indeed, was peculiarly unhappy. After having failed in their attempts to leave the town, general Gage had consented to allow them to retire with their effects; but afterwards, treacherously refused to fulfil his promise. When he resigned his place to general Howe in October 1775, the latter, apprehensive that they might give intelligence of the situation of the British troops, strictly prohibited any person from leaving the place under pain of military execution. Thus matters continued till the month of March 1776, when the town was evacuated.

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The governors of South and North Carolina expelled.

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Miserable situation of the inhabitants of Boston.

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Boston severely cannonaded by the provincials.

On the 2d of that month, General Washington opened a battery on the west side of the town, from whence it was bombarded, with a heavy fire of cannon at the same time; and three days after, it was attacked by another battery from the eastern shore. This terrible attack continued for 14 days without intermission;

when General Howe, finding the place no longer tenable, determined if possible to drive the enemy from their works. Preparations were therefore made for a most vigorous attack, on an hill called Dorchester Neck, which the Americans had fortified in such a manner as would in all probability have rendered the enterprize next to desperate. No difficulties, however, were sufficient to daunt the spirit of the general; and every thing was in readiness, when a sudden storm prevented an exertion which must have been productive of a dreadful waste of blood. Next day, upon a more close inspection of the works they were to attack, it was thought advisable to desist from the enterprize altogether. The fortifications were very strong, and extremely well provided with artillery; and, besides other implements of destruction, upwards of 100 hogheads of stones were provided to roll down upon the enemy as they came up; which, as the ascent was extremely steep, must have done prodigious execution.

Nothing therefore now remained but to think of a retreat; and even this was attended with the utmost difficulty and danger. The Americans, however, knowing that it was in the power of the British general to reduce the town to ashes, which could not have been repaired in many years, did not think proper to give the least molestation; and for the space of a fortnight the troops were employed in the evacuation of the place, from whence they carried along with them 2000 of the inhabitants, who durst not stay on account of their attachment to the British cause. From Boston they sailed to Halifax; but all their vigilance could not prevent a number of valuable ships from falling into the hands of the enemy. A considerable quantity of cannon and ammunition had also been left at Bunker's Hill and Boston Neck; and in the town, an immense variety of goods, principally woollen and linen, of which the provincials stood very much in need. The estates of those who fled to Halifax were confiscated; as also those who were attached to government, and had remained in the town. As an attack was expected as soon as the British forces should arrive, every method was employed to render the fortifications, already very strong, impregnable. For this purpose some foreign engineers were employed, who had before arrived at Boston; and so eager were people of all ranks to accomplish this business, that every able-bodied man in the place, without distinction of rank, set apart two days in the week, to complete it the sooner.

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216  
The place evacuated.

217  
Its fortifications strengthened.

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Congress declare the States of America independent.

The Americans, exasperated to the utmost by the proceedings of parliament, which placed them out of the royal protection, and engaged foreign mercenaries in the plan for subduing them, now formally renounced all connection with Britain, and declared themselves independent. This celebrated declaration was published on the 4th of July 1776. Previous to this a circular letter had been sent through each colony, stating the reasons for it; and such was the animosity now every where prevailing against Great-Britain, that it met with universal approbation, except in the province of Maryland alone. It was not long, however, before the people of that colony, finding themselves left in a very dangerous minority, thought proper to accede to the measures of the rest. The manifesto itself was in the usual nervous style, stating a long list of grievances, for which redress had been often applied

**America.** in vain; and for these reasons they determined on a final separation; to hold the people of Britain as the rest of mankind, "enemies in war, in peace friends."

After thus publicly throwing off all allegiance and hope of reconciliation, the colonists soon found that an exertion of all their strength was required in order and support their pretensions. Their arms, indeed, had not, during this season, been attended with success in Canada. Reinforcements had been promised to Colonel Arnold, who still continued the blockade of Quebec; but they did not arrive in time to second his operations. Being sensible, however, that he must either desist from the enterprise, or finish it successfully, he recommenced in form; attempting to burn the shipping, and even to storm the town itself. They were unsuccessful, however, by reason of the smallness of their number, though they succeeded so far as to burn a number of houses in the suburbs; and the garrison were obliged to pull down the remainder, in order to prevent the fire from spreading.

As the provincials, though unable to reduce the town, kept the garrison in continual alarms, and in a very disagreeable situation, some of the nobility collected themselves into a body under the command of one Mr Beaujeu, in order to relieve their capital; but they were met on their march by the provincials, and so entirely defeated, that they were never afterwards able to attempt any thing. The Americans, however, had but little reason to plume themselves on this success. Their want of artillery at last convinced them, that it was impracticable in their situation to reduce a place so strongly fortified; the small-pox at the same time made its appearance in their camp, and carried off great numbers; intimidating the rest to such a degree, that they deserted in crowds. To add to their misfortunes, the British reinforcements unexpectedly appeared, and the ships made their way through the ice with such celerity, that the one part of their army was separated from the other; and General Carleton sallying out as soon as the reinforcement was landed, obliged them to fly with the utmost precipitation, leaving behind them all their cannon and military stores; at the same time that their shipping was entirely captured by vessels sent up the river for that purpose. On this occasion the provincials fled with such precipitation that they could not be overtaken; so that none fell into the hands of the British, excepting the sick and wounded. General Carleton now gave a signal instance of his humanity: Being well apprised that many of the provincials had not been able to accompany the rest in their retreat, and that they were concealed in woods, &c. in a very deplorable situation, he generously issued a proclamation, ordering proper persons to seek them out, and give them relief at the public expence; at the same time lest, through fear of being made prisoners, they should refuse these offers of humanity, he promised that, as soon as their situation enabled them, they should be at liberty to depart to their respective homes.

The British general, now freed from any danger of an attack, was soon enabled to act offensively against the provincials, by the arrival of the forces destined for that purpose from Britain. By these he was put at the head of 12,000 regular troops, among whom were those of Brunswick. With this force he instantly set

out to the Three Rivers, where he expected that Arnold would have made a stand; but he had retired to Sorel, a place 150 miles distant from Quebec, where he was at last met by the reinforcements ordered by congress. Here, though the preceding events were by no means calculated to inspire much military ardour, a very daring enterprise was undertaken; and this was, to surprise the British troops posted here under Generals Frazer and Nesbit; of whom the former commanded those on land, the latter such as were on board of transports and were but a little way distant. The enterprise was undoubtedly very hazardous, both on account of the strength of the parties against whom they were to act, and as the main body of the British forces were advanced within 50 miles of the place; besides that a number of armed vessels and transports with troops lay between them and the Three Rivers. Two thousand chosen men, however, under General Thomson, engaged in this enterprise. Their success was by no means answerable to their spirit and valour. Though they passed the shipping without being observed, General Frazer had notice of their landing; and thus being prepared to receive them, they were soon thrown into disorder, at the same time that General Nesbit, having landed his forces, prepared to attack them in the rear. On this occasion some field-pieces did prodigious execution, and a retreat was found to be unavoidable. General Nesbit, however, had got between them and their boats; so that they were obliged to take a circuit through a deep swamp, while they were hotly pursued by both parties at the same time, who marched for some miles on each side of the swamp, till at last the unfortunate provincials were sheltered from further danger by a wood at the end of the swamp. Their general, however, was taken, with 200 of his men.

By this disaster the provincials lost all hopes of accomplishing any thing in Canada. They demolished their works, and carried off their artillery with the utmost expedition. They were pursued, however, by General Burgoyne; against whom it was expected that they would have collected all their force, and made a resolute stand. But they were now too much dispirited by misfortune, to make any further exertions of valour. On the 18th of June the British general arrived at Fort St John's, which he found abandoned and burnt. Chamblee had shared the same fate, as well as all the vessels that were not capable of being dragged up against the current of the river. It was thought that they would have made some resistance at Nut-Island, the entrance to Lake Champlain; but this also they had abandoned, and retreated across the lake to Crown-Point, whither they could not be immediately followed. Thus was the province of Canada entirely evacuated by the Americans; whose loss in their retreat from Quebec was not calculated at less than 1000 men, of whom 400 fell at once into the hands of the enemy at a place called the Cedars, about 50 miles above Montreal. General Sullivan, however, who conducted this retreat after the affair of General Thomson, had great merit in what he did, and received the thanks of congress accordingly.

This bad success in the north, however, was somewhat compensated by what happened in the southern colonies.—We have formerly taken notice that Mr

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General Thomson defeated and taken prisoner by General Frazer.

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The provincials pursued by Gen. Burgoyne;

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But escape to Crown-Point.

219  
The siege of Quebec still continued.

220  
Canadians defeated by the provincials;

221  
Who are in their turn defeated by General Carleton.

222  
Humanity of the British general

223  
He pursues the provincials.

Martin,

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An insur-  
rection in  
North-Ca-  
rolina in  
favour of  
Britain.

Martin, governor of North-Carolina, had been obliged to leave his province and take refuge on board a man of war. Notwithstanding this, he did not despair of reducing it again to obedience. For this purpose he applied to the Regulators, a daring set of banditti, who lived in a kind of independent state; and though considered by government as rebels, yet had never been molested, on account of their numbers and known skill in the use of fire-arms. To the chiefs of these people commissions were sent, in order to raise some regiments; and a Colonel Macdonald was appointed to command them. In the month of February he erected the king's standard, issued proclamations, &c. and collected some forces, expecting to be soon joined by a body of regular troops, who were known to be shipped from Britain to act against the southern colonies. The Americans, sensible of their danger, dispatched immediately what forces they had to act against the royalists, at the same time that they diligently exerted themselves to support these with suitable reinforcements. Their present force was commanded by a General Moore, whose numbers were inferior to Macdonald; for which reason the latter summoned him to join the king's standard under pain of being treated as a rebel. But Moore, being well provided with cannon, and conscious that nothing could be attempted against him, returned the compliment, by acquainting Colonel Macdonald, that if he and his party would lay down their arms, and subscribe an oath of fidelity to congress, they should be treated as friends; but if they persisted in an undertaking for which it was evident they had not sufficient strength, they could not but expect the severest treatment. In a few days General Moore found himself at the head of 8000 men, by reason of the continual supplies which daily arrived from all parts. The royal party amounted only to 2000, and they were destitute of artillery, which prevented them from attacking the enemy while they had the advantage of numbers. They were now therefore obliged to have recourse to a desperate exertion of personal valour; by dint of which they effected a retreat for near 80 miles to Moore's Creek, within 16 miles of Wilmington. Could they have gained this place, they expected to have been joined by Governor Martin and General Clinton, who had lately arrived with a considerable detachment. But Moore with his army pursued them so close, that they were obliged to attempt the passage of the creek itself, though a considerable body of the enemy, under the command of Colonel Caswell, with fortifications well planted with cannon, was posted on the other side. On attempting the creek, however, it was found not to be fordable. They were obliged therefore to cross over a wooden bridge, which the provincials had not time to destroy entirely. They had, however, by pulling up part of the planks, and greasing the remainder in order to render them slippery, made the passage so difficult, that the royalists could not attempt it. In this situation they were, on the 27th of February, attacked by Moore with his superior army, and totally defeated with the loss of their general and most of their leaders, as well as the best and bravest of their men.

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The royal-  
ists entirely  
defeated.

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Lord Dun-  
more final-  
ly driven  
out of Vir-  
ginia.

Thus was the power of the provincials established in North-Carolina. Nor were they less successful in the province of Virginia; where Lord Dunmore, having

long continued an useless predatory war, was at last driven from every creek and road in the province. The people he had on board were distressed to the highest degree by confinement in small vessels. The heat of the season, and the numbers crowded together, produced a pestilential fever, which made great havock, especially among the blacks. At last, finding themselves in the utmost hazard of perishing by famine as well as disease, they set fire to the least valuable of their vessels, reserving only about 50 for themselves, in which they bid a final adieu to Virginia, some sailing to Florida, some to Bermuda, and the rest to the West-Indies.

In South-Carolina the provincials had a more formidable enemy to deal with. A squadron, whose object was the reduction of Charleston, had been fitted out in December 1775; but by reason of unfavourable weather did not reach Cape Fear in North-Carolina, till the month of May 1776: and here it met with further obstacles till the end of the month. Thus the Americans, always noted for their alertness in raising fortifications, had time to strengthen those of Charleston in such a manner as rendered it extremely difficult to be attacked. The British squadron consisted of two 50 gun ships, four of 30 guns, two of 20, and an armed schooner and bomb-ketch; all under the command of Sir Peter Parker. The land forces were commanded by Lord Cornwallis, with Generals Clinton and Vaughan. As they had yet no intelligence of the evacuation of Boston, General Howe dispatched a vessel to Cape-Fear with some instructions; but it was too late; and in the beginning of June the squadron anchored off Charleston bar. Here they met with some difficulty in crossing, being obliged to take out the guns from the two largest ships, which were, notwithstanding, several times in danger of sticking fast. The next obstacle was a strong fort on Sullivan's island, six miles east from Charleston; which, though not completely finished, was very strong. However, the British generals resolved without hesitation to attack it; but though an attack was easy from the sea, it was very difficult to obtain a co-operation of the land forces. This was attempted by landing them on Long-Island, adjacent to Sullivan's island on the east, from which it is separated by a very narrow creek, said not to be above two feet deep at low water. Opposite to this ford the provincials had posted a strong body of troops, with cannon and intrenchments; while General Lee was posted on the main land, with a bridge of boats betwixt that and Sullivan's-Island, so that he could at pleasure send reinforcements to the troops in the fort on Sullivan's-Island.

On the part of the British, so many delays occurred, that it was the 24th of June before matters were in readiness for an attack; and by this time the provincials had abundantly provided for their reception. On the morning of that day the bomb-ketch began to throw shells into Fort Sullivan, and about mid-day the two 50 gun ships and 30 gun frigates came up and began a severe fire. Three other frigates were ordered to take their station between Charleston and the fort, in order to enfilade the batteries, and cut off the communication with the main land; but through the ignorance of the pilots they all stuck fast; and though two

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British ar-  
mament  
sent against  
Charleston

**America.** of them were disentangled, they were found to be totally unfit for service: the third was burnt, that she might not fall into the hands of the enemy.

**231**  
The fleet make a furious attack  
**262**  
Bravery of Captain Morris.

The attack was therefore confined to the five armed ships and bomb-ketch, between whom and the fort a dreadful fire ensued. The Bristol suffered excessively. The springs on her cable being shot away, she was for some time entirely exposed to the enemy's fire. As the enemy poured in great quantities of red-hot balls, she was twice in flames. The captain (Mr Morris) after receiving five wounds, was obliged to go below deck in order to have his arm amputated. After undergoing this operation he returned to his place, where he received another wound, but still refused to quit his station: at last he received a red-hot ball in his belly, which instantly put an end to his life. Of all the officers and seamen who stood on the quarter-deck of this vessel, not one escaped without a wound excepting Sir Peter Parker alone; whose intrepidity and presence of mind on this occasion was very remarkable. The engagement lasted till darkness put an end to it.

**233**  
The British repulsed.

Little damage was done by the British, as the works of the enemy lay so low that many of the shot flew over; and the fortifications, being composed of palm-trees mixed with earth, were extremely well calculated to resist the impression of cannon. During the height of the attack, the provincial batteries remained for some time silent, so that it was concluded that they had been abandoned; but this was found to proceed only from want of powder; for as soon as a supply of this necessary article was obtained, the firing was resumed as brisk as before. During the whole of this desperate engagement it was found impossible for the land forces to give the least assistance to the fleet. The enemy's works were found to be much stronger than they had been imagined, and the depth of water effectually prevented them from making any attempt. In this unsuccessful attack the killed and wounded on the part of the British amounted to about 200. The Bristol and Experiment were so much damaged, that it was thought they could not have been got over the bar; however, this was at last accomplished by a very great exertion of naval skill, to the surprise of the provincials, who had expected to make them both prizes. On the American side the loss was judged to have been considerable.

**234**  
Americans form a navy.

This year also, the Americans, having so frequently made trial of their valour by land, became desirous of trying it by sea also, and of forming a navy that might in some measure be able to protect their trade, and do essential hurt to the enemy. In the beginning of March, Commodore Hopkins was dispatched with five frigates to the Bahama islands, where he made himself master of the ordinance and military stores; but the gunpowder, which had been the principal object, was removed. On his return he captured several vessels; but was foiled in his attempt on the Glasgow frigate, which found means to escape, notwithstanding the efforts of his whole squadron.

The time, however, was now come when the fortitude and patience of the Americans were to undergo a severe trial. Hitherto they had been on the whole successful in their operations: but now they were doomed to experience misfortune, misery, and disappointment; the enemy over-running their country, and their own

armies not able to face them in the field. The province of New-York, as being the most central colony, and most accessible by sea, was pitched upon for the object of the main attack. The force sent against it consisted of 6 ships of the line, 30 frigates, besides other armed vessels, and a vast number of transports. The fleet was commanded by Lord Howe, and the land forces by his brother General Howe, who was now at Halifax. The latter, however, a considerable time before his brother arrived, had set sail from Halifax, and lay before New-York, but without attempting to commence hostilities until he should be joined by his brother. The Americans had, according to custom, fortified New-York and the adjacent islands in an extraordinary manner. However, General Howe was suffered to land his troops on Staten Island, where he was soon joined by a number of the inhabitants. About the middle of July, Lord Howe arrived with the grand armament; and being one of the commissioners appointed to receive the submission of the colonists, he published a circular letter to this purpose to the several governors who had lately been expelled from their provinces, desiring them to make the extent of his commission, and the powers he was invested with by parliament, as public as possible. Here, however, congress saved him trouble, by ordering his letter and declaration to be published in all the newspapers, "That every one might see the insidiousness of the British ministry, and that they had nothing to trust to besides the exertion of their own valour."

Lord Howe next sent a letter to General Washington; but as it was directed "To George Washington, Esq;" the General refused to accept of it, as not being directed in the style suitable to his station. To obviate this objection, Adjutant-general Patterson was sent with another letter, directed "To George Washington, &c. &c. &c." But though a very polite reception was given to the bearer, General Washington utterly refused the letter; nor could any explanation of the Adjutant induce him to accept of it. The only interesting part of the conversation was that relating to the powers of the commissioners, of whom Lord Howe was one. The adjutant told him, that these powers were very extensive: that the commissioners were determined to exert themselves to the utmost, in order to bring about a reconciliation; and that he hoped the General would consider this visit as a step towards it. General Washington replied, that it did not appear that these powers consisted in any thing else than granting pardons; and as America had committed no offence, she asked no forgiveness, and was only defending her unquestionable rights.

The decision of every thing being now by consent of both parties left to the sword, no time was lost, but hostilities commenced as soon as the British troops could be collected. This, however, was not done before the month of August; when they landed without any opposition on Long-Island, opposite to the shore of Staten-Island. General Putnam, with a large body of troops, lay encamped and strongly fortified on a peninsula on the opposite shore, with a range of hills between the armies, the principal pass of which was near a place called *Flat-bush*. Here the centre of the British army, consisting of Hessians, took post; the left wing, under General Grant, lying near the shore; and

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**235**  
Armament sent against New-York.

**236**  
General Howe lands on Staten Island.

**237**  
General Washington refuses a letter from Lord Howe.

**238**  
Hostilities commence.

**239**  
Situation of the British and American armies.

America. and the right, consisting of the greater part of the British forces, lay under Lord Percy, Cornwallis, and General Clinton. Putnam had ordered the passes to be secured by large detachments, which was executed as to those at hand; but one of the utmost importance, that lay at a distance, was entirely neglected. This gave an opportunity to a large body of troops under Lord Percy and Clinton to pass the mountains and attack the Americans in the rear, while they were engaged with the Hessians in front. Through this piece of negligence their defeat became inevitable. Those who were engaged with the Hessians first perceived their mistake, and began a retreat towards their camp; but the passage was intercepted by the British troops, who drove them back into the woods. Here they were met by the Hessians; and thus were they for many hours slaughtered between the two parties, no way of escape remaining but by breaking through the British troops, and thus regaining their camp. In this attempt many perished; and the right wing, engaged with General Grant, shared the same fate. The victory was complete; and the Americans lost on this fatal day (August 27th) considerably upwards of 1000 men, and two generals: several officers of distinction were made prisoners, with a number of privates. Among the slain, a regiment, consisting of young gentlemen of fortune and family in Maryland, was almost entirely cut in pieces, and of the survivors not one escaped without a wound.

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The Americans defeated with great slaughter.

The ardour of the British troops was now so great, that they could scarce be restrained from attacking the lines of the provincials; but for this there was now no occasion, as it was certain they could not be defended. Of the British and Hessians about 450 were lost in this engagement.

As none of the American commanders thought it proper to risk another attack, it was resolved to abandon their camp as soon as possible. Accordingly, on the night of the 29th of August, the whole of the continental troops were ferried over with the utmost secrecy and silence; so that in the morning the British had nothing to do but take possession of the camp and artillery which they had abandoned.

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They abandon their camp in the night.

This victory, though complete, was very far from being so decisive as the conquerors imagined. Lord Howe, supposing that it would be sufficient to intimidate the congress into some terms, sent General Sullivan, who had been taken prisoner in the late action, to congress, with a message, importing, that though he could not consistently treat with them as a legal assembly, yet he would be very glad to confer with any of the members in their private capacity; setting forth at the same time the nature and extent of his powers as commissioner. But the congress were not so humbled as to derogate in the least from the dignity of character they had assumed. They replied, that the congress of the free and independent states of America could not consistently send any of its members in another capacity than that which they had publicly assumed; but as they were extremely desirous of restoring peace to their country upon equitable conditions, they would appoint a committee of their body to wait upon him, and learn what proposals he had to make.

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Lord Howe sends a message to congress,

243  
And is waited on by a committee.

This produced a new conference. The committee appointed by congress was composed of Dr Franklin,

Mr Adams, and Mr Rutledge. They were very politely received by his Lordship; but the conference proved as fruitless as before independency had been declared; and the final answer of the deputies was, that they were extremely willing to enter into any treaty with Great Britain that might conduce to the good of both nations, but that they would not treat in any other character than that of independent states. This positive declaration instantly put an end to all hopes of reconciliation; and it was resolved to prosecute the war with the utmost vigour. Lord Howe, after publishing a manifesto, in which he declared the refusal of congress, and that he himself was willing to confer with all well disposed persons about the means of restoring public tranquillity, set about the most proper methods for reducing the city of New-York. Here the provincial troops were posted, and from a great number of batteries kept continually annoying the British shipping. The East River lay between them, of about 1200 yards in breadth, which the British troops were extremely desirous of passing. At last, the ships having, after an incessant cannonade of several days, silenced the most troublesome batteries, a body of troops was sent up the river to a bay, about three miles distant, where the fortifications were less strong than in other places. Here, having driven off the provincials by the cannon of the fleet, they marched directly towards the city; but the enemy finding that they should now be attacked on all sides, abandoned the city, and retired to the north of the island, where their principal force was collected. In their passage thither they skirmished with the British, but carefully avoided a general engagement; and it was observed that they did not behave with that ardour and impetuous valour which had hitherto marked their character.

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244  
The conference terminates ineffectually.

The British and provincial armies were not now above two miles distant from each other. The former lay encamped from shore to shore for an extent of two miles, being the breadth of the island, which, though 15 miles long, exceeds not two in any part in breadth. The provincials, who lay directly opposite, had strengthened their camp with many fortifications; at the same time being masters of all the passes and defiles betwixt the two camps, they were enabled to defend themselves against an army much more numerous than their own; and they had also strongly fortified a pass called *King's-Bridge*, whence they could secure a passage to the continent in case of any misfortune. Here General Washington, in order to inure the provincials to actual service, and at the same time to annoy the enemy as much as possible, employed his troops in continual skirmishes; by which it was observed that they soon recovered their spirits, and behaved with their usual boldness.

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New-York abandoned by the provincials.

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Situation of the British and American armies.

As the situation of the two armies was now highly inconvenient for the British generals, it was resolved to make such movements as might oblige General Washington to relinquish his strong situation. The possession of New-York had been less beneficial than was expected. A few days after it was evacuated by the Americans, a dreadful fire broke out, occasioned, probably, by the licentious conduct of some of its new masters, and had it not been for the active exertions of the sailors and soldiery, the whole town might have been consumed, the wind being high, and the weather remarkably dry. About a thousand houses were destroyed.

247  
New-York set on fire.



America. ed. General Howe having left Lord Percy with sufficient force to garrison New-York, he embarked his army in flat-bottomed boats by which they were conveyed through the dangerous passage called *Hell-Gate*, and landed near the town of West-Chester, lying on the continent towards Connecticut. Here having received a supply of men and provisions, they moved to New-Rochelle, situated on the sound which separates Long-Island from the continent. After this, receiving still fresh reinforcements, they made such movements as threatened to distress the provincials very much by cutting off their convoys of provisions from Connecticut, and thus force them to an engagement. This, however, General Washington determined at all events to avoid. He therefore extended his forces into a long line opposite to the way in which the enemy marched,

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General  
Washington obliged  
to move  
farther  
from New-  
York.

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is defeated  
at the  
White  
Plains.

keeping the Bruna, a river of considerable magnitude, between the two armies, with the North-River on his rear. Here again the provincials continued for some time to annoy and skirmish with the royal army, until at last, by some other manœuvres, the British general found means to attack them advantageously at a place called the *White-Plains*, and drove them from some of their posts. The success on this occasion was much less complete than the former; however it obliged the provincials once more to shift their ground, and to retreat farther up the country. General Howe pursued for some time; but at last finding all his endeavours vain to bring the Americans to a pitched battle, he determined to give over such an useless chace, and employ himself in reducing the forts which the provincials still retained in the neighbourhood of New-York. In this he met with the most complete success. The Americans, on the approach of the king's forces, retreated from King's-Bridge into Fort-Washington; and this, as well as Fort-Lee, which lay in the neighbourhood, was quickly reduced, though the garrison made their escape. Thus the Jerseys were laid entirely open to the incursions of the British troops, and so fully were these provinces taken possession of by the royal army, that its winter-quarters extended from New-Brunswick to the river Delaware. Had any number of boats been at hand, it was thought Philadelphia would now have fallen into their hands. All these, however, had been carefully removed by the Americans. In lieu of this enterprise, Sir Henry Clinton undertook an expedition to Rhode-Island, and became master of it without losing a man. His expedition was also attended with this further advantage, that the American fleet under commodore Hopkins was obliged to sail as far as possible up the river Providence, and thus remained entirely useless.

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The Jer-  
seys entire-  
ly over-run  
by the Bri-  
tish troops.

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Rhode-  
Island ta-  
ken.

The same ill success continued to attend the Americans in other parts. After their expulsion from Canada, they had crossed the lake Champlain, and taken up their quarters at Crown-Point, as we have already mentioned. Here they remained for some time in safety, as the British had no vessels on the lake, and consequently general Burgoyne could not pursue them. To remedy this deficiency, there was no possible method, but either to construct vessels on the spot, or take to pieces some vessels already constructed, and drag them up the river into the lake. This, however, was effected in no longer a space than three months; and the British general, after incredible toil and difficulty,

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The British  
convey ves-  
sels up the  
lake Cham-  
plain.

saw himself in possession of a great number of vessels, by which means he was enabled to pursue his enemies, and invade them in his turn. The labour undergone at this time by the sea and land forces must indeed have been prodigious; since there were conveyed over land, and dragged up the rapids of St Lawrence, no fewer than thirty large long-boats, 400 batteaux, besides a vast number of flat-bottomed boats, and a gondola of 30 tons. The intent of the expedition was to push forward, before winter, to Albany, where the army would take up its winter-quarters, and next spring effect a junction with that under General Howe, when it was not doubted that the united force and skill of these two commanders would speedily put a termination to the war.

By reason of the difficulties with which the equipment of this fleet had been attended, it was the beginning of October before the expedition could be undertaken. It was now, however, by every judge, allowed to be completely able to answer the purpose for which it was intended. It consisted of one large vessel with three masts, carrying 18 twelve-pounders; two schooners, the one carrying 14, the other 12 six-pounders; a large flat-bottomed radeau with 6 twenty-four and 6 twelve-pounders; and a gondola with 8 nine pounders. Besides these, were 20 vessels of a smaller size, called *gun-boats*, carrying each a piece of brass ordnance from nine to twenty-four pounders, or howitzers. Several long-boats were fitted out in the same manner; and besides all these, there was a vast number of boats and tenders of various sizes to be used as transports for the troops and baggage. It was manned by a number of select seamen, and the guns were to be served by a detachment from the corps of artillery; the officers and soldiers appointed for this expedition were also chosen out of the whole army.

To oppose this formidable armament the Americans had only a very inconsiderable force, commanded by general Arnold; who, after engaging part of the British fleet for a whole day, took advantage of the darkness of the night to set sail without being perceived, and next morning was out of sight: but he was so hotly pursued by the British, that on the second day after, he was overtaken, and forced to a second engagement. In this he behaved with great gallantry; but his force being very inferior to that of the enemy, he was obliged to run his ships ashore and set them on fire. A few only escaped to lake George; and the garrison of Crown-Point having destroyed or carried off every thing of value, retired to Ticonderago. Thither general Carleton intended to have pursued them; but the difficulties he had to encounter appeared so many and so great, that it was thought proper to march back into Canada, and desist from any further operations till next spring.

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Destroy  
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force of  
the pro-  
vincials.

Thus the affairs of the Americans seemed every where going to wreck: even those who had been most sanguine in their cause began to waver. The time, also, for which the soldiers had enlisted themselves was now expired; and the bad success of the preceding campaign had been so very discouraging, that no person was willing to engage himself during the continuance of a war of which the event seemed to be so doubtful. In consequence of this, therefore, General Washington found his army daily decreasing

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America. creasing in strength; so that from 30,000, of which it consisted when general Howe landed on Staten Island, scarce a tenth-part could now be mustered. To assist the chief commander as much as possible, general Lee had collected a body of forces in the north; but on his way southward, having imprudently taken up his lodging at some distance from his troops, information was given to colonel Harcourt, who happened at that time to be in the neighbourhood, and Lee was made prisoner. The loss of this general was much regretted, the more especially as he was of superior quality to any prisoner in the possession of the colonists, and could not therefore be exchanged. Six field-officers were offered in exchange for him, and refused; and the congress was highly irritated at its being reported that he was to be treated as a deserter, having been a half-pay officer in the British service at the commencement of the war. In consequence of this they issued a proclamation, threatening to retaliate on the prisoners in their possession whatever punishment should be inflicted on any of those taken by the British, and especially that their conduct should be regulated by the treatment of general Lee.

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General  
Lee taken  
prisoner.

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Continental  
army  
for 1777.

In the mean time they proceeded with the most indefatigable diligence to recruit their army, and bound their soldiers to serve for a term of three years, or during the continuance of the war. The army designed for the ensuing campaign, was to consist of 88 battalions; of which each province was to contribute its quota; and 20 dollars were offered as a bounty to each soldier, besides an allotment of lands at the end of the war. In this allotment it was stipulated, that each soldier should have 100 acres; an ensign 150; a lieutenant 200; a captain 300; a major 400; a lieutenant-colonel 450; and a colonel 509. No lands were promised to those who enlisted only for three years. All officers or soldiers disabled through wounds received in the service were to enjoy half-pay during life. To defray the expence, congress borrowed five millions of dollars at five per cent.; for payment of which the United States became surety. At the same time, in order to animate the people to vigorous exertions, a declaration was published, in which they set forth the necessity there was for taking proper methods to insure success in their cause: they endeavoured to palliate as much as possible the misfortunes which had already happened; and represented the true cause of the present distress to be the short term of enlistment.

This declaration, together with the imminent danger of Philadelphia, determined the Americans to exert themselves to the utmost in order to reinforce general Washington's army. They soon received farther encouragement, however, by an exploit of that general against the Hessians. As the Royal army extended in different cantonments for a great way, general Washington, perceiving the imminent danger to which Philadelphia was exposed, resolved to make some attempt on those divisions of the enemy which lay nearest that city. These happened to be the Hessians, who lay in three divisions, the last only 20 miles distant from Philadelphia. On the 25th of December, having collected as considerable a force as he could, he set out with an intent to surprise that body of the enemy which lay at Trenton. His army was divided into three bodies; one of which he ordered to cross the Delaware at Tren-

ton Ferry, a little below the town: the second at a good distance below, at a place called *Bordentown*, where the second division of Hessians was placed; while he himself, with the third, directing his course to a ferry some miles above Trenton, intended to have passed it at midnight, and attack the Hessians at break of day. But by reason of various impediments, it was eight in the morning before he could reach the place of his destination. The enemy, however, did not perceive his approach till they were suddenly attacked. Colonel Ralle, who commanded them, did all that could be expected from a brave and experienced officer; but every thing was in such confusion, that no efforts of valour or skill could now retrieve matters. The Colonel himself was mortally wounded, his troops were entirely broken, their artillery seized, and about 1000 taken prisoners. After this gallant exploit, General Washington again returned into Pennsylvania.

This action, though seemingly of no very decisive nature, was sufficient at that time to turn the fortune of war in favour of America. It tended greatly to lessen the apprehensions which the provincials had of the Hessians, at the same time that it equally abated the confidence which the British had till now put in them.

Reinforcements came in from several quarters to General Washington, so that he was soon in a condition once more to pass the Delaware, and take up his quarters at Trenton, where he was emboldened to maintain his station, notwithstanding the accounts that were received of the enemy's rapid advance towards him. Lord Cornwallis, accordingly, made his appearance in full force; and, on the evening of his arrival, the little town of Trenton contained the two hostile armies, separated only by a small creek, which was fordable in many places. This was, indeed the crisis of the American revolution; and had his Lordship made an immediate attack, in pursuance of what is reported to have been the advice of Sir William Erskine, General Washington's defeat seems to have been inevitable: but a night's delay turned the fate of the war, and produced an enterprise, the magnitude and glory of which, can only be equalled by its success. General Washington having called a council of war, stated the calamitous situation to which his army was reduced; and having heard the various opinions of his officers, finally proposed a circuitous march to Princeton, as the means of avoiding, at once, the imputation of a retreat, and the danger of a battle, with numbers so inferior, and in a situation so ineligible. The idea was unanimously approved; and, as soon as it was dark, the necessary measures were taken for accomplishing it. A line of fires was kindled, which served to give light to the Americans, while it obscured them from the observation of the enemy: and by a providential interposition, the weather, which had been for some time past warm, moist, and foggy, suddenly changed to a hard frost; and, in a moment as it were, rendered the road, which had been deep and heavy, firm and smooth as a pavement. At break of day General Washington arriving near Princeton, was discovered by a party of British troops, consisting of three regiments under the command of Col. Mawhood, who were on their march to Trenton. With these the centre of the Americans engaged, and after killing 60, wounding many, and taking 300 prisoners, obliged the rest to make a precipitate

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British de-  
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Princeton;

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Brunswick. tate escape, some towards Trenton, and others in a retrograde rout to Brunswick. The loss of the Americans was inconsiderable in point of numbers; but the fall of the amiable General Mercer rendered it important. The British astonished and discouraged at the success and spirit of these repeated enterprises, abandoning both Trenton and Princeton, retreated to Brunswick; while the triumphant Americans retired to Morris-town. General Washington, however, omitted no opportunity of recovering what had been lost; and by dividing his army into small parties, which could be reunited on a few hours warning, he in a manner entirely covered the country with it, and repossessed himself of all the important places.

Thus ended the campaign of 1776, with scarce any other real advantage than the acquisition of the city of New York, and of a few fortresses in its neighbourhood; where the troops were constrained to act with as much circumspection as if they had been besieged by a victorious army, instead of being themselves the conquerors.

<sup>259</sup> Excursions  
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tish from  
New York. The army at New-York began in 1777 to exercise a kind of predatory war, by sending out parties to destroy magazines, make incursions, and take or destroy such forts as lay on the banks of rivers, to which their great command of shipping gave them access. In this they were generally successful: the provincial magazines at Peek's Hill, a place about 50 miles distant from New-York, were destroyed, the town of Dunbury in Connecticut burnt, and that of Ridgefield in the same province was taken possession of. In returning from the last expedition, however, the British were greatly harassed by the enemy under Generals Arnold, Wooster, and Sullivan; but they made good their retreat in spite of all opposition, with the loss of only 170 killed and wounded. On the American side the loss was much greater; General Wooster was killed, and Arnold in the most imminent danger. On the other hand, the Americans destroyed the stores at Stagg-harbour, in Long-Island, and made prisoners of all who defended the place.

As this method of making war, however, could answer but little purpose, and favoured more of the barbarous incursions of savages than of a war carried on by a civilized people, it was resolved to make an attempt on Philadelphia. At first it was thought that this could be done through the Jerseys; but the cruelties exercised by the British plundering parties had excited so general an abhorrence, and General Washington had received such large reinforcements, and posted himself so strongly, that it was found to be impracticable. Many stratagems were used to draw him from his strong situation, but without success; so that it was found necessary to make the attempt on Philadelphia by sea. While the preparations necessary for this expedition were going forward, the Americans found means to make amends for the capture of General Lee by that of General Prescott, who was seized in his quarters with his aid de camp, in much the same manner as General Lee had been. This was exceedingly mortifying to the General himself, as he had not long before set a price upon General Arnold, by offering a sum of money to any one that apprehended him; which the latter answered by setting a lower price upon General Prescott.

The month of July was far advanced before the pre-

parations for the expedition against Philadelphia were completed; and it was the 23<sup>d</sup> before the fleet was able to sail from Sandy Hook. The force employed in this expedition consisted of 36 battalions of British and Hessians, a regiment of light horse, and a body of loyalists raised at New-York. The remainder of these, with 17 battalions, and another body of light horse, were stationed at New-York under Sir Henry Clinton. Seven battalions were stationed at Rhode-Island. After a week's sailing they arrived at the mouth of the Delaware; but there having received certain intelligence, that the navigation of the river was so effectually obstructed, that no possibility of forcing a passage remained; or more probably that Gen. Washington had marched within a short distance of Philadelphia; it was resolved to proceed further southward to Chesapeak Bay in Maryland, from whence the distance to Philadelphia was not very great, and where the provincial army would find less advantage from the nature of the country than in the Jerseys.

The navigation from Delaware to Chesapeak took up the best part of the month of August, and that up the bay itself was extremely difficult and tedious. At last, having sailed up the river Elk, as far as was practicable, the troops were landed without opposition, and set forward on their intended expedition. On the news of their arrival at Chesapeak, General Washington left the Jerseys, and hastened to the relief of Philadelphia; and in the beginning of September met the royal army at Brandy-wine Creek about mid-day, between the head of the Elk and Philadelphia. Here he adhered to his former method of skirmishing and harassing the royal army on its march; but as this proved insufficient to stop its progress, he retired to that side of the Creek next to Philadelphia, with an intent to dispute the passage. This brought on a general engagement on the 11<sup>th</sup> September, in which the Americans were worsted; and it was perhaps, only through the approach of night that they were saved from being entirely destroyed. On this occasion the provincials lost about 1000 in killed and wounded, besides 400 taken prisoners. The celebrated Marquis de la Fayette here first bled in the cause of liberty, which he had espoused with enthusiastic ardor. His wound was slight, but it endeared him to the Americans.

The loss of this battle proved also the loss of Philadelphia. General Washington retired towards Lancaster, an inland town, at a considerable distance from Philadelphia. But though he could not prevent the loss of Philadelphia, he still adhered to his original plan of distressing the royal party, by laying ambushes and cutting off detached parties; but in this he was less successful than formerly; and one of his own detachments which lay in ambush in a wood were themselves surprised and entirely defeated, with the loss of 300 killed and wounded, besides 70 or 80 taken, and all their arms and baggage.

General Howe now perceiving that the Americans would not venture another battle even for the sake of their capital, took peaceable possession of it on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September. His first care was then to cut off, by means of strong batteries, the communication between the upper and lower parts of the river; which was executed, notwithstanding the opposition of some American armed vessels; one of which, carrying 36 guns,

America. <sup>261</sup> The fleet  
sails for  
Philadel-  
phia.

<sup>262</sup> The army  
lands at  
the head of  
the Elk.

<sup>263</sup> Americans  
defeated.

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can detach-  
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with great  
slaughter.

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<sup>260</sup> General  
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America. guns, was taken. His next task was to open a communication with it by sea; and this was a work of no small difficulty. A vast number of batteries and forts had been erected, and immense machines formed like *chevaux de frize*, from whence they took their name, sunk in the river to prevent its navigation. As the fleet was sent round to the mouth of the river in order to co-operate with the army, this work, however difficult, was accomplished; nor did the provincials give much opposition, as well knowing that all places of this kind were now untenable. General

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Royal army  
attacked at  
German-  
town.

Washington, however, took the advantage of the royal army being divided to attack the camp of the principal division of it that lay at German town, in the neighbourhood of Philadelphia. In this he met with very little success; for though he reached the place of destination by three o'clock in the morning, the patrols had time to call the troops to arms. The Americans, notwithstanding, made a very resolute attack: but they were received with so much bravery, that they were compelled to abandon the attempt, and retreat in great disorder; with the advantage, however, of carrying off their cannon, though pursued for a considerable way, after having upwards of 200 killed, and about 500 wounded, and upwards of 400 taken prisoners, among whom were 54 officers. On the British side, the loss amounted to 430 wounded and prisoners, and 70 killed; but among the last were General Agnew and Colonel Bird, with some other excellent officers.

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The Ame-  
ricans re-  
pulsed.

There still remained two strong forts on the Delaware to be reduced. These were, Mud-Island and Red-Bank. The various obstructions which the Americans had thrown in the way rendered it necessary to bring up the *Augusta*, a ship of the line, and the *Merlin* frigate, to the attack of Mud-Island; but during the heat of action both were grounded. Upon this, the Americans sent down four fire-ships, and directed the whole fire from their galleys against them. The former were rendered ineffectual by the courage and skill of the British seamen; but during the engagement both the *Augusta* and *Merlin* took fire and were burnt to ashes, and the other ships obliged to withdraw. The enemy, encouraged by this unsuccessful attempt, proceeded to throw new obstructions in the way; but the British general having found means to convey a number of cannon and to erect batteries within a gunshot of the fort by land, and bringing up three ships of the line which mounted heavy cannon, the garrison, after making a vigorous defence for one day, perceiving that preparations were making for a general assault on the next, abandoned the place in the night. Those who defended Red-Bank followed their example, and abandoned it on the approach of Lord Cornwallis. A great number of the American shipping now finding themselves entirely destitute of any protection, sailed up the river in the night-time. Seventeen, however, remained, whose retreat was intercepted by a frigate and some armed vessels; on which the Americans ran them ashore and burnt them, to prevent their falling into the enemy's hands.

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The British  
ships of war  
burnt.

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All the  
forts near  
Philadel-  
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ced.

Thus the campaign of 1777, in Pennsylvania, concluded, upon the whole, successfully on the part of the British. In the north, however, matters wore a different aspect. The expedition in that quarter had been projected by the British ministry as the most effectual

method that could be taken to crush the colonies at once. The four provinces of New-England had originally begun the confederacy against Britain, and were still considered as the most active in the continuation of it; and it was thought, that any impression made upon them, would contribute in an effectual manner to the reduction of all the rest. For this purpose, an army of 4000 chosen British troops and 3000 Germans were put under the command of General Burgoyne; General Carleton was directed to use his interest with the Indians to persuade them to join in this expedition; and the province of Quebec was to furnish large parties to join in the same. The officers who commanded under General Burgoyne were, General Philips of the artillery, Generals Frazer, Powell, and Hamilton, with the German officers Generals Reidesel and Specht. The soldiers, as has already been observed, were all excellently disciplined, and had been kept in their winter-quarters with all imaginable care, in order to prepare them for the expedition on which they were going. To aid the principal expedition, another was projected on the Mohawk River under Colonel St Leger, who was to be assisted by Sir John Johnson, son to the famous Sir William Johnson who had so greatly distinguished himself in the war of 1755.

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Expedition  
projected  
against  
New-Eng-  
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On the 21st of June 1777, the army encamped on the western side of the Lake Champlain; where, being joined by a considerable body of Indians, General Burgoyne made a speech, in which it is said he exhorted these new allies, but ineffectually, to lay aside their ferocious and barbarous manner of making war; to kill only such as opposed them in arms; and to spare prisoners, with such women and children as should fall into their hands. After issuing a proclamation, in which the force of Britain, and that which he commanded, was set forth in very ostentatious terms, the campaign opened with the siege of Ticonderago. The place was very strong, and garrisoned by 6000 men under General Sinclair; nevertheless, the works were so extensive, that even this number was scarce sufficient to defend them properly. They had therefore omitted to fortify a rugged eminence called *Sugar-Hill*, the top of which overlooked and effectually commanded the whole works; imagining, perhaps, that the difficulty of the ascent would be sufficient to prevent the enemy from taking possession of it. On the approach of the first division of the army, the provincials abandoned and set fire to their outworks; and so expeditious were the British troops, that by the 5th of July every post was secured which was judged necessary for investing it completely. A road was soon after made to the very summit of that eminence which the Americans had supposed could not be ascended; and so much were they now disheartened, that they instantly abandoned the fort entirely, taking the road to Skenesborough, a place to the south of Lake George; while their baggage, with what artillery and military stores they could carry off, were sent to the same place by water. But the British generals were determined not to let them pass so easily. Both were pursued and both overtaken. Their armed vessels consisted only of five galleys; two of which were taken, and three blown up; on which they set fire to their boats and fortifications at Skenesborough. On this occasion the provincials lost 200 boats, 130 pieces of cannon, with all their provisions and

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General  
Burgoyne  
joined by  
the Indians.

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Ticondera-  
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and taken.

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Americans  
defeated by  
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water.

America. and baggage. Their land-forces under Colonel Francis made a brave defence against General Frazer; and superior in number, had almost overpowered him, when General Rcidefel with a large body of Germans came to his assistance. The enemy were now overpowered in their turn; and their commander being killed, they fled on all sides with great precipitation. In this action 200 Americans were killed, as many taken prisoners, and above 600 wounded, many of whom perished in the woods for want of assistance.

274 They are again defeated, and abandon Fort Anne. During the engagement General Sinclair was at Castleton, about six miles from the place; but instead of going forward to Fort Anne, the next place of strength, he repaired to the woods which lie between that fortress and New-England. General Burgoyne, however, detached Colonel Hill with the ninth regiment, in order to intercept such as should attempt to retreat towards Fort Anne. On his way he met with a body of the enemy, said to be six times as numerous as his own; but after an engagement of three hours, they were obliged to retire with great loss. After so many disasters, despairing of being able to make any stand at Fort Anne, they set fire to it and retired to Fort Edward. In all these engagements the loss of killed and wounded in the royal army did not exceed 200 men.

275 General Burgoyne makes his way to Fort Edward with great difficulty. General Burgoyne was now obliged to suspend his operations for some time, and wait at Skenesborough for the arrival of his tents, provisions, &c. but employed this interval in making roads through the country about St Anne, and in clearing a passage for his troops to proceed against the enemy. This was attended with incredible toil; but all obstacles were surmounted with equal patience and resolution by the army. In short, after undergoing the utmost difficulty that could be undergone, and making every exertion that man could make, he arrived with his army before Fort Edward about the end of July. Here General Schuyler had been for some time endeavouring to recruit the shattered American forces, and had been joined by General Sinclair with the remains of his army; the garrison of Fort George also, situated on the lake of that name, had evacuated the place and retired to Fort Edward.

276 Americans retire to Saratoga. But on the approach of the royal army, they retired from thence also, and formed their headquarters at Saratoga. Notwithstanding the great successes of the British general, they showed not the least disposition to submit, but seemed only to consider how they might make the most effectual resistance. For this purpose, the militia was every where raised and draughted to join the army at Saratoga; and such numbers of volunteers were daily added, that they soon began to recover from the alarm into which they had been thrown. That they might have a commander whose abilities could be relied on, General Arnold was appointed, who repaired to Saratoga with a considerable train of artillery; but receiving intelligence that Colonel St Leger was proceeding with great rapidity in his expedition on the Mohawk River, he removed to Still water, a place about half-way between Saratoga and the junction of the Mohawk and Hudson's River. The Colonel, in the mean time, had advanced as far as Fort Stanwix; the siege of which he pressed with great vi-

277 Fort Stanwix besieged. goir. On the 6th of August, understanding that a supply of provisions, escorted by 800 or 900 men, was

on the way to the fort, he dispatched Sir John Johnson with a strong detachment to intercept it. This he did so effectually, that, besides intercepting the provisions, 400 of its guard were slain, 200 taken, and the rest escaped with great difficulty. The garrison, however, were not to be intimidated by this disaster, nor by the threats or representations of the Colonel: on the contrary, they made several successful sallies under Colonel Willet, the second in command; and this gentleman, in company with another, even ventured out of the fort, and, eluding the vigilance of the enemy, passed through them in order to hasten the march of General Arnold to their assistance.

Thus the affairs of Colonel St Leger seemed to be in no very favourable situation notwithstanding his late success, and they were soon totally ruined by the desertion of the Indians. They had been alarmed by the report of General Arnold's advancing with 2000 men to the relief of the fort; and while the Colonel was attempting to give them encouragement, another report was spread, that General Burgoyne had been defeated with great slaughter, and was now flying before the provincials. On this he was obliged to do as they thought proper; and the retreat could not be effected without the loss of the tents and some of the artillery and military stores.

General Burgoyne, in the mean time, notwithstanding all the difficulties he had already sustained, found that he must still encounter more. The roads he had made with so much labour and pains were destroyed, either by the wetness of the season or by the enemy; so that the provisions he brought from Fort George could not arrive at his camp without the most prodigious toil. On hearing of the siege of Fort Stanwix by Colonel St Leger, he determined to move forward, in hopes of inclosing the enemy betwixt his own army and that of St Leger, or of obtaining the command of all the country between Fort Stanwix and Albany; or, at any rate, a junction with Colonel St Leger would be effected, which could not but be attended with the most happy consequences. The only difficulty was the want of provisions; and this it was proposed to remedy by reducing the provincial magazines at Bennington. For this purpose, Colonel Baum, a German officer of great bravery, was chosen with a body of 500 men. The place was about 20 miles from Hudson's River; and to support Colonel Baum's party, the whole army marched up the river's bank, and encamped almost opposite to Saratoga, with the river betwixt it and that place. An advanced party was posted at Batten Kill, between the camp and Bennington, in order to support Colonel Baum. In their way the British seized a large supply of cattle and provisions, which were immediately sent to the camp; but the badness of the roads retarded their march so much, that intelligence of their design was sent to Bennington. Understanding now that the Americans force was greatly superior to his own, the Colonel acquainted the General, who immediately dispatched Colonel Breyman with a party to his assistance; but through the same causes that had retarded the march of Colonel Baum, this assistance could not arrive in time. General Starke, in the mean time, who commanded at Bennington, determined to attack the two parties separately; and for this purpose advanced against Colonel Baum, whom he surrounded

America. 278 A detachment of Americans cut in pieces.

279 The Indians desert and force the colonel to raise the siege.

280 General Burgoyne distressed for want of provisions.

281 Makes an attempt on the provincial magazines at Bennington.

America. 282  
Colonel Baum utterly defeated and taken prisoner.

283  
Colonel Breyman defeated.

284  
The Americans attack the Royal army,

285  
And are with great difficulty repulsed.

286  
The Indians desert.

287  
A letter from Sir Henry Clinton, with General Burgoyne's answer.

288  
Expedition of the provincials against Ticonderago.

289  
They make a desperate attack on the royal army.

290  
Kill General Frazer,

surrounded on all sides and attacked with the utmost violence. The troops defended themselves with great valour, but were to a man either killed or taken. Colonel Breyman, after a desperate engagement, had the good luck to effect a retreat through the darkness of the night, which otherwise he could not have done, as his men had expended all their ammunition, being 40 rounds to each.

General Burgoyne, thus disappointed in his attempt on Bennington, applied himself with indefatigable diligence to procure provisions from Fort George; and having at length amassed a sufficient quantity to last for a month, he threw a bridge of boats over the river Hudson, which he crossed about the middle of September, encamping on the hills and plains near Saratoga. As soon as he approached the provincial army, at this time encamped at Stillwater under General Gates, he determined to make an attack; for which purpose he put himself at the head of the central division of his army, having General Frazer and Colonel Breyman on the right, with Generals Reidesel and Philips on the left. In this position he advanced towards the enemy on the 19th of September. But the Americans did not now wait to be attacked: on the contrary, they attacked the central division with the utmost violence; and it was not until General Philips with the artillery came up, and at eleven o'clock at night, that they could be induced to retire to their camp. On this occasion, the British troops lost about 500 in killed and wounded, and the enemy about 319. The former were very much alarmed at the obstinate resolution shown by the Americans, but this did not prevent them from advancing towards the enemy, and posting themselves the next day within cannon-shot of their lines. But their allies the Indians began to desert in great numbers; and at the same time the general was in the highest degree mortified by having no intelligence of any assistance from Sir Henry Clinton, as had been stipulated. He now received a letter from him, by which he was informed that Sir Henry intended to make a diversion on the North River in his favour. This afforded but little comfort: however, he returned an answer by several trusty persons whom he dispatched different ways, stating his present distressed situation, and mentioning that the provisions and other necessaries he had would only enable him to hold out till the 12th of October.

In the mean time the Americans, in order to cut off the retreat of the British army in the most effectual manner, undertook an expedition against Ticonderago; but were obliged to abandon the enterprise after having surprised all the out-posts, and taken a great number of boats with some armed vessels, and a number of prisoners. The army under general Burgoyne, however, continued to labour under the greatest distresses; so that in the beginning of October he had been obliged to diminish the soldiers allowance. On the 7th of that month he determined to move towards the enemy. For this purpose he sent a body of 1500 men to reconnoitre their left wing; intending, if possible, to break through it in order to effect a retreat. The detachment, however, had not proceeded far when a dreadful attack was made upon the left wing of the British army, which was with great difficulty preserved from being entirely broken by a reinforcement brought up by general Frazer, who was killed in the attack.

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After the troops had with the most desperate efforts regained their camp, it was most furiously assaulted by general Arnold; who, notwithstanding all opposition, would have forced the entrenchments, had he not received a dangerous wound, which obliged him to retire. Thus the attack failed on the left, but on the right the camp of the German reserve was forced, Colonel Breyman killed, and his countrymen defeated with great slaughter, and the loss of all their artillery and baggage.

This was by far the heaviest loss the British army had sustained since the action at Bunker's Hill. The list of killed and wounded amounted to near 1200, exclusive of the Germans; but the greatest misfortune was, that the enemy had now an opening on the right and rear of the British forces, so that the army was threatened with entire destruction. This obliged General Burgoyne once more to shift his position, that the enemy might also be obliged to alter theirs. This was accomplished on the night of the 7th, without any loss, and all the next day he continued to offer the enemy battle; but they were now too well assured of obtaining a complete victory, by cutting off all supplies from the British, to risk a pitched battle. Wherefore they advanced on the right side, in order to inclose him entirely; which obliged the General to direct a retreat towards Saratoga. But the enemy had now stationed a great force on the ford at Hudson's river, so that the only possibility of retreat was by securing a passage to Lake George; and to effect this, a body of workmen were detached, with a strong guard, to repair the roads and bridges that led to Fort Edward. As soon as they were gone, however, the enemy seemed to prepare for an attack; which rendered it necessary to recal the guard, and the workmen being of course left exposed, could not proceed.

In the mean time, the boats which conveyed provisions down Hudson's river were exposed to the continual fire of the American marksmen, who took many of them; so that it became necessary to convey the provisions over land. In this extreme danger, it was resolved to march by night to Fort Edward, forcing the passages at the fords either above or below the place; and, in order to effect this the more easily, it was resolved that the soldiers should carry their provisions on their backs, leaving behind their baggage and every other incumbrance. But before this could be executed, intelligence was received that the enemy had raised strong entrenchments opposite to these fords, well provided with cannon, and that they had likewise taken possession of the rising ground between Fort George and Fort Edward, which in like manner was provided with cannon.

All this time the American army was increasing by the continual arrival of militia and volunteers from all parts. Their parties extended all along the opposite bank of Hudson's River, and some had even passed it in order to observe the least movement of the British army. The whole force under General Gates was computed at 16,000 men, while the army under General Burgoyne scarce amounted to 6000; and every part of the camp was reached by the grape and rifle-shot of the enemy, besides a discharge from their artillery, which was almost incessant. In this state of extreme distress and danger, the army continued with the greatest constancy

America. 291  
And defeat the Germans with great slaughter.

292  
The royal army in danger of being surrounded.

293  
Attempt a retreat without success.

294  
Distressed situation of the royal army.

<sup>America.</sup> stancy and perseverance till the evening of the 13th of October, when an inventory of provisions being taken, it was found that no more remained than what were sufficient to serve for three days; and a council of war being called, it was unanimously determined that there was no method now remaining but to treat with the enemy. In consequence of this, a negotiation was opened next day, which speedily terminated in a capitulation of the whole British army; the principal article of which was, that the troops were to have a free passage to Britain, on condition of not serving against America during the war. On this occasion, General Gates, with a generous magnanimity, ordered his army to keep within their camp while the British soldiers went to a place appointed for them to lay down their arms, that the latter might not have the additional mortification of being made spectacles on so melancholy an event. The number of those who surrendered at Saratoga amounted to 5750, according to the American accounts; the list of sick and wounded left in the camp when the army retreated to Saratoga, to 528; and the number of those lost by other accidents since the taking of Ticonderago, to near 3000. Thirty-five brass field-pieces, 7000 stand of arms, clothing for an equal number of soldiers, with the tents, military-chest, &c. constituted the booty on this occasion.

<sup>295</sup>  
It is obliged  
to capitulate.

<sup>296</sup>  
Successful  
expedition  
of Sir Henry  
Clinton.

Sir Henry Clinton, in the mean time, had sailed up the North River, and destroyed the two forts called Montgomery and Clinton, with Fort Constitution, and another place called Continental Village, where were barracks for 2000 men. Seventy large cannon were carried away, besides a number of smaller artillery, and a great quantity of stores and ammunition; a large boom and chain reaching across the river from Fort Montgomery to a point of land called St Anthony's Nose, and which cost not less than L. 70,000 Sterling, were partly destroyed and partly carried away, as was also another boom of little less value at Fort Constitution. The loss of the British army was but small in number, though some officers of great merit were killed in the different attacks.

Another attack was made by Sir James Wallace with some frigates, and a body of land forces under General Vaughan. The place which now suffered was named Esopus: the fortifications were destroyed, and the town itself was wantonly reduced to ashes, as that called Continental Village had been before.

But these successes, of whatever importance they might be, were now disregarded by both parties. They served only to irritate the Americans, flushed with their success; and they were utterly insufficient to raise the spirits of the British, who were now thrown into the utmost dismay.

<sup>297</sup>  
Great de-  
jection on  
account of  
Burgoyne's  
capture.

<sup>298</sup>  
Treaty be-  
tween  
France and  
America.

On the 16th of March 1778, Lord North intimated to the house of commons, that a paper had been laid before the king by the French ambassador, intimating the conclusion of an alliance between the court of France and the United States of America. The preliminaries of this treaty had been concluded in the end of the year 1777, and a copy of them sent to congress, in order to counteract any proposals that might be made in the mean time by the British ministry. On the 6th of February 1778, the articles were formally signed, to the great satisfaction of the French nation. They were in substance as follows:

1. If Great Britain should, in consequence of this treaty, proceed to hostilities against France, the two nations should mutually assist one another.

2. The main end of the treaty was, in an effectual manner to maintain the independency of America.

3. Should those places of North-America still subject to Britain be reduced by the colonies, they should be confederated with them, or subjected to their jurisdiction.

4. Should any of the West India islands be reduced by France, they should be deemed its property.

5. No formal treaty with Great Britain should be concluded either by France or America without the consent of each other; and it was mutually engaged that they should not lay down their arms till the independency of the States had been formally acknowledged.

6. The contracting parties mutually agreed to invite those powers that had received injuries from Great Britain to join the common cause.

7. The United States guaranteed to France all the possessions in the West Indies which she should conquer; and France in her turn guaranteed the absolute independency of the States, and their supreme authority over every country they possessed, or might acquire during the war.

The notification of such a treaty as this could not but be looked upon as a declaration of war. On its being announced to the house, every one agreed in an address to his majesty, promising to stand by him to the utmost in the present emergency; but it was warmly contended by the members in opposition, that the present ministry ought to be removed on account of their numberless blunders and miscarriages in every instance. Many were of opinion, that the only way to extricate the nation from its trouble was to acknowledge the independency of America at once; and thus we might still do with a good grace what must inevitably be done at last, after expending much more blood and treasure than had yet been lavished in this unhappy contest. The ministerial party, however, entertained different ideas. Instigated by zeal for the national honour, it was determined at once to resent the arrogance of France, and prosecute hostilities against America with more vigour than ever, should the terms now offered them be rejected.

<sup>299</sup>  
Debates  
occasioned  
by the treaty.

The Americans in the mean time assiduously employed their agents at the courts of Spain, Vienna, Prussia, and Tuscany, in order, if possible, to conclude alliances with them, or at least to procure an acknowledgment of their independency. As it had been reported that Britain intended to apply for assistance to Russia, the American commissioners were enjoined to use their utmost influence with the German princes to prevent such auxiliaries from marching through their territories, and to endeavour to procure the recall of the German troops already sent to America. To France they offered a cession of such West India islands as should be taken by the united strength of France and America; and should Britain by their joint endeavours be dispossessed of Newfoundland, Cape Breton, and Nova Scotia, these territories should be divided betwixt the two nations, and Great Britain be totally excluded from the fishery. The proposals to the Spanish court were, that in case they should think proper to dis-

<sup>300</sup>  
Americans  
send agents  
to different  
courts.

America. pouse their quarrel, the American states should assist in reducing Pensacola under the dominion of Spain, provided their subjects were allowed the free navigation of the river Mississippi and the use of the harbour of Pensacola; and they further offered, that, if agreeable to Spain, they would declare war against Portugal, should that power expel the American ships from its ports.

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General  
Burgoyne's  
troops de-  
tained in  
America.

In the mean time, the troops under General Burgoyne were preparing to embark for Britain according to the convention at Saratoga; but congress having received information, that many articles of ammunition and accoutrements had not been surrendered agreeably to the stipulated terms, and finding some cause to apprehend, that sinister designs were harboured on the part of Great Britain to convey these troops to join the army at Philadelphia or New-York, positively refused to let them embark, until an explicit ratification of the convention should be properly notified by the British court.

The season for action was now approaching; and congress was indefatigable in its preparations for a new campaign, which it was confidently said would be the last. Among other methods taken for this purpose, it was recommended to all the young gentlemen of the colonies to form themselves into bodies of cavalry to serve at their own expence during the war. General Washington at the same time, to remove all incumbrances from his army, lightened the baggage as much as possible, by substituting sacks and portmanteaus in place of chests and boxes, and using pack-horses instead of waggons. On the other hand, the British army, expecting to be reinforced by 20,000 men, thought of nothing but concluding the war according to their wishes before the end of the campaign. It was with the utmost concern, as well as indignation, therefore, that they received the news of Lord North's conciliatory bill. It was universally looked upon as a national disgrace; and some even tore the cockades from their hats, and trampled them under their feet as a token of their indignation. By the colonists it was received with indifference. The British commissioners endeavoured to make it as public as possible; and the congress, as formerly, ordered it to be printed in all the newspapers. On this occasion Governor Tryon inclosed several copies of the bill to General Washington in a letter, intreating that he would allow them to be circulated; to which the General returned for answer a copy of a newspaper in which the bill was printed, with the resolutions of congress upon it. These were, That whoever presumed to make a separate agreement with Britain should be deemed a public enemy; that the United States could not with any propriety keep correspondence with the commissioners until their independence was acknowledged, and the British fleets and armies removed from America. At the same time, the colonies were warned not to suffer themselves to be deceived into security by any offers that might be made; but to use their utmost endeavours to send their quotas with all diligence into the field. The individuals with whom the commissioners conversed on the subject of the conciliatory bill, generally returned for answer, that the day of reconciliation was past; and that the haughtiness of Britain had extinguished all filial regard in the breasts of Americans.

About this time also Mr Silas Deane arrived from

France with two copies of the treaty of commerce and alliance to be signed by congress. Advices of the most agreeable nature were also received from various parts, representing in the most favourable light the dispositions of the European powers; all of whom, it was said, wished to see the independence of America settled upon the most permanent basis. Considering the situation of matters with the colonists at this time, therefore, it was no wonder that the commissioners found themselves unable to accomplish the errand on which they came. Their proposals were utterly rejected, themselves treated as spies, and, after a vain attempt by governor Johnstone, one of the commissioners, to bribe several members of congress, all intercourse with them was interdicted.

But before any final answer could be obtained from congress, Sir Henry Clinton had taken the resolution of evacuating Philadelphia. Accordingly, on the 10th of June, after having made all necessary preparations, the army marched out of the city and crossed the Delaware before noon with all its baggage and other incumbrances. General Washington, apprised of this design, had dispatched expresses into the Jerseys with orders to collect all the force that could be assembled in order to obstruct the march of the enemy. After various movements on both sides, Sir Henry Clinton, with the royal army, arrived on the 27th of June at a place called Freehold; where, judging that the enemy would attack him, he encamped in a very strong situation. Here General Washington determined to make an attack as soon as the army had again begun its march. The night was spent in making the necessary preparations, and General Lee with his division was ordered to be ready by day-break. But Sir Henry Clinton, justly apprehending that the chief object of the enemy was the baggage, committed it to the care of General Knyphausen, whom he ordered to set out early in the morning, while he followed with the rest of the army. The attack was accordingly made; but the British general had taken such care to arrange his troops properly, and so effectually supported his forces when engaged with the Americans, that the latter not only made no impression, but were with difficulty preserved from a total defeat by the advance of General Washington with the whole army. The British troops effected their retreat in the night with the loss of 300 men, of whom many died through mere fatigue, without any wound. In this action General Lee was charged by General Washington with disobedience and misconduct in retreating before the British army. He was tried by a court-martial, and sentenced to a temporary suspension from his command. After they had arrived at Sandy-Hook, a bridge of boats was by Lord Howe's directions thrown from thence over the channel which separated the island from the main land, and the troops were conveyed aboard the fleet; after which they sailed to New-York.

After sending some light detachments to watch the enemy's motions, General Washington marched towards the North-River, where a great force had been collected to join him, and where it was now expected that some very capital operations would take place.

In the mean time France had set about her preparations for the assistance of the Americans. On the 14th of April Count d'Estaing had sailed from Toulon

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Bad success  
of the com-  
missioners.

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Philadel-  
phia eva-  
cuated.



<sup>306</sup> America. with a strong squadron of ships of the line and frigates, and arrived on the coast of Virginia in the beginning of July, whilst the British fleet was employed in conveying the forces from Sandy-Hook to New-York. It consisted of one ship of 20 guns, one of 80, six of 74, and four of 64, besides several large frigates; and, exclusive of its complement of sailors, had 6000 marines and soldiers on board. To oppose this the British had only six ships of 64 guns, three of 50, and two of 40, with some frigates and sloops. Notwithstanding this inferiority, however, the British admiral posted himself so advantageously, and showed such superior skill, that d'Estaing did not think proper to attack him; particularly, as the pilots informed him that it was impracticable to carry his large ships over the bar into the Hook, and General Washington pressed him to sail for Newport. He therefore remained at anchor four miles off Sandy-Hook till the 22d of July, without effecting any thing more than the capture of some vessels, which, through ignorance of his arrival, fell into his hands.

<sup>307</sup> Attempts Rhode-Island without success.

The next attempt of the French admiral was, in conjunction with the Americans, on Rhode-Island. It was proposed that d'Estaing, with the 6000 troops he had with him, should make a descent on the southern part of the island, while a body of the Americans should take possession of the north; at the same time the French squadron was to enter the harbour of Newport, and take and destroy all the British shipping. On the 8th of August the French admiral entered the harbour as was proposed, but found himself unable to do any material damage. Lord Howe, however, instantly set sail for Rhode-Island; and d'Estaing, confiding in his superiority, immediately came out of the harbour to attack him. A violent storm parted the two fleets, and did so much damage that they were rendered totally unfit for action. The French, however, suffered most; and several of their ships being afterwards attacked singly by the British, very narrowly escaped being taken. On the 20th of August he returned to Newport in a very shattered condition; and, not thinking himself safe there, sailed two days after for Boston. General Sullivan had landed in the mean time on the northern part of Rhode Island with 10,000 men. On the 17th of August they began their operations by erecting batteries, and making their approaches to the British lines. But General Pigot, who commanded in Newport, had taken such effectual care to secure himself on the land-side, that without the assistance of a marine force it was altogether impossible to attack him with any probability of success. The conduct of d'Estaing, therefore, who had abandoned them when master of the harbour, gave the greatest disgust to the people of New-England, and Sullivan began to think of a retreat. On perceiving his intentions, the garrison sallied out upon him with so much vigour, that it was not without difficulty that he effected his retreat. He had not been long gone when Sir Henry Clinton arrived with a body of 4000 men; which, had it arrived sooner, would have enabled the British commander to have gained a decisive advantage over him, as well as to have destroyed the town of Providence, which, by its vicinity to Rhode-Island, and the enterprises which were continually projected and carried on in that place, kept the inhabitants of Rhode-Island in continual alarms.

The first British expedition was to Buzzard's-Bay, on the coast of New-England and neighbourhood of Rhode-Island. Here they destroyed a great number of privateers and merchantment, magazines, with store-houses, &c.; whence proceeding to a fertile and populous island, called Martha's-Vineyard, they carried off 10,000 sheep and 300 black cattle. Another expedition took place up the North-River, under Lord Cornwallis and General Knyphausen; the principal event of which was, the destruction of a regiment of American cavalry known by the name of Washington's Light Horse. A third expedition was directed to Little Egg-Harbour in New-Jersey, a place noted for privateers, the destruction of which was its principal intention. It was conducted by Captains Ferguson and Collins, and ended in the destruction of the enemy's vessels, as well as of the place itself. At the same time part of another body of American troops, called Pulaski's legion, was surpris'd, and a great number of them put to the sword.

The Americans had in the beginning of the year projected the conquest of West-Florida; and one Captain Willing, with a party of resolute men, had made a successful incursion into the country. This awakened the attention of the British to the southern colonies, and an expedition against them was resolved on. Georgia was the place of destination; and the more effectually to ensure success, Colonel Campbell, with a sufficient force, under convoy of some ships of war, commanded by Commodore Hyde Parker, embarked at New-York; while General Prevost, who commanded in East-Florida, was directed to set out with all the force he could spare. The armament from New-York arrived off the coast of Georgia in the month of December; and though the enemy were very strongly posted in an advantageous situation on the shore, the British troops made good their landing, and advanced towards Savannah the capital of the province. That very day they defeated the force of the provincials which opposed them; and took possession of the town with such celerity, that the Americans had not time to execute a resolution they had taken of setting it on fire. In ten days the whole province of Georgia was reduced, Sunbury alone excepted; and this was also brought under subjection by General Prevost in his march northward. Every proper method was taken to secure the tranquillity of the country; and rewards were offered for apprehending committee and assembly men, or such as they judged most inimical to the British interests. On the arrival of general Prevost, the command of the troops naturally devolved on him as the senior officer; and the conquest of Carolina was next projected.

In this attempt there was no small probability of success. The country contained a great number of friends to government, who now eagerly embraced the opportunity of declaring themselves; many of the inhabitants of Georgia had joined the royal standard; and there was not in the province any considerable body of provincial forces capable of opposing the efforts of regular and well-disciplined troops. On the first news of General Prevost's approach, the loyalists assembled in a body, imagining themselves able to stand their ground until their allies should arrive; but in this they were disappointed. The Americans attacked and defeated them with the loss of half their number.

<sup>308</sup> America. The coasts of America invaded by the British fleet.

<sup>309</sup> Expedition against Georgia.

<sup>310</sup> Take possession of Georgia.

<sup>311</sup> Carolina invaded.

**America.** The remainder retreated into Georgia; and after undergoing many difficulties, at last effected a junction with the British forces.

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Americans  
defeated.

In the mean time, General Lincoln, with a considerable body of American troops, had encamped within 20 miles of the town of Savannah; and another strong party had posted themselves at a place called *Briar's Creek*, farther up the river of the same name. Thus the extent of the British government was likely to be circumscribed within very narrow bounds. General Prevost therefore determined to dislodge the party at Briar's Creek: and the latter, trusting to their strong situation, and being remiss in their guard, suffered themselves to be surpris'd on the 30th of March 1779; when they were utterly routed with the loss of more than 300 killed and taken, besides a great number drowned in the river or the swamps. The whole artillery, stores, baggage, and almost all the arms of this unfortunate party were taken, so that they could no more make any stand; and thus the province of Georgia was once more freed from the enemy, and a communication opened with those places in Carolina where the royalists chiefly resided.

The victory at Briar's Creek proved of considerable service to the British cause. Great numbers of the loyalists joined his army, and considerably increased its force. Hence he was enabled to stretch his posts further up the river, and to guard all the principal passes: so that General Lincoln was reduced to a state of inaction; and at last moved off towards Augusta, in order to protect the provincial assembly, which was obliged to sit in that place, the capital being now in the hands of the British.

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The British  
troops ad-  
vance to  
Charleston.

Lincoln had no sooner quitted his post, than it was judged a proper time by the British general to put in execution the grand scheme which had been meditated against Carolina. Many difficulties indeed lay in his way. The river Savannah was so swelled by the excessive rains of the season, that it seemed impassable; the opposite shore, for a great way, was so full of swamps and marshes, that no army could march over it without the greatest difficulty; and, to render the passage still more difficult, General Moultrie was left with a considerable body of troops in order to oppose the enemy's attempts. But in spite of every opposition, the constancy and perseverance of the British forces at last prevailed. General Moultrie was obliged to retire towards Charleston; and the pursuing army, after having waded through the marshes for some time, at last arrived in an open country, through which they pursued their march with great rapidity towards the capital; while General Lincoln made preparations to march to its relief.

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General  
Lincoln  
advances  
to its relief.

Certain intelligence of the danger to which Charleston was exposed, animated the American general. A chosen body of infantry, mounted on horseback for the greater expedition, was dispatched before him; while Lincoln himself followed with all the forces he could collect. General Moultrie too, with the troops he had brought from the Savannah, and some others he had collected since his retreat from thence, had taken possession of all the avenues leading to Charleston, and prepared for a vigorous defence. But all opposition proved ineffectual; and the British army was allowed to come within cannon shot of Charleston on the 12th of May.

The town was now summoned to surrender, and the inhabitants would gladly have agreed to observe a neutrality during the rest of the war, and would have engaged also for the rest of the province. But these terms not being accepted, they made preparations for a vigorous defence. It was not, however, in the power of the British commander at this time to make an attack with any prospect of success. His artillery was not of sufficient weight; there were no ships to support his attack by land; and general Lincoln advancing rapidly with a superior army, threatened to inclose him between his own force and the town; so that should he fail in his first attempt, certain destruction would be the consequence. For these reasons he withdrew his forces from before the town, and took possession of two islands, called *St James's* and *St John's*, lying to the southward; where having waited some time, his force was augmented by the arrival of two frigates. With these he determined to make himself master of Port-Royal, another island possessed of an excellent harbour and many other natural advantages, from its situation also commanding all the sea-coast from Charleston to Savannah River. The American general, however, did not allow this to be accomplished without opposition. Perceiving that his opponent had occupied an advantageous post on St John's island preparatory to his enterprise against Port-Royal, he attempted, on the 20th of June, to dislodge them from it; but, after an obstinate attack, the provincials were obliged to retire with considerable loss. On this occasion the success of the British arms was in a great measure owing to an armed float; which galled the right flank of the enemy so effectually, that they could direct their efforts only against the strongest part of the lines, which proved impregnable to their attacks. This disappointment was instantly followed by the loss of Port-Royal, which General Prevost took possession of, and put his troops into proper stations, waiting for the arrival of such reinforcements as were necessary for the intended attack on Charleston.

**America.**  
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The at-  
tempt on it  
abandoned.

The profligate conduct of the refugees, and the officers and soldiers of the British, in plundering the houses of individuals, during this incursion, is incredible. Negroes were seduced or forced from their masters; furniture and plate were seized without decency or authority; and the most infamous violations of every law of honour and honesty were openly perpetrated. Individuals thus accumulated wealth, but the reputation of the British arms incurred an everlasting stigma.

316  
The Ame-  
ricans de-  
feated.

In the mean time Count D'Estaing, who, as we have already observed, had put into Boston harbour to rest, had used his utmost efforts to ingratiate himself with the inhabitants of that city. Zealous also in the cause of his master, he had published a proclamation to be dispersed through Canada, inviting the people to return to their original friendship with France, and declaring that all who renounced their allegiance to Great Britain should certainly find a protector in the king of France. All his endeavours, however, proved insufficient at this time to produce any revolution, or even to form a party of any consequence among the Canadians.

317  
D'Estaing's  
proclama-  
tion.

As soon as the French admiral had refitted his fleet, he took the opportunity, while that of Admiral Byron had

<sup>318</sup> *D'Estaing fails to the West Indies* had been shattered by a storm, of failing to the West-Indies. During his operations there, the Americans having represented his conduct as totally unserviceable to them, he received orders from Europe to assist the colonies with all possible speed.

In compliance with these orders, he directed his course towards Georgia, with a design to recover that province out of the hands of the enemy, and to put it, as well as South-Carolina, in such a posture of defence as would effectually secure them from any future attack. This seemed to be an easy matter, from the little force with which he knew he should be opposed; and the next object in contemplation was no less than the destruction of the British fleet and army at New-York, and their total expulsion from the continent of America. Full of these hopes, the French commander arrived off the coast of Georgia with a fleet of 22 sail of the line and 10 large frigates. His arrival was so little expected, that several vessels laden with provisions and military stores fell into his hands; the *Experiment* also, a vessel of 50 guns, commanded by Sir James Wallace, was taken after a stout resistance. On the continent, the British troops were divided. General Prevost, with an inconsiderable part, remained at Savannah; but the main force was under Colonel Maitland at Port Royal. On the first appearance of the French fleet, an express was dispatched to Colonel Maitland; but it was intercepted by the enemy; so that before he could set out in order to join the commander in chief, the Americans had secured most of the passes by land, while the French fleet effectually blocked up the passage by sea. But, by taking advantage of creeks and inlets, and marching over land, he arrived just in time to relieve Savannah.

<sup>320</sup> *Conduct of the French commander.* D'Estaing had allowed General Prevost 24 hours to deliberate whether he should capitulate or not. This time the general employed in making the best preparations he could for a defence; and during this time it was that Colonel Maitland arrived. D'Estaing's summons was now rejected; and as on this occasion the superiority of the enemy was by no means so much out of proportion as it had been at Grenada, there was every probability of success on the part of the British. The garrison now consisted of 3000 men, all of approved valour and experience, while the united force of the French and Americans did not amount to 10,000. The event was answerable to the expectations of the British general. Having the advantage of a strong fortification and excellent engineers, the fire of the allies made so little impression that D'Estaing resolved to bombard the town, and a battery of nine mortars was erected for the purpose. This produced a request from General Prevost, that the women and children might be allowed to retire to a place of safety. But the allied commanders, from motives of policy, refused compliance; and they resolved to give a general assault. This was accordingly attempted on the 9th of October: but the assailants were every where repulsed with such slaughter, that 1200 were killed and wounded; among the former were Count Pulaski, the celebrated conspirator against the reigning king of Poland, and among the latter was D'Estaing himself.

This disaster entirely overthrew the sanguine hopes of the Americans and French; but, so far from reproaches or animosity arising between them, their

common misfortune seemed to increase their confidence and esteem for each other; a circumstance fairly to be ascribed to the conciliatory conduct of General Lincoln upon every occasion. After waiting eight days longer, both parties prepared for a retreat; the French to their shipping, and the Americans into Carolina.

While the allies were thus unsuccessfully employed in the southern colonies, their antagonists were no less assiduous in distressing them in the northern parts. Sir George Collier was sent with a fleet, carrying on board General Matthews, with a body of land forces, into the province of Virginia. Their first attempt was on the town of Portsmouth; where, though the enemy had destroyed some ships of great value, the British troops arrived in time to save a great number of others. On this occasion about 120 vessels of different sizes were burnt, and 20 carried off; and an immense quantity of provisions designed for the use of General Washington's army was either destroyed or carried off, together with a great variety of naval and military stores. The fleet and army returned with little or no loss to New-York.

The success with which this expedition was attended, soon gave encouragement to attempt another. The Americans had for some time been employed in the erection of two strong forts on the river; the one at Verplanks Neck on the east, and the other at Stoney Point on the west side. These when completed would have been of the utmost service to the Americans, as commanding the principal pass, called the *King's Ferry*, between the northern and southern colonies. At present, however, they were not in a condition to make any effectual defence; and it was therefore determined to attack them before the works should be completed. The force employed on this occasion was divided into two bodies; one of which directed its course against Verplanks, and the other against Stoney Point. The former was commanded by general Vaughan, the latter by General Patterson, while the shipping was under the direction of Sir George Collier. General Vaughan met with no resistance, the enemy abandoning their works, and setting fire to every thing combustible that they could not carry off. At Stoney Point, however, a vigorous defence was made, though the garrison was at last obliged to capitulate upon honourable conditions. To secure the possession of this last, which was the more important of the two, General Clinton removed from his former situation, and encamped in such a manner that Washington could not give any assistance. The Americans, however, revenged themselves by distressing, with their numerous privateers, the trade to New-York.

This occasioned a third expedition to Connecticut, where these privateers were chiefly built and harboured. The command was given to Governor Tryon and to General Garth, an officer of known valour and experience. Under convoy of a considerable number of armed vessels they landed at Newhaven, where they demolished the batteries that had been erected to oppose them, and destroyed the shipping and naval stores; but they spared the town itself, as the inhabitants had abstained from firing out of their houses upon the troops. From Newhaven they marched to Fairfield, where they proceeded as before, reducing the town also to ashes.

Norwalk

America.

<sup>323</sup> Successful expeditions against the northern provinces

<sup>319</sup> *D'Estaing's expedition against Georgia.*

<sup>320</sup> *Conduct of the French commander.*

<sup>321</sup> *The French and American generals refuse to permit the women to withdraw.*

<sup>322</sup> *They are defeated.*

America. Norwalk was next attacked, which in like manner was reduced to ashes; as was also Greenfield, a small seaport in the neighbourhood. Such repeated conflagrations, wantonly and cruelly spread, served only to increase the disgust which was felt by every friend to the American cause.

These successes proved very alarming as well as detrimental to the Americans; so that General Washington determined at all events to drive the enemy from Stoney Point. For this purpose he sent Gen. Wayne with a detachment of chosen men, directing him to attempt the recovery of it by surprise. On this occasion the Americans showed a spirit and resolution exceeding any thing either party had performed during the course of the war. Though after the capture of it by the British the fortifications of this place had been completed, and were very strong, they attacked the enemy with bayonets, after passing through a heavy fire of musquetry and grape shot; and, in spite of all opposition, obliged the surviving part of the garrison, amounting to 500 men, to surrender themselves prisoners of war.

Though the Americans did not at present attempt to retain possession of Stoney Point, the success they had met with in the enterprise emboldened them to make a similar attempt on Paulus Hook, a fortified post on the Jersey side, opposite to New-York; but, although the heroism of the enterprise and the spirit with which it was executed deserves applause, after having completely surprised the posts, the American commander, Major Lee, finding it impossible to retain them, made an orderly retreat, with about 161 prisoners, among whom were seven officers.

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Unsuccessful expedition of the Americans against Penobscot.

Another expedition of greater importance was now projected on the part of the Americans. This was against a post on the river Penobscot, on the borders of Nova Scotia, of which the British had lately taken possession, and where they had begun to erect a fort which threatened to be a very great inconvenience to the colonists. The armament destined against it was so soon got in readiness, that Colonel MacLane, the commanding officer at Penobscot, found himself obliged to drop the execution of part of his scheme; and instead of a regular fort, to content himself with putting the works already constructed in as good a posture of defence as possible. The Americans could not effect a landing without a great deal of difficulty, and bringing the guns of their largest vessels to bear upon the shore. As soon as this was done, however, they erected several batteries, and kept up a brisk fire for the space of a fortnight; after which they proposed to give a general assault: but before this could be effected, they perceived Sir George Collier with a British fleet sailing up the river to attack them. On this they instantly embarked their artillery and military stores, sailing up the river as far as possible in order to avoid him. They were so closely pursued, however, that not a single vessel could escape; so that the whole fleet, consisting of 19 armed vessels and 24 transports, was destroyed; most of them indeed being blown up by themselves. The soldiers and sailors were obliged to wander through immense deserts, where they suffered much for want of provisions; and to add to their calamities, a quarrel broke out between the soldiers and seamen concerning the cause of their

disaster, which ended in a violent fray, wherein a great number were killed. America.

Thus the arms of America and France being almost every where unsuccessful, the independency of the former seemed yet to be in danger, notwithstanding the assistance of so powerful an ally, when further encouragement was given by the accession of Spain to the confederacy against Britain in the month of June 1779. The first effect of this appeared in an invasion of West Florida by the Spaniards in September 1779. As the country was in no state of defence, the enemy easily made themselves masters of the whole, almost without opposition. Their next enterprise, was against the Bay of Honduras, where the British logwood-cutters were settled. These finding themselves too weak to resist, applied to the governor of Jamaica for relief; who sent them a supply of men, ammunition, and military stores, under Captain Dalrymple. Before the arrival of this detachment, the principal settlement in those parts, called *St George's Key*, had been taken by the Spaniards and retaken by the British. In his way Captain Dalrymple fell in with a squadron from Admiral Parker in search of some register ships richly laden; but which, retreating into the harbour of Omoa, were too strongly protected by the fort to be attacked with safety. A project was then formed, in conjunction with the people of Honduras, to reduce this fort. The design was to surprise it; but the Spaniards having discovered them, they were obliged to fight. Victory quickly declared for the British; but the fortifications were so strong, that the artillery they had brought along with them were found too light to make any impression. It was then determined to try the success of an escalade; and this was executed with so much spirit, that the Spaniards stood astonished without making any resistance, and, in spite of all the efforts of the officers, threw down their arms and surrendered. The spoil was immense, being valued at three millions of dollars. The Spaniards chiefly lamented the loss of 250 quintals of quicksilver; a commodity indispensably necessary in the working of their gold and silver mines, so that they offered to ransom it at any price; but this was refused, as well as the ransom of the fort, though the governor offered 300,000 dollars for it. A small garrison was left for the defence of the place: but it was quickly attacked by a superior force, and obliged to evacuate it, though not without destroying every thing that could be of use to the enemy; spiking the guns, and even locking the gates of the fort and carrying off the keys. All this was done in sight of the besiegers; after which the garrison embarked without the loss of a man.

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Spain joins the confederacy against Britain.

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Fort Omoa taken by the British.

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But they are obliged to evacuate it.

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Americans take vengeance on the Indians.

As no operations of any consequence took place this year in the province of New-York, the congress made use of the opportunity to dispatch General Sullivan with a considerable force, in order to take vengeance on the Indians for their ravages and depredations. Of this the Indians were apprised; and collecting all their strength, resolved to come to a decisive engagement. Accordingly they took a strong post in the most woody and mountainous part of the country; erecting a breast-work in their front, of large logs of wood extending half a mile in length, while their right flank was covered by a river, and the left by a hill of difficult

difficult access. This advantageous position they had taken by the advice of the refugees who were among them, and of whom 200 or 300 were present in the battle.

Thus posted, the Indians waited the reproach of the American army: but the latter having brought some artillery along with them, played it against the breast-work of the enemy with such success, that in two hours it was almost destroyed; and at the same time a party having reached the top of the hill, they became apprehensive of being surrounded, on which they instantly fled with precipitation, leaving a great number of killed and wounded behind them. The Americans after this battle met with no further resistance of any consequence. They were suffered to proceed without interruption. On entering the country of the Indians, it appeared that they had been acquainted with agriculture and the arts of peace far beyond what had been supposed. From General Sullivan's pompous account (which, however, became a subject of ridicule among the soldiers in General Washington's army), it was learned, that the Indian houses were large, convenient, and even elegant; their grounds were excellently cultivated, and their gardens abounded in fruit-trees and vegetables of all kinds fit for food. The whole of this fine country would now by the American general have been converted into a desert, had it not been for the humane forbearance of General Hand and Colonel Durbin, in executing the orders of General Sullivan. The desolation, however, was extensive, and not to be justified by the savage character and example of their enemy.

We must now take a view of the transactions in the southern colonies; to which the war was, in the year 1780, so effectually transferred, that the operations there became at last decisive. The success of General Prevost in advancing to the very capital of South-Carolina has been already related, together with the obstacles which prevented him from becoming master of it at that time. Towards the end of the year 1779, however, Sir Henry Clinton set sail from New-York with a considerable body of troops, intended for the attack of Charleston, South-Carolina, in a fleet of ships of war and transports under the command of Vice-admiral Arbuthnot. They had a very tedious voyage; the weather was uncommonly bad; several of the transports were lost, as were also the greater part of the horses which they carried with them, intended for cavalry or other public uses; and an ordnance-ship likewise foundered at sea. Having arrived at Savannah, where they endeavoured to repair the damages sustained on their voyage, they proceeded from thence on the 10th of February, 1780, to North Edisto, the place of debarkation which had been previously appointed. They had a favourable and speedy passage thither: and though it required time to have the bar explored and the channel marked, the transports all entered the harbour the next day; and the army took possession of St John's island, about 30 miles from Charleston, without opposition. Preparations were then made for passing the squadron over Charleston bar, where the high-water spring-tides were only 19 feet deep: but no opportunity offered of going into the harbour till the 20th of March, when it was effected without any accident, though the American galleys

continually attempted to prevent the English boats from founding the channel. The British troops had previously removed from John's to James's island; and on the 29th of the same month they effected their landing on Charleston neck. On the 1st of April they broke ground within 800 yards of the American works; and by the 8th the besiegers guns were mounted in battery.

As soon as the army began to erect their batteries against the town, Admiral Arbuthnot embraced the first favourable opportunity of passing Sullivan's island, upon which there was a strong fort of batteries, the chief defence of the harbour. He weighed on the 9th, with the Roebuck, Richmond, and Romulus, Blonde, Virginia, Raleigh, and Sandwich armed ship, the Renown bringing up the rear; and, passing through a severe fire, anchored in about two hours under James's island, with the loss of 27 seamen killed and wounded. The Richmond's fore-top-mast was shot away, and the ships in general sustained damage in their masts and rigging, though not materially in their hulls. But the Acetus transport, having on board some naval stores, grounded within gun-shot of Sullivan's island, and received so much damage that she was obliged to be abandoned and burnt.

On the 10th, Sir Henry Clinton and Admiral Arbuthnot summoned the town to surrender to his majesty's arms: but Major-general Lincoln, who commanded in Charleston, returned them an answer, declaring it to be his intention to defend the place. The batteries were now opened against the town; and from their effect the fire of the American advanced works considerably abated. It appears that the number of troops under the command of Lincoln were by far too few for defending works of such extent as those of Charleston; and that many of these were men little accustomed to military service, and very ill provided with clothes and other necessaries. Lincoln had been for some time expecting reinforcements and supplies from Virginia and other places: but they came in very slowly. Earl Cornwallis, and Lieutenant-colonel Tarleton under him, were also extremely active in intercepting such reinforcements and supplies as were sent to the American general. They totally defeated a considerable body of cavalry and militia which was proceeding to the relief of the town; and also made themselves masters of some posts which gave them in a great degree the command of the country, by which means great supplies of provisions fell into their hands. Tarleton was himself, however, defeated in a rencounter, with Lieutenant Colonel Washington, at the head of a regular corps of horse.

Such was the state of things, and Fort Sullivan had also been taken by the king's troops, when on the 18th of May General Clinton again summoned the town to surrender; an offer being made, as had been done before, that if they surrendered, the lives and property of the inhabitants should be preserved to them. Articles of capitulation were then proposed by General Lincoln; but the terms were not agreed to by General Clinton. At length, however, the town being closely invested on all sides, and the preparations to storm it in every part being in great forwardness, and the ships ready to move to the assault, General Lincoln, who had been applied to for that purpose by the

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The town defended by Lincoln.

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Several reinforcements intended for his relief intercepted

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The place inhabitants, surrenders.

America.

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Expedition of Sir Henry Clinton against Charleston.

America. inhabitants, surrendered it on such articles of capitulation as General Clinton had before agreed to. This was on the 4th of May, which was one month and two days after the town had been first summoned to surrender.

A large quantity of ordnance, arms, and ammunition, was found in Charleston; and, according to Sir Henry Clinton's account, the number of prisoners taken in Charleston amounted to 5618 men, exclusively of near a thousand sailors in arms; but according to General Lincoln's account transmitted to the congress, the whole number of continental troops taken prisoners amounted to no more than 2487. The remainder, therefore, included in General Clinton's account, must have consisted of militia and inhabitants of the town. Several American frigates were also taken or destroyed in the harbour of Charleston.

The loss of Charleston evidently excited a considerable alarm in America: and their popular writers, particularly the author of the celebrated performance entitled *Common Sense*, in some other pieces made use of it as a powerful argument to lead them to more vigorous exertions against Great Britain, that they might the more effectually and certainly secure their independence.

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Apprehensions at  
New York

While Sir Henry Clinton was employed in his voyage to Charleston, and in the siege of that place, the garrison at New-York seem not to have been wholly free from apprehensions for their own safety. An intense frost, accompanied with great falls of snow, began about the middle of December 1779, and shut up the navigation of the port of New-York from the sea, within a few days after the departure of Admiral Arbuthnot and General Clinton. The severity of the weather increased to so great a degree, that towards the middle of January all communications with New-York by water were entirely cut off, and as many new ones opened by the ice. The inhabitants could scarcely be said to be in an insular state. Horses with heavy carriages could go over the ice into the Jerseys from one island to another. The passage on the North River, even in the widest part from New-York to Paulus Hook, which was 2000 yards, was about the 19th of January practicable for the heaviest cannon: an event which had been unknown in the memory of man. Provisions were soon after transported upon sledges, and a detachment of cavalry marched upon the ice from New-York to Staten-Island, which was a distance of 11 miles.

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Forwardness of the  
inhabitants  
to be inrolled  
for its  
defence.

The city of New-York being thus circumstanced, was considered as much exposed to the attacks from the continental troops: and it was strongly reported that General Washington was meditating a great stroke upon New-York with his whole force, by different attacks. Some time before this, Major-general Pattison, commandant at New-York, having received an address from many of the inhabitants, offering to put themselves in military array, he thought the present a favourable opportunity of trying the sincerity of their professions. Accordingly he issued a proclamation, calling upon all the male inhabitants from 16 to 60 to take up arms. The requisition was so readily complied with, that in a few days 40 companies from the six wards of the city were inrolled, officered, and under arms, to the number of 2600,

many substantial citizens serving in the ranks of each company. Other volunteer companies were formed; and the city was put into a very strong posture of defence.

No attack, however, was made upon New-York, whatever design might originally have been meditated; but an attempt was made upon Staten-Island, where there were about 1800 men, under the command of Brigadier-general Sterling, who were well intrenched. General Washington, whose army was huddled at Morris-Town, sent a detachment of 2700 men, with six pieces of cannon, two mortars, and some horses, commanded by Lord Sterling, who arrived at Staten-Island early in the morning of the 15th of January. The advanced posts of the British troops retired upon the approach of the Americans, who formed the line, and made some movements in the course of the day; but they withdrew in the night, after having burnt one house, pillaged some others, and carried off with them about 200 head of cattle. Immediately on the arrival of the Americans on Staten-Island, Lieutenant-general Knyphausen had embarked 600 men to attempt a passage, and to support General Sterling: but the floating ice compelled them to return. It is, however, imagined, that the appearance of these transports, with the British troops on board, which the Americans could see towards the close of the day, induced the latter to make so precipitate a retreat.

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The provincials attack Staten Island;

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But are induced to make a precipitate retreat.

After Charleston had surrendered to the king's troops, General Clinton issued two proclamations, and also circulated a hand-bill amongst the inhabitants of South-Carolina, in order to induce them to return to their allegiance, and to be ready to join the king's troops. It was said, that the helping hand of every man was wanted to re-establish peace and good government: and that as the commander in chief wished not to draw the king's friends into danger, while any doubt could remain of their success; so, now, that this was certain, he trusted that one and all would heartily join, and by a general concurrence give effect to such necessary measures for that purpose as from time to time might be pointed out. Those who had families were to form a militia to remain at home, and occasionally to assemble in their own districts, when required, under officers of their own choosing, for the maintenance of peace and good order. Those who had no families, and who could conveniently be spared for a time, it was presumed, would cheerfully assist his majesty's troops in driving their oppressors, acting under the authority of congress, and all the miseries of war, far from that colony. For this purpose it was said to be necessary that the young men should be ready to assemble when required, and to serve with the king's troops for any six months of the ensuing twelve that might be found requisite, under proper regulations. They might choose officers to each company to command them; and were to be allowed, when on service, pay, ammunition, and provisions, in the same manner as the king's troops. When they joined the army, each man was to be furnished with a certificate, declaring that he was only engaged to serve as a militia-man for the time specified; that he was not to be marched beyond North-Carolina and Georgia; and that, when the time was out, he was freed from all claims whatever of military service, excepting the common and usual

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Proclamations by General Clinton.

America. usual militia-duty where he lived. He would then, it was said, have paid his debt to his country, and be intitled to enjoy undisturbed that peace, liberty, and property, at home, which he had contributed to secure. The proclamations and publications of General Clinton appear to have produced some effect in South Carolina; though they probably operated chiefly upon those who were before not much inclined to the cause of American independence. Two hundred and ten of the inhabitants of Charleston signed an address to General Clinton and Admiral Arbuthnot, soliciting to be readmitted to the character and condition of British subjects, the inhabitants of that city having been hitherto considered as prisoners on parole; declaring their disapprobation of the doctrine of American independence; and expressing their regret, that after the repeal of those statutes which gave rise to the troubles in America, the overtures made by his majesty's commissioners had not been regarded by the congress. Sir Henry Clinton, in one of the proclamations issued at this time, declared, that if any persons should thenceforward appear in arms in order to prevent the establishment of his majesty's government in that country, or should, under any pretence or authority whatsoever, attempt to compel any other person or persons to do so, or who should hinder or intimidate the king's faithful and loyal subjects from joining his forces or otherwise performing those duties their allegiance required, such persons should be treated with the utmost severity, and their estates be immediately seized in order to be confiscated.

Mean time the ravages of war did not prevent the Americans from paying some attention to the arts of peace. On the 4th of May an act passed by the council and house of representatives of Massachusetts-Bay for incorporating and establishing a society for the cultivation and promotion of the arts and sciences. See ACADEMY, p. 43. col. 2.

Some doubts having arisen in the congress, towards the close of the preceding year, about the propriety of their assembling in the city of Philadelphia, it was now resolved that they should continue to meet there: and a committee of three members was appointed, to report a proper place where buildings might be provided for the reception of the congress, together with an estimate of the expence of providing such buildings, and the necessary offices for the several boards. It was also resolved by the congress, that a monument should be erected to the memory of their late general Richard Montgomery, who fell at Quebec, in testimony of his signal and important services to the United States of America, with an inscription expressive of his amiable character and heroic achievements; and that the continental treasurers should be directed to advance a sum not exceeding L. 300 to Dr Franklin to defray the expence; that gentleman being desired to cause the monument to be executed at Paris, or in some other part of France. It was likewise resolved by the congress, that a court should be established for the trial of all appeals from the court of admiralty of the United States of America, in cases of capture; to consist of three judges, appointed and commissioned by congress, and who were to take an oath of office; and that the trials in this court should be determined by the usage of nations.

The difficulties of the congress and of the people of America had been greatly increased by the depreciation of their paper currency. At the time when the colonies engaged in a war with Great Britain, they had no regular civil governments established among them of sufficient energy to enforce the collection of taxes, or to provide funds for the redemption of such bills of credit as their necessities obliged them to issue. In consequence of this state of things, their bills increased in quantity far beyond the sum necessary for the purpose of a circulating medium: and as they wanted at the same time specific funds to rest on for their redemption, they saw their paper-currency daily sink in value. The depreciation continued, by a kind of gradual progression, from the year 1777 to 1780: so that, at the latter period, the continental dollars were passed, by common consent, in most parts of America, at the rate of at least  $\frac{3}{4}$ ths below their nominal value. The impossibility of keeping up the credit of the currency to any fixed standard, occasioned great and almost insupportable embarrassments in ascertaining the value of property, or carrying on trade with any sufficient certainty. Those who sold, and those who bought, were left without a rule whereon to form a judgment of their profit or their loss; and every species of commerce or exchange, whether foreign or domestic, was exposed to numberless and increasing difficulties. The consequences of the depreciation of the paper-currency were also felt with peculiar severity by such of the Americans as were engaged in their military services, and greatly augmented their other hardships. The requisitions made by the congress to the several colonies for supplies, were also far from being always regularly complied with: and their troops were not unfrequently in want of the most common necessaries; which naturally occasioned complaints and discontent among them. Some of these difficulties, resulting from their circumstances and situation, perhaps no wisdom could have prevented: but they seem to have arisen in part from the congress not being sufficiently acquainted with the principles of finance, and from a defect of system in the departments of their government. The cause of the Americans appears also to have suffered somewhat by their depending too much on temporary enlistments. But the congress endeavoured, towards the close of the year 1780, to put their army upon a more permanent footing, and to give all the satisfaction to their officers and soldiers which their circumstances would permit. They appointed a committee for arranging their finances, and made some new regulations respecting the war-office and treasury-board, and other public departments.

Notwithstanding the disadvantages under which they laboured, the Americans seemed to entertain no doubts but that they should be able to maintain their independence. The 4th of July was celebrated this year at Philadelphia with some pomp, as the anniversary of American independence. A commencement for conferring degrees in the arts was held the same day, in the hall of the university there; at which the president and members of the congress attended, and other persons in public offices. The Chevalier de la Luzerne, minister plenipotentiary from the French king to the United States, was also present on the occasion. A charge was publicly addressed by the provost of the university

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Difficulties arising from the depreciation of the paper-currency.

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Anniversary of American independence celebrated at Philadelphia.

**America.** niversity to the students; in which he said, that he could not but congratulate them “on that auspicious day, which, amidst the confusions and desolations of war, beheld learning beginning to revive; and animated them with the pleasing prospect of seeing the sacred lamp of science burning with a still brighter flame, and scattering its invigorating rays over the unexplored deserts of this extensive continent; until the whole world should be involved in the united blaze of knowledge, liberty, and religion. When he stretched his views forward (he said), and surveyed the rising glories of America, the enriching consequences of their determined struggle for liberty, the extensive fields of intellectual improvement and useful invention, in science and arts, in agriculture and commerce, in religion and government, through which the unfettered mind would range, with increasing delight, in quest of the undiscovered treasure which yet lay concealed in the animal, vegetable, and mineral kingdoms of the new world; or in the other fertile sources of knowledge with which it abounded,—his heart swelled with the pleasing prospect, that the sons of that institution would distinguish themselves, in the different walks of life, by their literary contributions to the embellishments and increase of human happiness.”

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A large  
body of  
French  
troops land  
at Rhode  
Island.

On the 10th of July, M. Ternay, with a fleet consisting of seven ships of the line, besides frigates, and a large body of French troops, commanded by the Count de Rochambeau, arrived at Rhode-Island; and the following day 6000 men were landed there. A committee from the general assembly of Rhode-Island was appointed to congratulate the French general upon his arrival: whereupon he returned an answer, in which he informed them, that the king his master had sent him to the assistance of his good and faithful allies the United States of America. At present, he said, he only brought over the vanguard of a much greater force destined for their aid; and the king had ordered him to assure them, that his whole power should be exerted for their support. He added, that the French troops were under the strictest discipline; and, acting under the orders of General Washington, would live with the Americans as their brethren.

A scheme was soon after formed, of making a combined attack with English ships and troops, under the command of Sir Henry Clinton and Admiral Arbuthnot, against the French fleet and troops at Rhode-Island. Accordingly a considerable part of the troops at New-York were embarked for that purpose. General Washington having received information of this, passed the North River, by a very rapid movement, and, with an army increased to 12,000 men, proceeded with celerity towards King's Bridge, in order to attack New-York; but learning that the British general had changed his intentions, and disembarked his troops on the 31st of the month, General Washington recrossed the river and returned to his former station. Sir Henry Clinton and the Admiral had agreed to relinquish their design of attacking the French and Americans at Rhode-Island as impracticable for the present.

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Unsuccessful  
expedition in the  
Jerseys.

An unsuccessful attempt was also made about this time in the Jerseys by General Knyphausen, with 7000 British troops under his command, to surprise the advanced posts of General Washington's army. They proceeded very rapidly towards Springfield, meet-

ing little opposition till they came to the bridge there, which was very gallantly defended by 170 of the continental troops, for 15 minutes, against the British army: but they were at length obliged to give up so unequal a contest, with the loss of 37 men. After securing this pass, the British troops marched into the place, and set fire to most of the houses. They also committed some other depredations in the Jerseys; but gained no laurels there, being obliged to return about the beginning of July without effecting any thing material.

But in South-Carolina the royal arms were attended with more success. Earl Cornwallis, who commanded the British troops there, obtained a signal victory over General Gates on the 16th of August. The action began at break of day, in a situation very advantageous for the British troops, but very unfavourable to the Americans. The latter were much more numerous; but the ground on which both armies stood was narrowed by swamps on the right and left, so that the Americans could not properly avail themselves of their superior numbers. There seems to have been some want of generalship in Gates, in suffering himself to be surprized in so disadvantageous a position: but this circumstance was the effect of accident; for both armies set out with a design of attacking each other precisely at the same time, at ten the preceding evening, and met together before day-light at the place where the action happened. The attack was made by the British troops with great vigour, and in a few minutes the action was general along the whole line. It was at this time a dead calm, with a little haziness in the air, which preventing the smoke from rising, occasioned so thick a darkness, that it was difficult to see the effect of a very heavy and well-supported fire on both sides. The British troops either kept up a constant fire, or made use of bayonets, as opportunities offered; and after an obstinate resistance during three quarters of an hour, threw the Americans into total confusion, and forced them to give way in all quarters. The continental troops behaved remarkably well, but the militia were soon broken, and left the former to oppose the whole force of the British troops. General Gates did all in his power to rally the militia, but without effect: the continentals retreated in some order; but the rout of the militia was so great, that the British cavalry are said to have continued the pursuit of them to the distance of 22 miles from the place where the action happened. The loss of the Americans was very considerable: about 1000 prisoners were taken, and more are said to have been killed and wounded, but the number is not very accurately ascertained. Seven pieces of brass cannon, a number of colours, and all the ammunition-waggons of the Americans, were also taken. Of the British troops, the killed and wounded amounted to 213. Among the prisoners taken was Major-general Baron de Kalb, a Prussian officer in the American service, who was mortally wounded, having exhibited great gallantry in the course of the action, and received 11 wounds. The British troops by which this victory was achieved, did not much exceed 2000, while the American army is said to have amounted to 6000; of which, however, the greatest part was militia.

Lieutenant-colonel Tarleton, who had greatly distinguished himself in this action, was detached the following

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Victory obtained by  
Lord Cornwallis over  
Gen. Gates.



<sup>344</sup> America. following day, with some cavalry and light infantry, amounting to about 350 men, to attack a corps of Americans under General Sumpter. He executed this service with great activity and military address. He procured good information of Sumpter's movements; and by forced and concealed marches came up with and surpris'd him in the middle of the day on the 18th, near the Catawba fords. He totally destroyed or dispersed his detachment, which consisted of 700 men, killing 150 on the spot, and taking two pieces of brass cannon, 300 prisoners, and 44 waggons.

<sup>345</sup> General Arnold detach Major-general Arnold, who had engaged so ardently in the cause of America, and who had exhibited so much bravery in the support of it, from the interests of the congress. Major André, adjutant-general to the British army, was a principal agent in this transaction: or, if the overture of joining the king's troops came first from Arnold, this gentleman was the person employed to concert the affair with him. More must have been originally comprehended in the scheme than the mere desertion of the American cause by Arnold: The surrender of West-Point into the hands of the royal army, was the probable object; but whatever designs had been formed for promoting the views of the British government, they were frustrated by the apprehending of Major André. He was taken in disguise, after having assumed a false name, on the 23d of September, by three American soldiers, to whom he offered considerable rewards if they would have suffered him to escape, but without effect. Several papers written by Arnold were found upon him; and when Arnold had learnt that Major André was seized, he found means to get on board a barge, and to escape to one of the king's ships.

<sup>346</sup> Unhappy fate of Major André. General Washington referred the case of Major André to the examination and decision of a board of general officers, consisting of Major-general Green, Major-general Lord Sterling, Major-general the Marquis de la Fayette, Major-general the Baron de Steuben, two other major-generals, and eight brigadier-generals. Major André was examined before them, and the particulars of his case inquired into; and they reported to the American commander in chief, that Mr André came on shore from the Vulture sloop of war in the night, on an interview with General Arnold, in a private and secret manner; that he changed his dress within the American lines; and, under a feigned name, and in a disguised habit, passed the American works at Stony and Verplank's points, on the evening of the 22d of September; that he was taken on the morning of the 23d at Tarry-town, he being then on his way for New York: and that, when taken, he had in his possession several papers which contained intelligence for the enemy. They therefore determined, that he ought to be considered as a spy from the enemy; and that, agreeable to the law and usage of nations, he ought to suffer death. Sir Henry Clinton, Lieutenant-general Robertson, and the late American general Arnold, all wrote pressing letters to General Washington on the occasion, in order to prevent the decision of the board of general officers from being put in force: But their applications were ineffectual. Major André was hanged at Tappan, in the province of New-York, on the 2d of October. He met his fate with great firmness; but appeared somewhat hurt that he was not al-

lowed a more military death, for which he had solicited. He was a gentleman of very amiable qualities, had a taste for literature and the fine arts, and possessed many accomplishments. His death, therefore, was regretted even by his enemies; and the seeming severity of the determination concerning him was much exclaimed against in Great Britain. It was, however, generally acknowledged by impartial persons, that there was nothing in the execution of this unfortunate gentleman but what was perfectly consonant to the rules of war.

Arnold was made a brigadier-general in the king's service, and published an address to the inhabitants of America, dated from New-York, October 7, in which he endeavoured to justify his desertion of their cause. He said, that when he first engaged in it, he conceived the rights of his country to be in danger, and that duty and honour called him to her defence. A redress of grievances was his only aim and object; and therefore he acquiesced unwillingly in the declaration of independence, because he thought it precipitate. But what now induced him to desert their cause was the disgust he had conceived at the French alliance, and at the refusal of Congress to comply with the last terms offered by Great Britain, which he thought equal to all their expectations and to all their wishes.

The Americans, however, accounted for the conduct of Arnold in a different and in a more probable and satisfactory manner. They alleged that he had so involved himself in debts and difficulties by his extravagant manner of living in America, that he had rendered it very inconvenient for him to continue there: that after the evacuation of Philadelphia by the British troops, Arnold, being invested with the command in that city, had made the house of Mr Penn, which was the best in the city, his head-quarters. This he had furnished in an elegant and expensive manner and lived in a style far beyond his income. It was manifest, they said, that he could at first have no great aversion to the French alliance, because that when M. Gerard, minister plenipotentiary from the court of France, arrived at Philadelphia in July 1778, General Arnold early and earnestly solicited that minister, with his whole suite, to take apartments and bed and board at his house, until a proper house could be provided by the order of the congress. This offer M. Gerard accepted, and continued with him some weeks. The French minister resided upwards of 14 months in Philadelphia; during which time General Arnold kept up the most friendly and intimate acquaintance with him, and there was a continued interchange of dinners, balls, routes, and concerts: so that M. Gerard must have believed, that in General Arnold he had found and left one of the warmest friends the court of France had in America. He was also one of the first in congratulating the Chevalier de la Luzerne, the second French minister. About this time complaints and accusations were exhibited against him by the government of Philadelphia for divers mal-practices; among which charges were, the appropriation of goods and merchandise to his own use, which he had seized as British property in Philadelphia in July 1778. It was determined by a court-martial that his conduct was highly reprehensible; but he was indulgently treated, and was therefore only reprimanded by the commander

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<sup>347</sup> His amiable character.

<sup>348</sup> Motives assigned by Arnold for his conduct.

<sup>349</sup> Different reasons alleged by the Americans.



**America.** advantage of five to four in infantry, and of more than three to one in cavalry. The attack was begun by the first line of infantry, consisting of the 7th regiment, and a corps of light infantry with a troop of cavalry placed on each flank. The first battalion of the 71st and the remainder of the cavalry formed the reserve. The American line soon gave way, and their militia quitted the field; upon which the royal troops, supposing the victory already gained, engaged with ardour in the pursuit, and were thereby thrown into some disorder. General Morgan's corps, who were supposed to have been routed, then immediately faced about, and threw in a heavy fire upon the King's troops, which occasioned the utmost confusion amongst them; and they were at length totally defeated by the Americans. Four hundred of the British infantry were either killed, wounded, or taken prisoners: the loss of the cavalry was much less considerable; but the two three-pounders fell into the hands of the Americans, together with the colours of the 7th regiment, and all the detachment of royal artillery were either killed or wounded in defence of their colours. Lieutenant-colonel Tarleton then retreated to Hamilton's ford, near the mouth of Bullock's creek, carrying with him part of his baggage, and destroying the remainder.

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This defeat of the troops under Tarleton was a severe stroke to Lord Cornwallis, as the loss of his light infantry was a great disadvantage to him. The day after the event he employed in collecting the remains of Tarleton's corps, and in endeavouring to form a junction with General Leslie, who had been ordered to march towards him with a body of British troops from Wynneshorough. Considerable exertions were then made by part of the army, without baggage, to retake the prisoners in the hands of the Americans, and to intercept General Morgan's corps on its retreat to the Catawba. But that American officer, after his defeat of Tarleton, had made forced marches up into the country, and crossed the Catawba the evening before a great rain, which swelled the river to such a degree, as to prevent the royal army from crossing for several days; during which time the British prisoners were got over the Yadkin; whence they proceeded to Dan River, which they also passed, and on the 14th of February had reached Court-house, in the province of Virginia.

Lord Cornwallis employed a halt of two days in collecting some flour, and in destroying superfluous baggage and all his waggons, excepting those laden with hospital stores, salt, and ammunition, and four reserved empty in readiness for sick or wounded. Being thus freed from all unnecessary incumbrances, he marched through North-Carolina with great rapidity, and penetrated to the remotest extremities of that province on the banks of the Dan. His progress was sometimes impeded by parties of the militia, and some skirmishes ensued, but he met with no very considerable opposition. On the first of February the king's troops crossed the Catawba at M' Cowan's Ford, where General Davidson, with a party of American militia, was posted, in order to oppose their passage; but he falling by the first discharge, the royal troops made good their landing, and the militia retreated. When Lord Cornwallis arrived at Hillsborough, he erected the king's standard, and invited, by proclamation, all

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loyal subjects to repair to it, and to stand forth and take an active part in assisting his Lordship to restore order and government. He had been taught to believe that the king's friends were numerous in that part of the country: but the event did not confirm the truth of the representations that had been given. The Royalists were but few in number, and some of them too timid to join the king's standard. There were, indeed, about 200 who were proceeding to Hillsborough, under colonel Pyle, in order to avow their attachment to the royal cause; but they were met accidentally, and surrounded by a detachment from the American army, by whom a number of them are said to have been killed when they were begging for quarter, without making the least resistance. Meanwhile General Greene was marching with great expedition with the troops under his command, in order to form a junction with other corps of American troops, that he might thereby be enabled to put some effectual stop to the progress of Lord Cornwallis.

In other places some considerable advantages were obtained by the royal arms. On the 4th of January, some ships of war with a number of transports, on board which was a large body of troops under the command of Brigadier-general Arnold, arrived at Westover, about 140 miles from the Capes of Virginia, where the troops immediately landed and marched to Richmond; which they reached without opposition, the militia that was collected having retreated on their approach. Lieutenant-colonel Simcoe marched from hence with a detachment of the British troops to Westham, where they destroyed one of the finest founderies for cannon in America, and a large quantity of stores and cannon. General Arnold, on his arrival at Richmond, found there large quantities of salt, rum, sail-cloth, and tobacco, the last of which he destroyed to a very great amount. The British troops afterwards attacked and dispersed some small parties of the Americans, took some stores and a few pieces of cannon, and on the 20th of the same month marched into Portsmouth. On the 25th, Captain Barclay, with several ships of war, and a body of troops under the command of Major Craig, arrived in Cape-Fear River. The troops landed about nine miles from Wilmington, and on the 28th entered that town. It was understood that their having possession of that town, and being masters of Cape-Fear River, would be productive of very beneficial effects to Lord Cornwallis's army.

General Greene having effected a junction about the 10th of March with a continental regiment of what were called *eighteen months men*, and two large bodies of militia belonging to Virginia and North-Carolina, formed a resolution to attack the British troops under the command of Lord Cornwallis. The American army marched from the High Rock Ford on the 12th of the month, and on the 14th arrived at Guildford. Lord Cornwallis, from the information he had received of the motions of the American general, concluded what were his designs. As they approached more nearly to each other, a few skirmishes ensued between some advanced parties, in which the advantage was sometimes gained by the Americans and sometimes by the British. On the morning of the 15th, Lord Cornwallis marched with his troops at day-break in order to meet the Americans or to attack them in their encampment.

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The greater part of the country in which the action happened is a wilderness, with a few cleared fields interspersed. The American army was posted on a rising ground about a mile and a half from Guildford court-house. It was drawn up in three lines: the front line was composed of the North-Carolina militia, under the command of the generals Butler and Eaton; the second line, of Virginian militia, commanded by the generals Stephens and Lawson, forming two brigades; the third line, consisting of two brigades, one of Virginia and one of Maryland continental troops, commanded by General Huger and Colonel Williams. Lieutenant-colonel Washington, with the dragoons of the first and third regiments, a detachment of light infantry composed of continental troops, and a regiment of riflemen under colonel Lynch, formed a corps of observation for the security of their right flank. Lieutenant-colonel Lee, with his legion, a detachment of light infantry, and a corps of riflemen under Colonel Campbell, formed a corps of observation for the security of their left flank. The attack of the American army was directed to be made by Lord Cornwallis in the following order: On the right, the regiment of Bose and the 71st regiment, led by Major-general Leslie, and supported by the first battalion of guards; on the left, the 23d and 33d regiments, led by Lieutenant-colonel Webster, and supported by the grenadiers and second battalion of guards commanded by Brigadier-general O'Hara; the Yagers and light infantry of the guards remained in a wood on the left of the guns, and the cavalry in the road, ready to act as circumstances might require.

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About half an hour after one in the afternoon, the action commenced by a cannonade, which lasted about twenty minutes; when the British troops advanced in three columns and attacked the North-Carolinian brigades with great vigour, and soon obliged part of these troops to quit the field: but the Virginia militia gave them a warm reception, and kept up a heavy fire for a long time, till, being beaten back, the action became general almost every where. The American corps under the lieutenant-colonels Washington and Lee were also warmly engaged, and did considerable execution. Lieutenant-colonel Tarleton had directions to keep his cavalry compact, and not to charge without positive orders, excepting to protect any of the corps from the most evident danger of being defeated. The excessive thickness of the woods rendered the British bayonets of little use, and enabled the broken corps of Americans to make frequent stands with an irregular fire. The second battalion of the guards first gained the clear ground near Guildford court-house, and found a corps of continental infantry, superior in number, formed in an open field on the left of the road. Desirous of signaling themselves, they immediately attacked and soon defeated them, taking two six pounders: but as they pursued the Americans into the wood with too much ardour, they were thrown into confusion

by a heavy fire, and instantly charged and driven back into the field by Lieutenant-colonel Washington's dragoons, with the loss of the two six-pounders they had taken. But the American cavalry were afterwards repulsed, and the two six pounders again fell into the hands of the British troops. The British troops having at length broken the second Maryland regiment, and turned the left flank of the Americans, got into the rear of the Virginia brigade, and appeared to be gaining their right, which would have encircled the whole of the continental troops, when General Greene thought it prudent to order a retreat. Many of the American militia dispersed in the woods; but the continental troops retreated in good order to Reedy-Fork River, and crossed at the ford about three miles from the field of action, and there halted. When they had collected their stragglers, they retreated to the iron-works, ten miles distant from Guildford, where they encamped. They lost their artillery and two waggons laden with ammunition. It was a hard fought action, and lasted an hour and a half. Of the British troops, the loss, as stated by Lord Cornwallis, was 532 killed, wounded, and missing. General Greene, in his account of the action transmitted to the Congress, stated the loss of the continental troops to amount to 329 killed wounded, and missing; but he made no estimate of the loss of the militia, which was somewhat more than 100. Lieutenant-colonel Stuart was killed in the action; and Lieutenant-colonel Webster, and the captains Schutz, Maynard, and Goodriche, died of the wounds that had they received in it. Brigadier-general O'Hara, Brigadier-general Howard, and Lieutenant-colonel Tarleton, were also wounded. Of the Americans the principal officer killed was Major Anderson of the Maryland line, and the generals Stephens and Huger were wounded.

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The British troops underwent great hardships in the course of this campaign; and in a letter of Lord Cornwallis's to Lord George Germain, dated March 17th, he observed, that "the soldiers had been two days without bread." His lordship quitted Guildford three days after the battle which was fought in that place; and on the 7th of April, after a retreat marked with proofs of great alarm and precipitation, arrived in the neighbourhood of Wilmington. Soon after, General Greene, notwithstanding his late defeat, endeavoured to make some vigorous attempts against the king's forces in South-Carolina. Lord Rawdon had been appointed to defend the post of Camden, with about 800 British and provincials; and on the 19th of April General Greene appeared before that place with a large body of continentals and militia. He found it, however, impossible to attempt to storm the town with any prospect of success; and therefore endeavoured to take such a position as should induce the British troops to sally from their works. He posted the Americans about a mile from the town, on an eminence which was covered with woods, and flanked on the left by an impassable swamp. But on the morning of the 25th, Lord Rawdon marched out of Camden, and attacked General Greene in his camp. The Americans made a vigorous resistance, but were at length compelled to give way; and the pursuit is said to have been continued three miles. For some time after the action commenced, General Greene entertained great hopes of de-

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Notwithstanding the advantage which Lord Rawdon had obtained over General Greene at Camden, that nobleman soon after found it necessary, having burned the jail, mills, many private houses, and a part of his own baggage, to quit that post; and the Americans made themselves masters of several other posts that were occupied by the king's troops, and the garrisons of which were obliged to surrender themselves prisoners of war. These troops were afterwards exchanged under a cartel which took place between Lord Cornwallis and General Greene for the release of all prisoners of war in the southern district. After these events, General Greene laid close siege to Ninety-six, which was considered as the most commanding and important of all the posts in the back country; and on the 19th of June he attempted to storm the garrison, but was repulsed by the gallantry of the British troops, with the loss of about 150 killed, wounded, and missing. General Greene then raised the siege, and retired with his army behind the Saluda, to a strong situation, within 16 miles of Ninety-six.

On the 18th of April a large body of British troops, under the command of Major-general Philips and Brigadier-general Arnold, embarked at Portsmouth in Virginia, in order to proceed on an expedition for the purpose of destroying some of the American stores. A party of light-infantry were sent 10 or 12 miles up the Chickahomany; where they destroyed several armed ships, sundry ware-houses, and the American state ship-yards. At Petersburg, the English destroyed 4000 hogsheads of tobacco, one ship, and a number of small vessels on the stocks and in the river. At Chesterfield court-house, they burnt a range of barracks for 2000 men and 300 barrels of flour. At a place called *Osborn's*, they made themselves masters of several vessels loaded with cordage and flour, and destroyed about 2000 hogsheads of tobacco, and sundry vessels were sunk and burnt. At Warwick, they burnt a magazine of 500 barrels of flour, some fine mills belonging to Colonel Carey, a large range of public rope-walks and store-houses, tan and bark houses full of hides and bark, and great quantities of tobacco. A like destruction of stores and goods was made in other parts of Virginia.

From the account already given of some of the principal military operations of the present year in America, it appears, that thought advantages had been gained by the royal troops, yet no event had taken place from which it could rationally be expected that the final ter-

mination of the war would be favourable to Great-Britain. It was also a disadvantageous circumstance, that there was a misunderstanding between Admiral Arbuthnot and Sir Henry Clinton, and a mutual disapprobation of each other's conduct. This was manifest from their dispatches to government, and especially from those of General Clinton, whose expressions respecting the conduct of the admiral were by no means equivocal.

On the 16th of March 1781, a partial action happened off the Capes of Virginia, between the fleet under Admiral Arbuthnot, consisting of seven ships of the line and one fifty-gun ship, and a French squadron consisting of the same number of ships of the line, and one forty-gun ship. Some of the ships in both fleets received considerable damage in the action, and the loss of the English was 30 killed and 73 wounded; but no ship was taken on either side. The British fleet, however, claimed the advantage; as the French were obliged to retire, and were supposed to be prevented by this action from carrying troops upon the Chesapeake, in order to attack General Arnold and impede the progress of Lord Cornwallis. But it was thought an unfortunate circumstance, that some time before this engagement the *Romulus*, a ship of 44 guns, was captured by the French off the Capes of Virginia.

Lord Cornwallis, after his victory over General Greene at Guildford, proceeded, as we have seen, to Wilmington, where he arrived on the 7th of April. But before he reached that place, he published a proclamation, calling upon all loyal subjects to stand forth and take an active part in restoring good order and government; and declaring to all persons who had engaged in the present rebellion against his majesty's authority, but who were now convinced of their error, and desirous of returning to their duty and allegiance, that if they would surrender themselves with their arms and ammunition at head-quarters, or to the officer commanding in the districts contiguous to their respective places of residence, on or before the 20th of that month, they would be permitted to return to their homes upon giving a military parole; they would be protected, in their persons and properties, from all sorts of violence from the British troops; and would be restored, as soon as possible, to all the privileges of legal and constitutional government. But it does not appear that any considerable number of the Americans were allured by these promises to give any evidences of their attachment to the royal cause.

On the 20th of May, his Lordship arrived at Petersburg in Virginia, where he joined a body of British troops that had been under the command of Major-general Philips; but the command of which, in consequence of the death of that officer, had devolved upon Brigadier-general Arnold. Before this junction he had encountered considerable inconveniences from the difficulty of procuring provisions and forage; so that in a letter to Sir Henry Clinton, he informed him, that his cavalry wanted every thing, and his infantry every thing but shoes. He added, that he had experienced the distresses of marching hundreds of miles in a country chiefly hostile, without one active or useful friend, without intelligence, and without communication with any part of the country.

On the 26th of June, about six miles from Williamsburg

America. <sup>367</sup> Misunderstanding between the British admiral and general.

<sup>368</sup> Action between the British and French fleets off the capes of Virginia.

<sup>369</sup> Proclamation by Lord Cornwallis.

<sup>365</sup> Afterwards the siege to Ninety-six; it is related.

<sup>366</sup> Destruction of American stores.

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amsburg, Lieutenant-colonel Simcoe, and 350 of the queen's rangers, with 80 mounted yagers, were attacked by a much superior body of the Americans; but whom they repulsed with great gallantry and with equal success, making four officers and twenty private men prisoners. The loss of the Americans in this action is said to have been upwards of 120, and that of the British troops not more than 40.

On the 6th of July an action happened near the Green Springs in Virginia, between a reconnoitring party of the Americans under General Wayne, amounting to about 800, and a large part of the British army under Lord Cornwallis; in which the Americans had 127 killed and wounded, and the loss of the royal troops is supposed to have been considerably greater. It was an action in which no small degree of military skill and courage was exhibited by the Americans. In a variety of skirmishes, the Marquis de la Fayette very much distinguished himself, and displayed the utmost ardour in the American cause.

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Greene de-  
feats Col.  
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In South-Carolina, an action happened on the 9th of September near the Eutaw Springs, between a large body of British troops under the command of Lieutenant-colonel Stuart and an equal body of Americans, under the command of General Greene. It was an obstinate engagement, and lasted near two hours. The British, with a considerable loss, were in the first part of the battle routed in all quarters, but some having taken post in a piquetted garden, and others thrown themselves into a brick house, the eagerness of the American pursuit was considerably checked, and gave Colonel Stuart an opportunity on the evening of the next day, to abandon the Eutaw, and march towards Charleston, taking a number of his wounded, and about one thousand stand of arms.

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New-Lon-  
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In the course of the same month, General Arnold was sent on an expedition against New-London, in Connecticut, where he destroyed a great part of the shipping, and an immense quantity of naval stores, European manufactures, and East and West India commodities. The town itself was also burnt, which is said, but untruly, to have been unavoidable, on account of the explosions of great quantities of gun-powder which happened to be in the store-houses that were set on fire. A fort, of which it was thought necessary to gain possession in this expedition, was not taken without considerable loss. This was Fort-Grifwold; which was defended by the Americans with great gallantry, and the assault was made by the English with equal bravery. The British troops entered the works with fixed bayonets, and were opposed with great vigour by the garrison with long spears. After a most obstinate defence of near forty minutes, the assailants gained possession of the fort, in which 85 Americans were found dead, and 60 wounded, most of them mortally; but of the killed, it is painful to observe, that the greater number fell after the British entered the fort, and when resistance had ceased. Of the British troops Major Montgomery was killed by a spear in entering the American works; and 192 men were also killed and wounded in this expedition.

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Notwithstanding the advantages that Lord Cornwallis had obtained over the Americans, his situation in Virginia began by degrees to be very critical; and the rather because he did not receive those reinforcements

and supplies from Sir Henry Clinton, of which he had formed expectations, and which he conceived to be necessary to the success of his operations. Indeed, the commander in chief was prevented from sending those reinforcements to Lord Cornwallis which he otherwise might have done, by his fears respecting New-York, against which he entertained great apprehensions that General Washington intended to make a very formidable attack. In fact, that able American general appears to have taken much pains, and to have employed great finesse, in order to lead Sir Henry Clinton to entertain this imagination. Letters, expressive of this intention, fell into the hands of Sir Henry, which many conceived to have been written with a design that they should be intercepted, and only with a view to amuse and deceive the British general. The project, if so intended, was successful; and by a variety of judicious military manœuvres, in which he completely out-generalled the British commander, he increased his apprehensions about New-York, and prevented him from sending proper assistance to Lord Cornwallis. Having for a considerable time kept Sir Henry Clinton in perpetual alarm in New-York, though with an army much inferior to the garrison of that city, General Washington suddenly quitted his camp at White-Plains, crossed the Delaware, and marched towards Virginia, apparently with a design to attack Lord Cornwallis. Sir Henry Clinton then received information, that the Count de Grasse, with a large French fleet, was expected every moment in the Chesapeak, in order to co-operate with General Washington. He immediately endeavoured, both by land and water, to communicate this information to Lord Cornwallis; and also sent him assurances, that he would either reinforce him by every possible means in his power, or make the best diversion he could in his favour. In the mean time, Lord Cornwallis had taken possession of the posts of York-town and Gloucester in Virginia, where he fortified himself in the best manner he was able.

On the 28th of August, Sir Samuel Hood, with a squadron from the West-Indies, joined the squadron under the command of Admiral Graves before New-York. It was then necessary, on account of the situation of Lord Cornwallis, that they should immediately proceed to the Chesapeak; but some time appears to have been needlessly lost, though Admiral Hood was extremely anxious that no delay might be made. They arrived, however, in the Chesapeak, on the 5th of September, with 19 ships of the line; where they found the Count de Grasse, who had anchored in that bay on the 30th of August with 24 ships of the line. The French admiral had previously landed a large body of troops, which had been brought from Rhode-Island, and who immediately marched to join the American army under General Washington. The British and French fleets came to an action on the same day in which the former arrived in the Chesapeak. On board the British fleet 90 were killed and 246 wounded: some of the ships were greatly damaged in the engagement; and the Terrible, a 74 gun ship, was so much shattered, that it was afterwards found necessary to set fire to it. That this action had not been favourable to the English, was manifest from the event: the fleets continued in sight of each other for five days suc-

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cessively, and sometimes were very near; but at length the French fleet all anchored within the Cape, so as to block up the passage. Admiral Graves, who was the commander in chief, then called a council of war, in which it was resolved that the fleet should proceed to New-York, that the ships might be there put into the best state for the service: and thus were the French left masters of the navigation of the Chesapeak.

Before the news of this action had reached New-York, a council of war was held there, in which it was resolved, that 5000 men should be embarked on board the king's ships, in order to proceed to the assistance of Lord Cornwallis. But when it was known that the French were absolute masters of the navigation of the Chesapeak, it was thought inexpedient to send off that reinforcement immediately. In another council of war, it was resolved, that as Lord Cornwallis had provisions to last him till the end of October, it was advisable to wait for more favourable accounts from Admiral Graves, or for the arrival of Admiral Digby, who was expected with three ships of the line. It was not then known at New-York, that Admiral Graves had determined to return with the whole fleet to that port.

In the mean time, the most effectual measures were adopted by General Washington for surrounding the British army under Lord Cornwallis. A large body of French troops under the command of Lieutenant-General the Count de Rochambeau, with a very considerable train of artillery, assisted in the enterprise. The Americans amounted to near 8000 continentals and 5000 militia. General Washington was invested with the authority of commander in chief of the combined forces of America and France. On the 29th of September, the investment of York-Town was complete, and the British army quite blocked up. The day following, Sir Henry Clinton wrote a letter to Lord Cornwallis, containing assurances that he would do every thing in his power to relieve him, and some information concerning the steps that would be taken for that purpose. A duplicate of this letter was sent to his Lordship by Major Cochran on the 3d of October. That gentleman, who was a very gallant officer, went in a vessel to the Capes, and made his way to Lord Cornwallis, through the whole French fleet, in an open boat. He got to York-Town on the 10th of the month; and soon after his arrival had his head carried off by a cannon ball.

After the return of Admiral Graves to New-York, a council of war was held, consisting of flag and general officers; in which it was resolved, that a large body of troops should be embarked on board the king's ships as soon as they were refitted, and that the exertions of both fleet and army should be made in order to form a junction with Lord Cornwallis. Sir Henry Clinton himself embarked on board the fleet, with upwards of 7000 troops, on the 18th; they arrived off Cape Charles, at the entrance of the Chesapeak, on the 24th, where they received intelligence that Lord Cornwallis had been obliged to capitulate five days before.

It was on the 19th of October that Lord Cornwallis surrendered himself and his whole army, by capitulation, prisoners to the combined armies of America and France, under the command of General Washington. He made a defence suitable to the character he

had before acquired, for courage and military skill; but was compelled to submit to untoward circumstances and superior numbers. It was agreed by the articles of capitulation, that the British troops were to be prisoners to the United States of America, and the seamen to the French king, to whose officers also the British vessels found at York-Town and Gloucester were to be delivered up. The British prisoners amounted to more than 7000; but many of them, at the time of surrender, were incapable of duty. A considerable number of cannon, and a large quantity of military stores, fell into the hands of the Americans on this occasion. The honour of marching out with military colours, was refused to Lord Cornwallis, as it had been refused to General Lincoln; who was now selected to receive the submission of the royal army at York-Town in the same manner his own submission had been received by the British about 18 months before at Charleston.

As no rational expectation now remained of a subjugation of the colonies, the military operations that succeeded in America were of little consequence. Some inconsiderable actions and skirmishes did indeed take place after that event; in which the refugees chiefly distinguished themselves, and discovered an inveterate animosity against the Americans. On the 5th of May 1782, Sir Guy Carleton arrived at New-York, being appointed to the command of the British troops in America in the room of Sir Henry Clinton. Two days after his arrival, he wrote a letter to General Washington, acquainting him, that Admiral Digby was joined with himself in a commission to treat of peace with the people of America; transmitting to him, at the same time, some papers tending to manifest the pacific disposition of the government and people of Britain towards those of America. He also desired a passport for Mr Morgan, who was appointed to transmit a similar letter of compliment to the congress. General Washington declined signing any passport till he had taken the opinion of congress upon that measure; and by them he was directed to refuse any passport for such a purpose. However, another letter was sent to General Washington, dated the 2d of August, signed by Sir Guy Carleton and Rear-admiral Digby, in which they informed him, that they were acquainted by authority that negociations for a general peace had already commenced at Paris; that Mr Grenville was invested with full powers to treat with all the parties at war; and was then at Paris in the execution of his commission. They farther informed him, that his Britannic majesty, in order to remove all obstacles to that peace which he so ardently wished to restore, had commanded his ministers to direct Mr Grenville, that the independency of the thirteen provinces should be proposed by him, in the first instance, instead of making it the condition of a general treaty. But some jealousies were entertained by the Americans, that it was the design of the British court either to disunite them, or to bring them to treat of a peace separately from their ally the king of France: they therefore resolved, that any man, or body of men, who should presume to make any separate or partial convention or agreement with the king of Great-Britain, or with any commissioner or commissioners under the crown of Great-Britain, ought to be considered and treated as open and avowed enemies

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Sir Guy Carleton arrives at New-York, with powers to treat of peace.

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America. of the United States of America; and also that those states could not with propriety hold any conference or treaty with any commissioners on the part of Great Britain, unless they should, as a preliminary thereto, either withdraw their fleets and armies, or else, in positive or express terms, acknowledge the independence of the said states. They likewise resolved, that any propositions which might be made by the court of Great Britain, in any manner tending to violate the treaty subsisting between them and the king of France, ought to be treated with every mark of indignity and contempt.

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Different  
places evacuated by  
the British  
troops.

In the month of June, the town of Savannah, and the whole province of Georgia, were evacuated by the British troops; as was also Charleston, South-Carolina, about the close of the year. In the mean time, the negotiations for peace being continued, provisional articles of peace were signed at Paris on the 30th of November by the commissioner of his Britannic Majesty and the American commissioners, in which his Majesty acknowledged the united colonies of New-Hampshire, Massachusetts-Bay, Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North-Carolina, South-Carolina, and Georgia, to be "free, sovereign, and independent states." They had constituted themselves such on the 4th of July 1776; they had been acknowledged such by the French king on the 30th of January 1778, when he concluded with them a treaty of amity and commerce; Holland had acknowledged them as such April 19th 1782; Sweden acknowledged them as such February 5th 1783; Denmark the 25th February, Spain in March, and Russia in July, the same year.

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ton resigns  
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The Definitive Treaty was signed on the 3d of September 1783; and, on the 25th of November following, the British troops evacuated New-York, which was immediately entered by the Americans in a joyful and well-conducted procession, headed by General Washington and Governor Clinton. Soon after this event, the soldiers of the American army, cheerfully resuming the character of citizens, returned peaceably to their respective homes; while their beloved and ever-honoured commander, having taken a pathetic leave of his officers, repaired to Annapolis, and, on the 19th of December, at an audience with Congress (perhaps the most singular and interesting that ever occurred) resigned his commission into the hands of the president of that honourable body, amidst the acclamations of his grateful and admiring countrymen.

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Loss of  
men and  
treasure by  
the war.

According to the report of the committee appointed for that purpose, the *Foreign Debt* of the United States incurred by the war, amounted to 7,885,085 dollars, and the *Domestic Debt* to 34,115,290, total, at 4s. 6d. each, equal to 9,450,084l. Sterling, the interest of which at 6 per cent. is 567,005l. But the cost to Great Britain is moderately computed at 115,654,914l. and the additional annual burthen by it 4,557,575l. since January 1775. As to the loss of men during this unhappy war, the States of America, according to authentic estimates, lost by the sword and in prison near 80,000 men; and by the British returns at New-York, the number of soldiers killed in the service amounted to 43,633.

Of the extent of territory, population, commerce, revenues and wealth of this growing empire; and, also, of the rise, progress, and establishment of the present happy form of government, a particular account shall be given, under the article *UNITED STATES*.

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Ames.

AMERICAN NIGHT-SHADE. See *PHYTOLACCA*.  
AMERICAN GROUND-NUT. See *ARRACHIS*.

AMERICUS VESPUCIUS, a Florentine gentleman, from whom *America* derived its name.—The merchants of Seville having obtained permission to attempt discoveries as private adventurers, sent out four ships in 1499, under the command of Alonzo de Ojeda (who had accompanied Columbus in his second voyage), assisted by Americus Vesputius, who was known to be deeply skilled in the science of navigation. This fleet touched on that part of the western continent already discovered by Columbus, whose track Ojeda followed; and Americus, who was a man of much address, as well as possessed of considerable literary talents, by publishing the first voyages on the subject, and other artful means, gave his name to the New-World, in prejudice to the illustrious Genoese. The imposture, though long detected, has been sanctified by time: and the fourth division of the globe, so long unknown to the inhabitants of Europe, Asia, and Africa, still continues to be distinguished by the name of *AMERICA*.

AMERSFORT, a city in the Netherlands, in the province of Utrecht, seated on the river Ems, E. Long. 5. 20. N. Lat. 52. 14. The most remarkable things are, The town-house; the grand palace, which is triangular; the public walk, planted with trees; and the great church, dedicated to St George. The land to the east and south of this city is very fruitful; on the north there is nothing but pasture-ground, and on the west it is woody. Not far from hence is a mountain called *Amersfort-berg*, on which they have planted a vista of trees, which reaches to Utrecht.

AMERSHAM, or AGMONDESHAM, a market-town in Buckinghamshire, consisting of about 200 houses, with a free-school, and four alms-houses. It sends two members to parliament, and has a market on Tuesday. It is a rectory rated at 48l. 16s. 8d. in the king's books. The market-house is a very handsome structure. W. Long. 0. 15. N. Lat. 51. 47.

AMES (William, D. D.) a learned independent divine, famous for his controversial writings, was born in 1576, and educated at Christ's college, in Cambridge. In the reign of King James I. he left the university, and soon after the kingdom, on account of his being unwilling to conform to the rules of the church; and retired to the Hague, where he had not been long before he was invited to accept of the divinity-chair in the university of Franeker, in Friesland, which he filled with admirable abilities for above twelve years; during which his fame was so great, that many came from remote nations to be educated under him. He from thence removed to Rotterdam for a change of air, which his health demanded; and here he continued during the remainder of his life. His controversial writings, which compose the greatest part of his works, are chiefly against Bellarmine and the Arminians. He also wrote, 1. A fresh Suit against the Ceremonies. 2. *Lectiones in Psalmos Davidis*. 3. *Medulla Theologiae*; and several



*Amestrata* veral pieces relative to the sciences. He died of an  
*Amethyst.* asthma, at Rotterdam, in Nov. 1633.

AMESTRATA, a town of Sicily, (Cicero); *Ame-*  
*stratos*, (Stephanus); *Amastra* (Silius Italicus); *Mul-*  
*tistratos*, (Polybius): Now *Mistretta*, in the Val di De-  
 mona, on the river Halesus. It was a very strong fort of  
 the Carthaginians, besieged in vain by the Romans for  
 seven months with considerable loss; at length, after  
 another siege taken and razed (Diodor. Siculus).

AMETHYST, a transparent gem of a purple co-  
 lour, which seems composed of a strong blue and a  
 deep red; and, according as either of those prevails, af-  
 fording different tinges of purple, sometimes approach-  
 ing to violet, and sometimes even fading to a pale-rose  
 colour. Though the amethyst is generally of a purple  
 colour, it is nevertheless sometimes found naturally co-  
 lourless, and may at any time be easily made so by put-  
 ting it into the fire; in which pellucid or colourless state,  
 it so resembles the diamond, that its want of hardness  
 seems the only way of distinguishing it. Some derive  
 the name *amethyst* from its colour, which resembles wine  
 mixed with water; whilst others, with more probabili-  
 ty, think it got its name from its supposed virtue of pre-  
 venting drunkenness; an opinion which, however ima-  
 ginary, prevailed to that degree among the ancients,  
 that it was usual for great drinkers to wear it about their  
 necks. Be this as it will, the amethyst is scarce inferior  
 to any of the gems in the beauty of its colour; and in  
 its purest state is of the same hardness, and at least of  
 equal value, with the ruby and sapphire. It is found of  
 various sizes, from the bigness of a small vetch, to an  
 inch and an half in diameter, and often to much more  
 than that in length. Its shape is extremely various,  
 sometimes roundish, sometimes oblong, and at others  
 flatted, at least on one side; but its most common ap-  
 pearance is in a crystalliform figure, consisting of a thick  
 column, composed of four plants, and terminated by a  
 flat and short pyramid, of the same number of sides; or  
 else, of a thinner and longer hexangular column; and  
 sometimes of a long pyramid, without any column. It  
 makes the gayest figure in the last of these states, but  
 is hardest and most valuable in the roundish and pebble-  
 like form. The amethyst is found in the East and  
 West-Indies, and in several parts of Europe; the orien-  
 tal ones, at least some of the finer specimens, being so  
 hard and bright as to equal any of the coloured gems in  
 value. However, by far the greater number of ame-  
 thysts fall infinitely short of these; as all the European  
 ones, and not a few of those brought from the East and  
 West-Indies, are very little harder than common crystal.

*Counterfeit or Factitious AMETHYST.* Spars and  
 crystals tinged red and yellow, &c. are sold for ame-  
 thysts. The false ones come from Germany, are tinged  
 by vapours in the mines, and contain some lead.

Amethysts may be counterfeited by glass, to which  
 the proper colour or stain is given. There were fine  
 ones made in France about the year 1690, which may  
 even impose on connoisseurs, unless the stone be taken  
 out of the collet.—The method of giving this colour  
 to glass is directed as follows: Take chrysal-frit, made  
 with the most perfect and fine tarso: Then prepare a  
 mixture of manganese in powder, one pound; and zaf-  
 fer prepared, one ounce and a half: Mix these powders  
 well together; and add to every pound of the frit an  
 ounce of this powder. Let it be put into the pots

with the frit, not into the already made metal. When Amethyst,  
 the whole has stood long enough in fusion to be per-  
 fectly pure, work it into vessels, and they will resem-  
 ble the colour of the amethyst. Amethyst,  
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Amhurst.

AMETHYST in heraldry, a term for the purple co-  
 lour in the coat of a nobleman, in use with those who  
 blazon with precious stones, instead of metals and co-  
 lours. This, in a gentleman's escutcheon, is called  
*Purple*; and in those of sovereign princes, *Mercury*.

AMETHYSTEA, AMETHYST: a genus of the  
 monogynia order, belonging to the diandria class of  
 plants; and, in the natural method, ranking under the  
 42d order, *Verticillatae*. The characters are: The *calyx*  
 consists of a single-leaved perianthium, bell-shaped, an-  
 gular, semiquinquefid, and persistent: The *corolla* is  
 monopetalous; the border quinquepartite, the lowest  
 division more expanding: The *stamina* consist of two  
 slender filaments approximated; the antheræ are simple  
 and roundish: The *pisillum* has a four-cleft germ; the  
 stylus, the size of the stamina; stigmata two, acute:  
 No *corolla*: The *seeds* four, gibbous, and shorter than  
 the calyx:—There is only one known species.

This plant is a native of Siberia, from whence the  
 seeds were sent to the imperial garden at Petersburg,  
 and thence carried to Britain. It is an annual plant,  
 with an upright stalk, which rises about a foot high.  
 Towards the top it puts forth two or three small later-  
 al branches, garnished with small trifid leaves, sawed  
 on their edges, of a very dark green colour. The  
 flowers appear in June or July, and are produced in  
 small umbels at the extremities of the branches. They  
 are of a fine blue colour, as are also the upper part of  
 the branches, and the leaves immediately under the  
 umbel, so that they make a fine appearance.

*Culture.* The seeds of the amethystea should be  
 sown in autumn, as they are apt to remain a whole  
 year in the ground, if kept till the spring. When the  
 plants come up, nothing else is necessary than to keep  
 them clear of weeds, and to thin them where they are  
 too close. They ought to be sown where they are to  
 remain, as they do not thrive when transplanted.

AMETHYSTINE is applied, in antiquity, to a  
 kind of purple garment dyed of the hue of amethyst.  
 In this sense amethystine differed from *Tyrian* as well  
 as from *hyacinthine* purple, being a kind of medium  
 between both.

AMHAR, or AMHARA, a province of Abyssinia,  
 said to extend 40 leagues from east to west. It is con-  
 sidered as the most noble in the whole empire, both on  
 account of its being the usual residence of the Abyssin-  
 ian monarchs, and having a particular dialect diffe-  
 rent from all the rest, which, by reason of the empe-  
 rors being brought up in this province, is become the  
 language of the court and of the politer people. Here  
 is the famed rock Amba-geshen, where the young mo-  
 narchs were formerly confined. See AMBA.

AMHURST (Nicholas), an English poet and poli-  
 tical writer, was born at Marden in Kent, and entered  
 of St John's college Oxford; from whence he was ex-  
 pelled for irregularity of conduct and libertine princi-  
 ples. Retaining great resentment against the university  
 on this account, he abused its learning and discipline,  
 and some of the most respectable characters in it, in a  
 poem published in 1724, called *Oculus Britannicæ*, and  
 in a book intitled *Terra Filius*. He published a Miscel-  
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Amianthus || Amida. lany of Poems, sacred and profane; and, The Convocation, a poem in five cantos, which was a satire on the Bishop of Bangor's antagonists. But he is best known for the share he had in the political paper called *The Craftsman*: though, after having been the drudge of his party for near 20 years, he was as much forgot in the famous compromise of 1742 as if he had never been born; and, when he died in that year of a broken heart, was indebted to the charity of his bookseller for a grave.

AMIANTHUS, or EARTH-FLAX, in natural history, a fibrous, flexile, elastic, mineral substance, consisting of short, abrupt, and interwoven filaments. It is found in Germany, in the strata of iron ore, sometimes forming veins of an inch in diameter. Its fibres are so flexible that cloth has been made of them, and the shorter filaments that separate in the washing of the stone may be made into paper in the common manner. For the method of its preparation for manufacture into cloth, see ASBESTOS.

Amianthus is classed by Mr Kirwan in the muriatic genus of earths, because it contains about a fifth part of magnesia. Its other constituents, are, flint, mild calcareous earth, barytes, clay, and a very small proportion of iron. It is fusible *per se* in a strong heat, and also with the common fluxes. It differs from asbestos in containing some ponderous earth.

AMICABLE, in a general sense, denotes any thing done in a friendly manner, or to promote peace.

AMICABLE-Benches, in Roman antiquity, were, according to Pitiscus, lower and less honourable seats allotted for the *judices pedanei*, or inferior judges, who, upon being admitted of the emperor's council, were dignified by him with the title *amici*.

AMICABLE-Numbers, such as are mutually equal to the sum of one another's aliquot parts. Thus the numbers 284 and 220 are amicable numbers: for the aliquot parts, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 11, 20, 22, 44, 55, 110, of 220, are together equal to the other number 284; and the aliquot parts 1, 2, 4, 71, 142, of 284, are together equal to 220.

AMICTUS, in Roman antiquity, was any upper garment worn over the tunica.

AMICTUS, among ecclesiastical writers, the uppermost garment anciently worn by the clergy; the other five being the alba, singulum, stola, manipulus, and planeta. The amictus was a linen garment, of a square figure, covering the head, neck, and shoulders, and buckled or clasped before the breast. It is still worn by the religious abroad.

AMICULUM, in Roman antiquity, a woman's upper garment, which differed from the pala. It was worn both by matrons and courtezans.

AMICUS CURIÆ, a law-term, to denote a bystander who informs the court of a matter in law that is doubtful or mistaken.

AMIDA, a god worshipped by the Japanese, who has many temples erected to him in the island of Japan, of which the principal is at Jedo. The Japanese have such a confidence in their idol Amida, that they hope to obtain eternal felicity by the frequent invocation of his name. One of the figures of this idol is represented at Rome.

AMIDA (anc. geog.), a principal city of Mesopotamia (Liber Notitiæ); *Ammaea* (Ptolemy); situated

on a high mountain, on the borders of Assyria, on the Tigris, where it receives the Nymphius.—It was taken from the Romans, in the time of the emperor Constans, by Sapore king of Persia. The siege is said to have cost him 30,000 men; however, he reduced it to such ruin, that the emperor afterwards wept over it. According to Ammianus Marcellinus, the city was razed; the chief officers were crucified; and the rest, with the soldiers and inhabitants, either put to the sword or carried into captivity, except our historian himself, and two or three more, who, in the dead of the night, escaped through a postern unperceived by the enemy. The inhabitants of Nisibis, however, being obliged to leave their own city by Jovian's treaty with the Persians, soon restored Amida to its former strength; but it was again taken by Cavades in 501, but was restored to the Romans in 503. On the declension of the Roman power, it fell again into the hands of the Persians; but was taken from them by the Saracens in 899. It is now in the possession of the Turks. Here are above 20,000 Christians, who are better treated by the Turks than in other places. A great trade is carried on in this city, of red Turkey leather, and cotton cloth of the same colour. The Arabian name of Amida is *Diarbeker*, and the Turkish one *Kara Amed*. E. Long. 39. 0. N. Lat. 36. 58.

AMIENS, a large handsome city of France, the capital of Picardy. It is agreeably situated on the river Somme, and said to have received its Latin name *Ambianum* from being every where encompassed with water. It is a place of great antiquity; being mentioned by Cæsar as a town that had made a vigorous resistance against the Romans, and where he convened a general assembly of the Gauls after having made himself master of it. The emperors Antoninus and Marcus Aurelius enlarged it; and Constantine, Constans, Julian, and several others, resided here a considerable time. The town is encompassed with a wall and other fortifications; and the ramparts are planted with trees, which form a delightful walk. The river Somme enters Amiens by three different channels, under as many bridges; and these channels, after washing the town in several places, where they are of use in its different manufactures, unite at the other end by the bridge of S. Michael. Here is a quay for the boats that come from Abbeville with goods brought by sea. At the gate of Noyon there is a suburb remarkable for the abbey of S. Achen. Next to this gate you come to that of Paris, where they have a long mall between two rows of trees. The houses are well built; the streets spacious, embellished with handsome squares and good buildings; and the number of inhabitants between 40 and 50 thousand. The cathedral, dedicated to our Lady, is one of the largest and most magnificent churches in France; adorned with handsome paintings, fine pillars, chapels, and tombs; particularly the nave is greatly admired. The other places worth seeing are the palace of the bailiwick, the town-house, the square *des Fleurs*, and the great market-place.

Amiens was taken by the Spaniards, in 1597, by the following stratagem: Soldiers, disguised like peasants, conducted a cart laden with nuts, and let a bag of them fall just as the gate was opened. While the guard was busy in gathering up the nuts, the Spaniards entered

Amilcar, entered and became masters of the town. It was re-  
taken by Henry IV. who built a citadel there.

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Am-Kas. This town is the seat of a bishop, suffragan of Rheims,  
as also of a presidial, bailiwick, vidam, a chamber of  
accounts, and a generality. The bishop's revenue is  
30,000 livres. They have some linen and woolen ma-  
nufactures, and they also make a great quantity of  
black and green soap. It lies in E. Long. 2. 30.  
N. Lat. 49. 50.

AMILCAR, the name of several Carthaginian cap-  
tains. The most celebrated of them is Amilcar Barca,  
the father of Hannibal, who during five years in-  
fested the coast of Italy; when the Romans, sending  
out their whole naval strength, defeated him near Tra-  
pani, 242 years before Christ; and thus put an end to  
the first Punic war. Amilcar began the second, and  
landed in Spain, where he subdued the most warlike  
nations; but as he was preparing for an expedition a-  
gainst Italy, he was killed in battle, 228 years before  
the Christian æra. He left three sons, whom he had  
educated, as he said, like three lions, to tear Rome in  
pieces; and made Hannibal, his eldest son, swear an  
eternal enmity against the Romans.

AMILICTI, in the Chaldaic theology, denote a  
kind of intellectual powers, or persons in the divine  
hierarchy. The amilicti are represented as three in  
number; and constitute one of the tryads, in the third  
order of hierarchy.

AMIRANTE, in the Spanish polity, a great officer  
of state, answering to the lord high-admiral in England.

AMISUS, the chief city of the ancient kingdom of  
Pontus. It was built by the Milesians, and peopled  
partly by them, and partly by a colony from Athens.  
It was at first a free city, like the other Greek cities in  
Asia; but afterwards subdued by Pharnaces king of  
Pontus, who made it his metropolis. It was taken by  
Lucullus in the Mithridatic war, who restored it to its  
ancient liberty. Close by Amisus stood another city  
called *Eupatoria*, from Mithridates Eupator its found-  
er. This city was likewise taken by Lucullus, who  
levelled it with the ground; but it was afterwards re-  
built by Pompey, who united it with Amisus, giving  
them the name of *Pompeiopolis*. It was taken during the  
war between Cæsar and Pompey, by Pharnaces king  
of Pontus, who put most of its inhabitants to the sword;  
but Cæsar, having conquered Pharnaces, made it again  
a free city.

AMITERNUM, a town of the Sabines, in Italy,  
(Livy, Pliny); now extinct: The ruins are to be seen  
on the level ridge of a mountain, near S. Vittorino,  
and the springs of the Aternus; not far from Aquila,  
which rose out of the ruins of Amiternum.

AMITTERE LEGEM TERRÆ, among lawyers, a  
phrase importing the loss of liberty of swearing in any  
court: The punishment of a champion overcome or  
yielding in battle, of jurors found guilty in a writ of  
attaint, and of a person outlawed.

AM-KAS, in history, a name given to a spacious sa-  
loon in the palace of the Great-Mogul, where he gives  
audience to his subjects, and where he appears on so-  
lemn festivals with extraordinary magnificence. His  
throne is supported by six large steps of massy gold,  
set with rubies, emeralds, and diamonds, estimated at  
60,000,000l.

AMMA, among ecclesiastical writers, a term used  
to denote an abbess, or spiritual mother.

AMMAN, or AMMANT, in the German or Belgic  
policy, a judge who has the cognisance of civil causes.  
—It is also used among the French for a public notary,  
or officer who draws up instruments and deeds.

AMMANIA: A genus of the monogynia order, be-  
longing to the tetrandria class of plants; and in the  
natural method ranking under the 17th order, *Calycan-  
thema*. The characters are: The *calyx* is an oblong,  
erect, bell-shaped perianthium, with eight striæ, qua-  
drangulated, octodentated, and persistent: The *corolla*  
is either wanting, or it consists of four ovate expanding  
petals inserted in the calyx: The *stamina* consist of  
four bristly filaments the length of the calyx; the an-  
theræ are didymous: The *pistillum* has a large ovate  
germen, above; the stylus simple and very short; the  
stigma headed: The pericarpium is a roundish four-  
celled capsule, covered by the calyx: the seeds are nu-  
merous and small.—Of this genus there are three spe-  
cies enumerated; all of them natives of warm climates.  
They have no beauty or other remarkable property.

AMMI, BISHOP'S WEED: A genus of the digynia  
order, belonging to the pentandria class of plants; and  
ranking, in the natural method, under the 45th order,  
*Umbellata*. The characters are: Of the *calyx* the ni-  
iversal umbel is manifold; the partial one short and  
crowded; the involucre are pinnatifid, with numerous  
leaflets: The *corollæ* are radiated, and all hermaphro-  
dite: The *stamina* consist of five capillary filaments;  
the antheræ roundish: The *pistillum* has a germen be-  
neath: the styli are two, and reflected; and the stig-  
mata are obtuse: There is no *pericarpium*; the fruit is  
roundish, polished, striated, small, and partible: The  
*seeds* are two, plano-convex, and striated. Of this there  
are three

*Species.* 1. The majus, or common bishop's-weed,  
the seeds of which are used in medicine. The glau-  
cifolium, with all its leaves cut in the shape of a spear.  
3. The copticum, or Egyptian bishop's-weed.

*Culture, &c.* The first is an annual plant; and there-  
fore is to be propagated by seeds sown in the autumn,  
in the place where the plants are to remain. They  
will flower in June, and the seeds will ripen in August.  
This plant will grow in any open situation, but thrives  
best in a light sandy soil. The second sort is peren-  
nial, and very hardy. It thrives best in a moist soil,  
and may be propagated by seeds in the same manner  
as the former.

The third species is now no otherwise known than  
by the figure of its seeds, which were formerly used in  
medicine, but have long since given place to those of  
the common kind. The seeds of the ammi-copticum  
are small, striated, of a reddish brown colour, and have  
a warm pungent taste, and a pleasant smell approaching  
to that of origanum. They are recommended as sto-  
machic, carminative, and diuretic; but have long been  
strangers to the shops. The seeds of the ammi-majus,  
which are used in their place, are much weaker both  
in taste and smell, and without the origanum flavour  
of the other.

AMMIANUS (Marcellinus), a Grecian and a sol-  
dier, as he calls himself, was born at Antioch, and flour-  
ished under Constantius and the preceding emperors as  
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Ammirato late as Theodosius. He served under Julian in the east; and wrote in Latin an interesting history, from the reign of Nerva to the death of Valens, in 31 books, of which only 18 remain. Though a Pagan, he speaks with candour and moderation of the Christian religion, and even praises it: his hero is the emperor Julian. He died about the year 390. The best edition of his history is that of Gronovius, in 1693.

AMMIRATO (Scipio), an eminent Italian historian, born at Lecca in Naples in 1531. After travelling over great part of Italy, without settling to his satisfaction, he was engaged by the great duke of Tuscany to write *The History of Florence*; for which he was presented to a canonry in the cathedral there. He wrote other works while in this station; and died in 1600.

AMMOCHRYOSOS, from *αμμος*, sand, and *χρυσος*, gold, a name given by authors to a stone very common in Germany, and seeming to be composed of a golden sand. It is of a yellow gold-like colour, and its particles are very glossy, being all fragments of a coloured talc. It is usually so soft as to be easily rubbed to a powder in the hand; sometimes it requires grinding to powder in a mortar, or otherwise. It is used only as sand to strew over writing. The Germans call it *katzengold*. There is another kind of it, less common, but much more beautiful, consisting of the same sort of glossy spangles, but those not of a gold colour, but of a bright red, like vermilion.

AMMODYTES, or SAND-EEL, in ichthyology, a genus of fishes belonging to the order of apodes. This fish resembles an eel, and seldom exceeds a foot in length. The head of the ammodytes is compressed, and narrower than the body; the upper jaw is larger than the under; the body is cylindrical, with scales hardly perceptible. There is but one species of the ammodytes, viz. the tobianus, or lance, a native of Europe. This fish gathers itself into a circle, and pierces the sand with its head in the centre. It is found in most of the sandy shores during some of the summer-months: it conceals itself, on the recess of the tides, beneath the sand, in such places where the water is left, at the depth of about a foot; and is in some places dug out, in others drawn up by means of a hook contrived for that purpose. They are commonly used as baits for other fish, but they are also very delicate eating. These fish are found in the stomach of the *Porpefs*; an argument that the last roots up the sand with its nose, as the hogs do the ground.

AMMON, anciently a city of Marmarica (Ptolemy). Arrian calls it a *place*, not a city, in which stood the temple of Jupiter Ammon, round which there was nothing but sandy wastes. Pliny says, That the oracle of Ammon was 12 days journey from Memphis, and among the *Nomi* of Egypt he reckons the *Nomos Ammoniacus*: Diodorus Siculus, That the district where the temple stood, though surrounded with deserts, was watered by dews which fell nowhere else in all that country. It was agreeably adorned with fruitful trees and springs, and full of villages. In the middle stood the acropolis or citadel, encompassed with a triple wall; the first and inmost of which contained the palace; the others the apartments of the women, the relations and children, as also the temple of the god, and the sacred fountain for lustrations. Without the acropolis stood,

at no great distance, another temple of Ammon, shaded by a number of tall trees: near which there was a fountain, called that of the sun, or *Solis Fons*, because subject to extraordinary changes according to the time of the day; morning and evening warm, at noon cold, at midnight extremely hot. A kind of fossil salt was said to be naturally produced here. It was dug out of the earth in large oblong pieces, sometimes three fingers in length, and transparent as crystal. It was thought to be a present worthy of kings, and used by the Egyptians in their sacrifices.—From this our sal-ammoniac has taken its name.

AMMON, or HAMMON, in heathen mythology, the name of the Egyptian Jupiter, worshipped under the figure of a ram.

Bacchus having subdued Asia, and passing with his army through the deserts of Africa, was in great want of water: but Jupiter, his father, assuming the shape of a ram, led him to a fountain, where he refreshed himself and his army; in gratitude for which favour, Bacchus built there a temple to Jupiter, under the title of *Ammon*, from the Greek *αμμος*, which signifies sand, alluding to the sandy desert where it was built. In this temple was an oracle of great note, which Alexander the Great consulted, and which lasted till the time of Theodosius.

Hammon, the god of the Egyptians, was the same with the Jupiter of the Greeks; for which reason these latter denominate the city which the Egyptians call No-Hammon, or the habitation of Ammon, *Diospolis*, or the city of Jupiter. He is thought to be the same with Ham, who peopled Africa, and was the father of Mizraim, the founder of the Egyptians.

AMMON, or BEN-AMMI, the son of Lot, begot by that patriarch upon his youngest daughter (Gen. xix. 38.) He was the father of the Ammonites, and dwelt to the east of the Dead Sea, in the mountains of Gilead. See AMMONITIS and AMMONITES.

AMMON (Andreas), an excellent Latin poet, born at Lucca in Italy, was sent by Pope Leo X. to England, in the characters of prothonotary of the Apostolic See, and collector-general of the kingdom. Being a man of singular genius and learning, he soon became acquainted with the principal literati of those times; particularly with Erasmus, Colet, Grocin, and others, for the sake of whose company he resided some time at Oxford. The advice which Erasmus gives him, in regard to pushing his fortune, has a good deal of humour in it, and was certainly intended as a satire on the artful methods generally practised by the selfish and ambitious part of mankind: "In the first place (says he), throw off all sense of shame; thrust yourself into every one's business, and elbow out whomsoever you can; neither love nor hate any one; measure every thing by your own advantage; let this be the scope and drift of all your actions. Give nothing but what is to be returned with usury, and be complaisant to every body. Have always two strings to your bow. Feign that you are solicited by many from abroad, and get every thing ready for your departure. Show letters inviting you elsewhere, with great promises." Ammon was Latin secretary to Henry VIII. but at what time he was appointed does not appear. In 1512 he was made canon and prebendary of the collegiate chapel of St Stephen, in the palace of Westminster. He was likewise

Ammoniac wife prebendary of Wells; and in 1514 was presented to the rectory of Dychial in that diocese. About the same time, by the king's special recommendation, he was also made prebendary of Salisbury. He died in the year 1517, and was buried in St Stephen's chapel in the palace of Westminster. He was esteemed an elegant Latin writer, and an admirable poet. The epistles of Erasmus to Ammon abound with encomiums on his genius and learning.—His works are, 1. *Epistolæ ad Erasmum*, lib. i. 2. *Scotici confictus historia*, lib. i. 3. *Bucolicæ vel eclogæ*, lib. i. Basil 1546. 4. *De rebus nihil*, lib. i. 5. *Panegyricus quidam*, lib. i. 6. *Varii generis epigrammata*, lib. i. 7. *Poemata diversa*, lib. i.

AMMONIAC, a concrete gummy resinous juice, brought from the East-Indies, usually in large masses, composed of little lumps or tears, of a milky colour, but soon changing, upon being exposed to the air, of a yellowish hue. We have no certain account of the plant which affords this juice; the seeds usually found among the tears resemble those of the umbelliferous class. It has been, however, alleged, and not without some degree of probability, that it is an exudation from a species of the FERULA, another species of which produces the assafœtida. The plant producing it is said to grow in Nubia, Abyssinia, and the interior parts of Egypt. It is brought to the western part of Europe from Egypt, and to England from the Red Sea, by some of the ships belonging to the East-India Company trading to those parts. Such tears as are large, dry, free from little stones, seeds, or other impurities, should be picked out, and preferred for internal use: the coarser kind is purified by solution and colature, and then carefully inspissating it; unless this be artfully managed, the gum will lose a considerable deal of its more volatile parts. There is often vended in the shops, under the name of strained gum-ammoniacum, a composition of ingredients much inferior in virtue.

Ammoniac has a nauseous sweet taste, followed by a bitter one; and a peculiar smell, somewhat like that of galbanum, but more grateful: it softens in the mouth, and grows of a whiter colour upon being chewed. Thrown upon live coals, it burns away in flame: it is in some measure soluble in water and in vinegar, with which it assumes the appearance of milk; but the resinous part, amounting to about one half, subsides on standing.

Ammoniac is an useful deobstruent, and frequently prescribed for opening obstructions of the abdominal viscera, and in hysterical disorders occasioned by a deficiency of the menstrual evacuations. It is likewise supposed to deterge the pulmonary vessels; and proves of considerable service in some kinds of asthmas, where the lungs are oppressed by viscid phlegm: in this intention, a solution of gum-ammoniac in vinegar of squills proves a medicine of great efficacy, though not a little unpleasant. In long and obstinate cholics proceeding from viscid matter lodged in the intestines, this gummy resin has produced happy effects, after the purges and the common carminatives had been used in vain. Ammoniac is most commodiously taken in the form of pills; about a scruple may be given every night, or oftener. Externally, it softens and ripens hard tumours: a solution of it in vinegar stands recommended by some for resolving even scirrhus swellings. A plaster made of

it and squill-vinegar is recommended by some in white swellings. A dilute mixture of the same is likewise rubbed on the parts, which are also fumigated with the smoke of juniper-berries. In the shops is prepared a solution of it in pennyroyal water called from its milky colour *lac-ammoniaci*. It is an ingredient also in the squill pills.

*Sal-AMMONIAC*, a volatile salt, of which there are two kinds, ancient and modern. The ancient sort, described by Pliny and Dioscorides, was a native salt, generated in those large inns or caravanseras where the crowd of pilgrims, coming from the temple of Jupiter Ammon, used to lodge; who, in those parts, travelling upon camels, and those creatures when in Cyrene, a province of Egypt, where that celebrated temple stood, urining in the stables, or (say some) in the parched sands, out of this urine, which is remarkably strong, arose a kind of salt, denominated sometimes (from the temple) *Ammoniac*, and sometimes (from the country) *Cyreniac*. Since the cessation of these pilgrimages, no more of this salt is produced there; and, from this deficiency, some suspect there never was any such thing: But this suspicion is removed, by the large quantities of a salt, nearly of the same nature, thrown out by mount Ætna. The characters of the ancient sal-ammoniac are, that it cools water, turns aqua-fortis into aqua-regia, and consequently dissolves gold.

The modern sal-ammoniac is entirely factitious: for which, see CHEMISTRY-Index.

AMMONIAN PHILOSOPHY. See AMMONIUS.

AMMONITÆ, in natural history. See CORNU *Ammonis*.

AMMONITES, a people descended from Ammon the son of Lot. The Ammonites destroyed those giants which they called Zamzummims (Deut. ii. 19—21.), and seized upon their country. God forbid Moses, and by him the children of Israel (*id.* 19.), to attack the Ammonites; because he did not intend to give their lands unto the Hebrews. Before the Israelites entered the land of Canaan, the Amorites had by conquest got great part of the countries belonging to the Ammonites and Moabites. This Moses retook from the Amorites, and divided between the tribes of Gad and Reuben. In the time of Jephtha, the Ammonites declared war against the Israelites (Judges xi.), under pretence that they detained a great part of the country which had formerly been theirs before the Amorites possessed it. Jephtha declared, that as this was an acquisition which the Israelites had made in a just war, and what they had taken from the Amorites, who had long enjoyed it by right of conquest, he was under no obligation to restore it. The Ammonites were not satisfied with this reason; wherefore Jephtha gave them battle and defeated them. The Ammonites and Moabites generally united whenever there was any design set a-foot of attacking the Israelites. After the death of Othniel (*id.* iii.), the Ammonites and Amalekites joined with Eglon king of Moab to oppress the Hebrews; whom they subdued, and governed for the space of 18 years, till they were delivered by Ehud the son of Gera, who slew Eglon king of Moab. Some time after this, the Ammonites made war against the Israelites, and greatly distressed them. But these were at last delivered by the hands of Jephtha; who having attacked the Ammonites, made a very great slaughter

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ter among them (chap. xi.). In the beginning of Saul's reign (1. Sam. xi.), Naash king of the Ammonites having sat down before Jabesh-gilead, reduced the inhabitants to the extremity of demanding a capitulation. Naash answered, that he would capitulate with them upon no other conditions than their submitting every one to have his right eye plucked out, that so they might be made a reproach to Israel: but Saul coming seasonably to the relief of Jabesh, delivered the city and people from the barbarity of the king of the Ammonites. David had been the king of Ammon's friend; and, after the death of this prince, he sent ambassadors to make his compliments of condolence to Hanun his son and successor; who, imagining that David's ambassadors were come as spies to observe his strength, and the condition of his kingdom, treated them in a very injurious manner (2 Sam. x. 4.). David revenged this indignity thrown upon his ambassadors, by subduing the Ammonites, the Moabites, and the Syrians their allies. Ammon and Moab continued under the obedience of the kings David and Solomon; and, after the separation of the ten tribes, were subject to the kings of Israel till the death of Ahab in the year of the world 3107. Two years after the death of Ahab, Jechoram his son, and successor of Ahaziah, defeated the Moabites (2 Kings iii.): but it does not appear that this victory was so complete as to reduce them to his obedience. At the same time, the Ammonites, Moabites, and other people, made an irruption upon the lands belonging to Judah; but were forced back and routed by Jehoshaphat (2 Chr. xx. 1, 2.). After the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, were carried into captivity by Tiglath-pileser in the year 3264, the Ammonites and Moabites took possession of the cities belonging to these tribes. Jeremiah (xlix. 1.) reproaches them for it. The ambassadors of the Ammonites were some of those to whom this prophet (chap. xxvii. 2—4.) presented the cup of the Lord's fury, and directed to make bonds and yokes for themselves; exhorting them to submit themselves to Nebuchadnezzar, and threatening them, if they did not, with captivity and slavery. Ezekiel (xxv. 4—10.) denounces their entire destruction; and tells them that God would give them up to the people of the east, who should set their palaces in their country, so that there should be no more mention of the Ammonites among the nations. It is believed that these misfortunes happened to the Ammonites in the fifth year after the taking of Jerusalem, when Nebuchadnezzar made war against all the people that dwelt upon the confines of Judea, in the year of the world 3420.

It is also thought probable, that Cyrus gave the Ammonites and Moabites the liberty of returning into their own country, from whence they had been removed by Nebuchadnezzar: for we see them, in the place of their former settlement, exposed to those revolutions which were common to the people of Syria and Palestine; subjects sometimes to the kings of Egypt, and at other times to the kings of Syria. We are told by Polybius, that Antiochus the Great took Rabboth, or Philadelphia, their capital, demolished the walls, and put a garrison in it in 3806. During the persecutions of Antiochus Epiphanes, Josephus informs, that the Ammonites showed their hatred to the Jews,

and exercised great cruelties against such of them as lived about their country. Justin Martyr says, That in his time there were still many Ammonites remaining; but Origen assures us, that when he was living they were known only under the general name of Arabians. Thus was the prediction of Ezekiel (xxv. 10) accomplished; who said that the Ammonites should be destroyed in such a manner as not to be remembered among the nations.

AMMONITIS (anc. geog.), a country of Arabia Petraea, occupied by the children of Ammon, whence the appellation. Its limits, partly to the west and partly to the north, were the river Jabbok, whose course is no where determined; though Josephus says, that it runs between Rabbath-Ammon, or Philadelphia, and Gerasa, and falls into the Jordan.

AMMONIUS, surnamed SACCAS, was born in Alexandria, and flourished about the beginning of the third century. He was one of the most celebrated philosophers of his age; and, adopting with alterations the Eclectic philosophy, laid the foundations of that sect which was distinguished by the name of the *New Platonics*. See ECCLECTICS and PLATONISM.

This learned man was born of Christian parents and educated in their religion; the outward profession of which, it is said, he never entirely deserted. As his genius was vast and comprehensive, so were his projects bold and singular: For he attempted a general coalition of all sects, whether philosophical or religious, by framing a system of doctrines which he imagined calculated to unite them all, the Christians not excepted, in the most perfect harmony. In pursuance of this design, he maintained, that the great principles of all philosophical and religious truth were to be found equally in all sects; that they differed from each other only in their method of expressing them, and in some opinions of little or no importance; and that, by a proper interpretation of their respective sentiments, they might easily be united into one body. Accordingly, all the Gentile religions, and even the Christian, were to be illustrated and explained by the principles of this universal philosophy; and the fables of the priests were to be removed from Paganism, and the comments and interpretations of the disciples of Jesus from Christianity. In conformity to this plan, he insisted, that all the religious systems of all nations should be restored to their original purity, and reduced to their primitive standard, viz. the ancient philosophy of the East, preserved uncorrupted by Plato: and he affirmed, that this project was agreeable to the intentions of Jesus Christ; whose sole view in descending upon earth was to set bounds to the reigning superstition, to remove the errors that had blended themselves with the religion of all nations, but not to abolish the ancient theology from which they were derived. He therefore adopted the doctrines which were received in Egypt concerning the universe and the Deity, considered as constituting one great whole; concerning the eternity of the world, the nature of souls, the empire of Providence, and the government of the world by dæmons. He also established a system of moral discipline; which allowed the people in general to live according to the laws of their country and the dictates of nature; but required the wise to exalt their

**Ammonius** their minds by contemplation, and to mortify the body, so that they might be capable of enjoying the presence and assistance of the dæmons, and of ascending after death to the presence of the Supreme Parent. In order to reconcile the popular religions, and particularly the Christian, with this new system, he made the whole history of the Heathen gods an allegory; maintaining that they were only celestial ministers, intitled to an inferior kind of worship. And he acknowledged that Jesus Christ was an excellent man, and the friend of God; but alleged that it was not his design entirely to abolish the worship of dæmons, and that his only intention was to purify the ancient religion. This system, so plausible in its first rise, but so comprehensive and complying in its progress, has been the source of innumerable errors and corruptions in the Christian church. At its first establishment it is said to have had the approbation of Athenagoras, Pantænus, and Clemens the Alexandrian, and of all who had the care of the public school belonging to the Christians at Alexandria. It was afterwards adopted by Longinus the celebrated author of the treatise on the Sublime, Plotinus, Herennius, Origen, Porphyry, Jamblichus the disciple of Porphyry, Sopater, Edifius, Eustathius, Maximus of Ephesus, Priscus, Chrysanthius the master of Julian, Julian the Apostate, Hierocles, Proclus, and many others, both Pagans and Christians.

The above opinions of Ammonius are collected from the writings and disputations of his disciples, the modern Platonics; for he himself left nothing in writing behind him; nay, he imposed a law upon his disciples not to divulge his doctrines among the multitude; which injunction, however, they made no scruple to neglect and violate.

**AMMONIUS**, surnamed **LITHOTOME**, a celebrated surgeon of Alexandria; so called from his inventing the operation of extracting the stone from the bladder.

**AMMUNITION**, a general name for all warlike provisions; but more particularly powder, ball, &c.

Ammunition, arms, utensils of war, gun-powder, imported without licence from his Majesty, are, by the laws of England; forfeited, and triple the value. And again, such licence obtained, except for furnishing his Majesty's public stores, is to be void, and the offender to incur a premunire, and to be disabled to hold any office from the crown.

**AMMUNITION Bread, Shoes, &c.** such as are served out to the soldiers of an army or garrison.

**AMNESTY**, in matters of policy, denotes a pardon granted by a prince to his rebellious subjects, usually with some exceptions: such was that granted by Charles II. at his restoration.—The word is formed from the Greek ἀμνηστια, the name of an edict of this kind published by Thrasibulus, on his expulsion of the tyrants out of Athens.

**AMNIOS**, in anatomy, a thin pellucid membrane which surrounds the foetus in the womb. See **FŒTUS**.

**AMOEBÆUM**, in ancient poetry, a kind of poem representing a dispute between two persons, who are made to answer each other alternately; such are the third and seventh of Virgil's eclogues.

**AMOL**, a town of Asia, in the country of the Ufbecks, seated on the river Gihon. E. Long. 64. 30. N. Lat. 39. 20.

**AMOMUM, GINGER**: A genus of the monogynia order, belonging to the monandria class of plants. The characters are: The *calyx* is an obscure three-toothed perianthium, above: The *corolla* is monopetalous, the tubus short, the limbus tripartite: The *stamina* is an oblong filament, with the antheræ adjoining: The *pistillum* has a roundish germen, beneath; the stylus is filiform, the stigma obtuse: The *pericarpium* is leathery, subovate, trigonous, trilocular, and three-valved: The *seeds* are numerous.—Of this genus there are four

*Species.* 1. The zingiber, or common ginger, is a native of the East, and also of some parts of the West Indies; where it grows naturally without culture. The roots are jointed, and spread in the ground: they put out many green reed-like stalks in the spring, which arise to the height of two feet and an half, with narrow leaves. The flower-stems arise by the side of these, immediately from the root; these are naked; ending with an oblong scaly spike. From each of these scales is produced a single blue flower, whose petals are but little lower than the squamous covering. 2. The zerbumbet, or wild ginger, is a native of India. The roots are larger than those of the first, but are jointed in the same manner. The stalks grow from three to near four feet high, with oblong leaves placed alternately. The flower-stems arise immediately from the root: these are terminated by oblong, blunt, scaly heads; out of each scale is produced a single white flower, whose petals extend a considerable length beyond the scaly covering. 3. The cardamomum, or cardamom, is likewise a native of India; but is little known in Europe except by its seeds, which are used in medicine. Of this there is a variety, with smaller fruit, which makes the distinction into cardamomum majus and minus. The first, when it comes to us, is a dried fruit or pod about an inch long, containing, under a thick skin, two rows of small triangular seeds of a warm aromatic flavour. The cardamomum minus is a fruit scarce half the length of the foregoing, but considerably stronger both in smell and taste. 4. The grana paradisi species is likewise a native of the East Indies. The fruit containing the grains of paradise is about the size of a fig, divided into three cells, in each of which are contained two roots of small seeds like cardamoms. They are somewhat more grateful, and considerably more pungent, than cardamoms.

*Culture.* The first two species are tender, and require a warm stove to preserve them. They are easily propagated by parting the roots in the spring. These should be planted in pots filled with light rich earth, and plunged into a hot-bed of tanner's-bark, where they must constantly remain. If we may believe the Abbé Raynal, cardamoms propagate themselves, in those countries where they are natives, without either sowing or planting. Nothing more is required than, as soon as the rainy season is over, to set fire to the herb which has produced the fruit.

*Uses.* The dried roots of the first species are of great use in the kitchen, as well as in medicine. They furnish a considerable export from some of the American islands. The green roots, preserved as a sweet-meat, are preferable to every other kind. The Indians mix them with their rice, which is their common food, to correct its natural insipidity. This spice, mixed with

*Amomum* others, gives the dishes seasoned with it a strong taste, which is extremely disagreeable to strangers. The Amorites, Europeans, however, who come into Asia without fortunes, are obliged to conform to it. The others adopt it out of complaisance to their wives, who are generally natives of the country.—Ginger is a very useful spice, in cold flatulent colics, and in laxity and debility of the intestines; it does not heat so much as those of the pepper kind, but its effects are much more durable. The cardamoms and grains of paradise have the same medicinal qualities with ginger.—In Jamaica, the common people employ it in baths and fomentations with good success, in complaints of the viscera, in pleuritis, and in obstinate and continued fevers.

*AMOMUM Verum*, or *True Amomum*, is a round fruit, about the size of a middling grape; containing, under a membranous cover, a number of small rough angular seeds, of a blackish brown colour on the outside, and whitish within: the seeds are lodged in three distinct cells; those in each cell are joined closely together, so as that the fruit, upon being opened, appears to contain only three seeds. Ten or twelve of these fruits grow together in a cluster; and adhere without any pedicle, to a woody stalk about an inch long; each single fruit is surrounded by six leaves, in form of a cup; and the part of the stalk void of fruit is clothed with leafy scales.—The husks, leaves, and stems, have a light grateful smell, and a moderately warm aromatic taste: the seeds, freed from the husks, are in both respects much stronger; their smell is quick and penetrating, their taste pungent, approaching to that of camphor. Notwithstanding amomum is an elegant aromatic, it has long been a stranger to the shops.

*AMOMUM Vulgare*. See *SISON*.

*AMONTONS* (William), an ingenious experimental philosopher, was born at Paris in 1663. While he was at the grammar-school, he by sickness contracted a deafness that almost excluded him conversation. In this situation, he applied himself to mechanics and geometry; and, it is said, refused to try any remedy for his disorder, either because he deemed it incurable, or because it increased his attention. He studied the nature of barometers and thermometers with great care; and wrote *Observations and Experiments concerning a new Hour-glass, and concerning Barometers, Thermometers, and Hygrosopes*; which, with some pieces in the *Journal des Sçavans*, are all his literary works. When the royal academy was new-regulated in 1699, he was admitted a member; and read his *New Theory of Friction*, in which he happily cleared up an important object in mechanics. He died in 1705.

*AMORÆANS*, a sect or order of gemaric doctors, or commentators on the Jerusalem Talmud. The Amoræans succeeded the Mischnic doctors. They subsisted 250 years; and were succeeded by the Seburæans.

*AMORGOS*, or *AMURGUS* (anc. geog.), now *Morgo*, not far from Naxos to the east, one of the European Sporades; the country of Simonides the Iambic poet. To this island criminals were banished. It was famous for a fine flax called *Emorgis*.

*AMORITES*, a people descended from Amorrhæus, according to the Septuagint and Vulgate; Emoræus, according to other expositors; Hæmori, according to the Hebrew; or Emorite, according to our version

of the bible; who was the fourth son of Canaan, Amorium, Gen. x. 16.

The Amorites first of all peopled the mountains lying to the west of the Dead Sea. They had likewise establishments to the east of the same sea, between the brooks of Jabbock and Arnon, from whence they forced the Ammonites and Moabites. Numb. xiii. 30. xxi. 29. Josh. v. 1. and Judges xi. 19, 20. Moses made a conquest of this country from their kings Sihon and Og, in the year of the world 2553.

The prophet Amos (ii. 9.), speaking of the gigantic stature and valour of the Amorites, compares their height with that of cedars, and their strength with that of an oak. The name Amorite is often taken in Scripture for all Canaanites in general. The lands which the Amorites possessed on this side Jordan were given to the tribe of Judah, and those which they had enjoyed beyond this river were distributed between the tribes of Reuben and Gad.

*AMORIUM*, a town of Phrygia Major, near the river Sangarius, on the borders of Galatia.—It was taken from the Romans by the Saracens in 668; but soon after retaken by the Romans.—A war breaking out again between these two nations in 837, the Roman emperor Theophylus destroyed Sozopetra the birth-place of the khalif Al' Motasem, notwithstanding his earnest intreaties to him to spare it. This so enraged the khalif, that he ordered every one to engrave upon his shield the word *Amorium*, the birth-place of Theophylus, which he resolved at all events to destroy. Accordingly he laid siege to the place, but met with a vigorous resistance. At length, after a siege of 55 days, it was betrayed by one of the inhabitants who had abjured the Christian religion. The khalif, exasperated at the loss he had sustained during the siege, put most of the men to the sword, carried the women and children into captivity, and levelled the city with the ground. His forces being distressed for want of water on their return home, the Christian prisoners rose upon some of them, and murdered them; upon which the khalif put 6000 of the prisoners to death.—According to the eastern historians, 30,000 of the inhabitants of Amorium were slain, and as many carried into captivity.

*AMORPHA*, FALSE INDIGO: A genus of the decandria order, belonging to the diadelphia class of plants; and in the natural method ranking under the 32d order, *Papilionaceæ*. The characters are: The *calyx* is a single-leaved perianthium, tubular and persistent: The *corolla* consists of an ovate, concave, erect petal, scarcely larger than, and placed on the upper side of, the calyx: The *stamina* consist of ten erect unequal filaments, longer than the corolla; the antheræ are simple: The *pistillum* has a roundish germen; the stylus subulated, and the length of the stamina; the stigma simple: The *pericarpium* is a lunated unilocular legumen, reflected, larger than the calyx, and tuberculated: The *seeds* are two, and kidney-shaped. By the corolla alone this genus may be distinguished from all the known plants in the universe: The petals are the banner; the wings and keel are wanting, which is very singular in a papilionaceous corolla.

Of this there is only one known species, a native of Carolina, where the inhabitants formerly made from it a coarse kind of indigo, whence the plant took its name.

Amorpha.



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name. It rises, with many irregular stems, to the height of 12 or 14 feet. The leaves are late in the spring before their foliage is fully displayed. The ends of their branches are generally destroyed by the frost; or, if they recover it, they have the appearance of being dead; whilst other plants testify their effects of the reviving months. But, notwithstanding these defects, this tree has some other good properties that in part make amends for them. The leaves, when out, are admired by all. They are of a pleasant green colour; are very large, beautifully pinnated, the folioles being arranged along the stalk by pairs, and terminate by an odd one. The flowers are of a purple colour; they grow in spikes, seven or eight inches long, at the ends of the branches, and are of a singular structure. In order to make this tree have its best effect, it should be planted among others of its own growth, in a well-sheltered situation; by which means the ends will not be so liable to be destroyed by the winter's frosts; the branches will not suffer by the violence of the winds; and, as it is subject to put out many branches near the root, these indelicacies and imperfections will be concealed; whilst the tree will show itself to the utmost advantage when in blow, by elevating its purple-spiked flowers amongst the others in a pleasing view.

*Culture.* The amompha is most readily propagated by seeds. It may also be propagated by laying down the young branches, which in one year will make good roots; and may then be taken off, and planted either in the nursery, or in the places where they are designed to remain. If they are put into a nursery, they should not remain there more than one year; for as the plants make large shoots, they do not remove well when they have remained long in a place.

**AMORTIZATION**, in law, the alienation of lands or tenements to a corporation or fraternity, and their successors. See **MORTMAIN**.

**AMOS**, the fourth of the small prophets, who in his youth had been a herdsman in Tekoa, a small town about four leagues southward of Jerusalem, was sent to the king of Basban, that is, to the people of Samaria, or the kingdom of Israel, to bring them back to repentance, and an amendment of their lives; whence it is thought probable that he was born within the territories of Israel, and only retired to Tekoa on his being driven from Bethel, by Amaziah the priest of the golden calves at Bethel.

The prophet being thus retired to Tekoa, in the kingdom of Judah, continued to prophesy. He complains in many places of the violence offered him, by endeavouring to oblige him to silence. He boldly remonstrates against the crying sins that prevailed among the Israelites, as idolatry, oppression, wantonness, and obstinacy. He likewise reproves those of Judah, such as their carnal security, sensuality, and injustice. He terrifies them both with frequent threatenings, and pronounces that their sins will at last end in the ruin of Judah and Israel, which he illustrates by the vision of a plumb-line and a basket of summer-fruit. It is observable in this prophecy, that as it begins with denunciations of judgment and destruction against the Syrians, Philistines, Tyrians, and other enemies of the Jews, so it concludes with comfortable promises of restoring the tabernacle of David, and erecting the kingdom of Christ. Amos was chosen to the prophetic of-

fice in the time of Uzziah king of Judah, and Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake (Amos i. 1.), which happened in the 24th or 25th year of Uzziah, according to the rabbins and most of the modern commentators; or the year of the world 3219, when this prince usurped the priest's office, and attempted to offer incense to the Lord: but it is observed, that this cannot be the case, because Jotham, the son of Uzziah, who was born in 3221, was of age to govern, and consequently was between 15 and 20 years of age, when his father undertook to offer incense, and was struck with a leprosy. The first of the prophecies of Amos, in order of time, are those of the 7th chapter: the rest he pronounced in the town of Tekoa, whither he retired. He foretold the misfortunes which the kingdom of Israel should fall into after the death of Jeroboam II. who was then living; he foretold the death of Zechariah, the invasion of the lands belonging to Israel by Pul and Tiglath-pileser kings of Assyria; and he speaks of the captivity of the ten tribes, and their return.

The time and manner of this prophet's death are not known. Some old authors relate that Amaziah, priest of Bethel, provoked by the discourses of the prophet, had his teeth broke in order to silence him. Others say, that Hosea or Uzziah, the son of Amaziah, struck him with a stake upon the temples, knocked him down, and wounded him much; in which condition he was carried to Tekoa, where he died, and was buried with his fathers; but it is generally thought that he prophesied a long time at Tekoa, after the adventure which he had with Amaziah; and the prophet himself taking no notice of the ill treatment which he is said to have received, is an argument that he did not suffer in the manner they relate.

St Jerom observes, that there is nothing great or sublime in the style of Amos. He applies the words of St Paul (2 Cor. xi. 6.) to him, 'rude in speech though not in knowledge.' And he farther observes, that he borrows his comparison from the state and profession to which he belonged.

**AMOY**, an island in the province of Fokien, in China, Long. 136. 0. Lat. 24. 30. It has a fine port that will contain many thousand vessels. The emperor has a garrison here of 7000 men.

**AMPELIS**, the vine, in botany. See **VITIS**.

**AMPELIS**, the *Chatterer*, in zoology, a genus of birds belonging to the order of passeres; the distinguishing characters of which are, that the tongue is furnished with a rim or margin all round, and the bill is conical and strait. There are seven species, all natives of foreign countries, except the garrulus, which is a native both of Europe and the West Indies. In the former, the native country of these birds is Bohemia; from whence they wander over the rest of Europe, and were once superstitiously considered as prefaces of a pestilence. They appear annually about Edinburgh in February; and feed on the berries of the mountain-ash. They also appear as far south as Northumberland; and, like the field-fare, make the berries of the white-thorn their food. It is but by accident that they ever appear farther south. They are gregarious; feed on grapes, where vineyards are cultivated; are easily tamed; and are esteemed delicious food. This species is about the size of the black-bird: the bill is

Amoy,  
Ampelis.

**Ampelites** short, thick, and black; on the head is a sharp pointed crest reclining backwards: the lower part of the tail is black; the end of a rich yellow: the quill-feathers are black, the three first tipped with white; the six next have half an inch of their exterior margin edged with fine yellow, the interior with white. But what distinguishes this from all other birds, are the horny appendages from the tips of seven of the secondary feathers, of the colour and gloss of the best red wax.

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**AMPELITES**, CANNEL-COAL, OR CANDLE-COAL, a hard, opaque, fossile, inflammable substance, of a black colour. It does not effervesce with acids. The ampelites, though much inferior to jet in many respects, is yet a very beautiful fossile; and, for a body of so compact a structure, remarkably light. Examined by the microscope, it appears composed of innumerable very small and thin plates, laid closely and firmly on one another; and full of very small specks of a blacker and more shining matter than the rest, which is evidently a purer bitumen than the general mass. These specks are equally diffused over the different parts of the masses. There is a large quarry of it near Alençon in France. It is dug in many parts of England, but the finest is in Lancashire and Cheshire; it lies usually at considerable depths. It makes a very brisk fire, flaming violently for a short time, and after that continuing red and glowing hot a long while; and finally is reduced into a small proportion of grey ashes, the greater part of its substance having flown off in the burning.—It is capable of a very high and elegant polish; and, in the countries where it is produced, is turned into a vast number of toys, as snuff-boxes and the like, which bear all the nicety of turning, and are made to pass for jet.—Husbandmen smear their vines with it, as it kills the vermin which infests them. It is likewise used for the dyeing of hair black. In medicine it is reputed good in colics, against worms, and of being in general an emollient and discutient; but the present practice takes no notice of it.

**AMPELUSIA**, (anc. geog.) a promontory of Mauritania Tingitana, called *Cottes* by the natives, which is of the same signification with a town of the same name not far from the river Lixus, near the straits of Gibraltar: now *Cape-Spartel*. W. Long. 6. 30. N. Lat. 36. 0.

**AMPHERES**, in antiquity, a kind of vessels wherein the rowers plied two oars at the same time, one with the right hand the other with the left.

**AMPHIATHROSIS**, in anatomy, a term for such junctures of bones as have an evident motion, but different from the diathrosis, &c. See **DIATHROSIS**.

**AMPHIARAUS**, in pagan mythology, a celebrated prophet, who possessed part of the kingdom of Argos. He was believed to excel in divining by dreams, and is said to be the first who divined by fire. Amphiarus knowing, by the spirit of prophecy, that he should lose his life in the war against Thebes, hid himself in order to avoid engaging in that expedition: but, his wife Eriphyle, being prevailed upon by a present, discovered the place in which he had concealed himself; so that he was obliged to accompany the other princes who marched against Thebes. This proved fatal to him; for the earth being split asunder by a thunder-bolt, both he and his chariot were swallowed up in the opening.—Amphiarus, after his death, was rank-

ed among the gods; temples were dedicated to him; **Amphibia**. and his oracle, as well as the sports instituted to his honour, were very famous.

**AMPHIBIA**, in zoology, the name of Linnæus's third class of animals; including all those which live partly in water and partly on land. This class he subdivides into four orders, *viz.* The amphibia reptiles; the amphibia serpentes; the amphibia nantes; and the amphibia meantes. See **ZOOLOGY**.

It has been a question whether the animals commonly called *amphibious*, live most in the water or on land. If we consider the words *αμφι* (*utrinque*, both ways), and *βιος* (*vita* life), from whence the term *amphibious* is derived; we should understand, that animals, having this title, should be capable of living as well by land, or in the air, as by water; or of dwelling in either constantly at will: but it will be difficult to find any animal that can fulfil this definition, as being equally qualified for either. An ingenious naturalist\*, therefore, from considering their œconomy respectively, divides them into two orders, *viz.* 1. Such as enjoy their chief functions by land, but occasionally go into the water. 2. Such as chiefly inhabit the water, but occasionally go ashore. What he advances on this subject is curious, and well illustrates the nature of this class.

\* Dr Par-  
son's; in a  
paper read  
before the  
Royal So-  
ciety.

1. Of the first order, he particularly considers the phocæ; and endeavours to show, that none of them can live chiefly in the water, but that their chief enjoyment of the functions of life is on shore.

These animals (he observes) are really quadrupeds †; but as their chief food is fish, they are under a necessity of going out to sea to hunt their prey, and to great distances from shore; taking care that, however great the distance, rocks or small islands are at hand, as resting-places when they are tired, or when their bodies become too much macerated in the water; and they return to the places of their usual resort to sleep, copulate, and bring forth their young, for the following reasons, *viz.* It is well known, that the only essential difference (as to the general structure of the heart) between amphibious and mere land animals, or such as never go into the water, is, that in the former, the oval hole remains always open. Now, in such as are without this hole, if they are to be immersed in water for but a little time, respiration would cease, and the animal must die; because a great part of the mass of blood passes from the heart by the pulmonary artery through the lungs, and by the pulmonary veins returns to the heart, while the aorta is carrying the greater part of the mass to the head and extremities, &c.

† See the  
article *Pho-*  
*cæ*.

Now, the blood passes through the lungs in a continual uninterrupted stream, while respiration is gentle and moderate: but when it is violent, then the circulation is interrupted, for inspiration and expiration are now carried to their extent; and in this state the blood cannot pass through the lungs either during the total inspiration or total expiration of the air in breathing: for, in the former case, the inflation compresses the returning veins; and, in the latter, by the collapse of the lungs, these veins are interrupted also; so that it is only between these two violent actions that the blood can pass: and hence it is, that the lives of animals are shortened and their health impaired, when they are subjected to frequent violent respiration; and thus it is, that when animals have once breathed, they must con-

tinue

Amphibia. tinue to respire ever after, for life is at an end when that ceases.

There are three necessary and principal uses of respiration in all land-animals, and in those kinds that are counted amphibious.—The first is that of promoting the circulation of the blood through the whole body and extremities. In real fishes, the force of the heart is alone capable of sending the blood to every part, as they are not furnished with limbs or extremities; but in the others mentioned, being all furnished with extremities, respiration is an assistant force to the arteries in sending blood to the extremities; which, being so remote from the heart, have need of such assistance, otherwise the circulation would be very languid in these parts: thus we see, that in persons subject to asthmatic complaints, the circulation grows languid, the legs grow cold and oedematous, and other parts suffer by the defect in respiration.—A second use of breathing is, that, in inspiration, the variety of particles, of different qualities, which float always in the air, might be drawn into the lungs, to be insinuated into the mass of blood, being highly necessary to temperate and cool the agitated mass, and to contribute refined pabulum to the finer parts of it, which, meeting with the daily supply of chyle, serves to assimilate and more intimately mix the mass, and render its constitution the fitter for supporting the life of the animal. Therefore it is, that valetudinarians, by changing foul or unwholesome air, for a free, good, open air, often recover from lingering diseases.—A third principal use of respiration is, to promote the exhibition of voice in animals; which all those that live on the land do according to their specific natures.

From these considerations it appears, that the phocæ of every kind are under an absolute necessity of making the land their principal residence. But there is another very convincing argument why they reside on shore the greatest part of their time; namely, that the flesh of these creatures is analagous to that of other land animals: and therefore, by over-long maceration, added to the fatigue of their chasing their prey, they would suffer such a relaxation as would destroy them. It is well known, that animals which have lain long under water, are reduced to a very lax and even putrid state; and the phoca must bask in the air on shore: for while the solids are at rest, they acquire their former degree of tension, and the vigour of the animal is restored; and while he has an uninterrupted placid respiration, his blood is refreshed by the new supply of air, as explained above, and he is rendered fit for his next cruise: for action wastes the most exalted fluids of the body, more or less, according to its duration and violence; and the restorative rest must continue a longer or shorter time, according to the quantity of the previous fatigue.

Let us now examine by what power these animals are capable of remaining longer under water than land-animals.

All these have the oval hole open between the right and left auricles of the heart; and, in many, the canalis arteriosus also: and while the phoca remains under water, which he may continue an hour or two more or less, his respiration is stopped; and the blood, not finding the passage through the pulmonary artery free, rushes through the hole from the right to the left au-

ricule, and partly through the arterial canal, being a short passage to the aorta, and thence to every part of the body, maintaining the circulation: but, upon rising to come ashore, the blood finds its passage again thro' the lungs the moment he respire.

Thus the foetus in utero, during its confinement, having the lungs compressed, and consequently the pulmonary arteries and veins impervious, has the circulation of the blood carried on through the oval hole and the arterial canal. Now, so far the phoca in the water, and the foetus in utero, are analagous; but they differ in other material circumstances. One is, that the foetus having never respired, remains sufficiently nourished by the material blood circulating through him, and continues to grow till the time of his birth, without any want of respiration during nine months confinement: the phoca, having respired the moment of his birth, cannot live very long without it, for the reasons given before; and this hole and canal would be closed in them, as it is in land-animals, if the dam did not, soon after the birth of the cub, carry him so very frequently into the water to teach him; by which practice these passages are kept open during life, otherwise they would not be capable of attaining the food designed for them by Providence.

Another difference is, that the phoca, as was said before, would be relaxed by maceration in remaining too long in the water; whereas the foetus in utero suffers no injury from continuing its full number of months in the fluid it swims in: the reason is, that water is a powerful solvent, and penetrates the pores of the skins of land-animals, and in time can dissolve them; whereas the *liquor amnii* is an insipid soft fluid, impregnated with particles more or less mucilaginous, and utterly incapable of making the least alteration in the cutis of the foetus.

Otters, beavers, and some kinds of rats, go occasionally into the water for their prey, but cannot remain very long under water. “I have often gone to shoot otters (says our author), and watched all their motions: I have seen one of them go softly from a bank into the river, and dive down; and in about two minutes rise, at 10 or 15 yards from the place he went in, with a middling salmon in his mouth, which he brought on shore: I shot him, and saved the fish whole.” Now, as all foetuses have these passages open, if a whelp of a true water-spaniel was, immediately after its birth, served as the phoca does her cubs, and immersed in water, to stop respiration for a little time every day, it is probable that the hole and canal would be kept open, and the dog be made capable of remaining as long under water as the phoca.

Frogs, how capable soever of remaining in the water, yet cannot avoid living on land, for they respire; and if a frog be thrown into a river, he makes to the shore as fast as he can.

The lizard kind, such as may be called water-lizards (see *LACERTA*), are all obliged to come to land, in order to deposit their eggs, to rest, and to sleep. Even the crocodiles, who dwell much in rivers, sleep and lay their eggs on shore; and, while in the water, are compelled to rise to the surface to breathe; yet, from the texture of his scaly covering, he is capable of remaining in the water longer by far than any species of the phoca, whose skin is analagous to that of a horse or cow.

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Amphibia.

The hippopotamus (See HIPPOPOTAMUS), who wades into the lakes or rivers, is a quadruped, and remains under the water a considerable time; yet his chief residence is upon land, and he must come on shore for respiration.

The testudo, or sea tortoise (see TESTUDO), though he goes out to sea, and is often found far from land; yet, being a respiring animal, cannot remain long under water. He has indeed a power of rendering himself specifically heavier or lighter than the water, and therefore can let himself down to avoid an enemy or a storm: yet he is under a necessity of rising frequently to breathe, for reasons given before; and his most usual situation, while at sea, is upon the surface of the water, feeding upon the various substances that float in great abundance every where about him; these animals sleep securely upon the surface, but not under water; and can remain longer at sea than any other of this class, except the crocodile, because, as it is with the latter, his covering is not in danger of being too much macerated; yet they must go on shore to copulate and lay their eggs.

2. The consideration of these is sufficient to inform us of the nature of the first order of the class of amphibious animals; let us now see what is to be said of the second in our division of them, which are such as chiefly inhabit the waters, but occasionally go on shore.

These are but of two kinds: the eels, and water serpents or snakes of every kind. It is their form that qualifies them for loco-motion on land, and they know their way back to the water at will; for by their structure they have a strong peristaltic motion, by which they can go forward at a pretty good rate: whereas all other kinds of fish, whether vertical or horizontal, are incapable of a voluntary loco-motion on shore; and therefore, as soon as such fish are brought out of the water, after having flounced a while, they lie motionless, and soon die.

Let us now examine into the reason why these vermicular fish, the eel and serpent kinds, can live a considerable time on land, and the vertical and horizontal kinds die almost immediately when taken out of the water: and, in this research, we shall come to know what analogy there is between land animals and those of the waters. All land-animals have lungs, and can live no longer than while these are inflated by the ambient air, and alternately compressed for its expulsion; that is, while respiration is duly carried on, by a regular inspiration and expiration of air.

In like manner, the fish in general have, instead of lungs, gills or branchiæ: and as in land-animals the lungs have a large portion of the mass of blood circulating through them, which must be stopped if the air has not a free ingress and egress into and from them; so, in fish, there is a great number of blood-vessels that pass through the branchiæ, and a great portion of their blood circulates through them, which must in like manner be totally stopped, if the branchiæ are not perpetually wet with water. So that, as the air is to the lungs in land-animals a constant assistant to the circulation; so is the water to the branchiæ of those of the rivers and seas: for when these are out of the water, the branchiæ very soon grow crisp and dry, the blood-vessels are shrunk, and the blood is obstructed in its passage; so, when the former are immersed in water, or otherwise

prevented from having respiration, the circulation ceases and the animal dies.

Again, as land-animals would be destroyed by too much maceration in water; so fishes would, on the other hand, be ruined by too much exsiccation; the latter being, from their general structure and constitution, made fit to bear, and live in, the water; the former, by their constitution and form, to breathe and dwell in the air.

But it may be asked, why eels and water-snakes are capable of living longer in the air than the other kinds of fish? This is answered, by considering the providential care of the great Creator for these and every one of his creatures: for since they were capable of loco-motion by their form, which they need not be if they were never to go on shore, it seemed necessary that they should be rendered capable of living a considerable time on shore, otherwise their loco-motion would be in vain. How is this provided for? Why, in a most convenient manner: for this order of fishes have their branchiæ well covered from the external drying air; they are also furnished with a slimy mucus, which hinders their becoming crisp and dry for many hours; and their very skins always emit a mucous liquor, which keeps them supple and moist for a long time: whereas the branchiæ of other kinds of fish are much exposed to the air, and want the slimy matter to keep them moist. Now, if any of these, when brought out of the water, were laid in a vessel without water, they might be preserved alive a considerable time, by only keeping the gills and surface of the skin constantly wet, even without any water to swim in.

It has been advanced, that *man* may, by art, be rendered amphibious, and able to live under water as well as frogs. As the foetus lives *in utero* without air, and the circulation is there continued by means of the foramen ovale; by preserving the passage open, and the other parts *in statu quo*, after the birth, the same faculty would still continue. Now, the foramen, it is alleged, would be preserved in its open state, were people accustomed, from their infancy, to hold their breath a considerable time once a-day, that the blood might be forced to resume its pristine passage, and prevent its drying up as it usually does. This conjecture seems, in some measure, supported by the practice of divers, who are taught from their childhood to hold their breath, and keep long under water, by which means the ancient channel is kept open.—A Calabrian monk at Madrid laid claim to this amphibious capacity, making an offer to the king of Spain, to continue twice twenty-four hours under water, without ever coming up to take breath. Kircher gives an account of a Sicilian, named the *fish* *Colas*, who, by a long habitude from his youth, had so accustomed himself to live in water, that his nature seemed to be quite altered; so that he lived rather after the manner of a fish than a man.

AMPHIBOLOGY, in grammar and rhetoric, a term used to denote a phrase susceptible of two different interpretations. Amphibology arises from the order of the phrase, rather than from the ambiguous meaning of a word.

Of this kind was that answer which Pyrrhus received from the oracle: *Aio te, Æacida, Romanos vincere posse*; where the amphibology consists in this, that the words *te* and *Romanos*, may either of them precede, or either

Amphibia,  
Amphibology.

Amphibrachys either of them follow, the words *posse vincere*, indifferently. See ORACLE.

|| Amphictyons. The English language usually speaks in a more natural manner, and is not capable of any amphibologies of this kind: nor is it so liable to amphibologies in the articles, as the French and most other modern tongues.

AMPHIBRACHYS, in ancient poetry, the name of a foot consisting of three syllables, whereof that in the middle is long, and the other two short; such is the word [ābīrē].

AMPHICOME, in natural history, a kind of figured stone, of a round shape, but rugged, and beset with eminences, celebrated on account of its use in divination. The word is originally Greek, *αμφικομη*, *q. d. utrinque comata*, or "hairy on all sides." This stone is also called *Erotylōs*, *Ερωτυλος*, *Amatoria*, probably on account of its supposed power of creating love. The ampicome is mentioned by Democritus and Pliny, though little known among the moderns. Mercatus takes it for the same with the *lapis lumbricatus*, of which he gives a figure.

AMPHICTYONS, in Grecian antiquity, an assembly composed of deputies from the different states of Greece: and resembling, in some measure, the diet of the German empire.—Some suppose the word *Αμφικτιονες* to be formed of *αμφι*, "about," and *κτιων* or *κτιζειν*, in regard the inhabitants of the country round about met here in council: others, with more probability, from *Amphictyon*, son of Deucalion, whom they suppose to have been the founder of this assembly; though others will have Acrisius, king of the Argives, to have been the first who gave a form and laws to it.

Authors give different accounts of the number of the Amphictyons, as well as of the states who were entitled to have their representatives in this council. According to Strabo, Harpocration, and Suidas, they were twelve from their first institution, sent by the following cities and states; the Ionians, Dorians, Perhæbians, Bœotians, Magnesians, Achæans, Phthians, Melians, Dolopians, Ænianians, Delphians, and Phocians. Æschines reckons no more than eleven; instead of the Achæans, Ænianians, Delphians, and Dolopians, he only gives the Thessalians, Oetians, and Locrians. Lastly, Pausanias's list contains only ten, viz. the Ionians, Dolopians, Thessalians, Ænianians, Magnesians, Melians, Phthians, Dorians, Phocians, and Locrians.

In the time of Philip of Macedon, the Phocians were excluded the alliance, for having plundered the Delphian temple, and the Lacedæmonians were admitted in their place; but the Phocians, 60 years after, having behaved gallantly against Brennus and his Gauls, were restored to their seat in the Amphictyonic council. Under Augustus, the city of Nicopolis was admitted into the body; and to make room for it, the Magnesians, Melians, Phthians, and Ænianians, who till then had distinct voices, were ordered to be numbered with the Thessalians, and to have only one common representative. Strabo speaks as if this council were extinct in the times of Augustus and Tiberius: but Pausanias, who lived many years after, under Antoninus Pius, assures us it remained entire in his time, and that the number of Amphictyons was then 30.

The members were of two kinds. Each city sent two deputies, under different denominations; one called

*ἱερομνημων*, whose business seems to have been more immediately to inspect what related to sacrifices and ceremonies of religion; the other *Πυλαγορας*, charged with hearing and deciding of causes and differences between private persons. Both had an equal right to deliberate and vote, in all that related to the common interests of Greece. The *hieromnemou* was elected by lot; the *pylagoras* by plurality of voices.

Though the Amphictyons were first instituted at Thermopylæ, M. de Valois maintains, that their first place of residence was at Delphi; where, for some ages, the tranquillity of the times found them no other employment than that of being, if we may so call it, church-wardens of the temple of Apollo. In after-times, the approach of armies frequently drove them to Thermopylæ, where they took their station, to be nearer at hand to oppose the enemies progress, and order timely succour to the cities in danger. Their ordinary residence, however, was at Delphi.

Here they decided all public differences and disputes between any of the cities of Greece; but before they entered on business, they jointly sacrificed an ox cut into small pieces, as a symbol of their union. Their determinations were received with the greatest veneration, and even held sacred and inviolable.

The Amphictyons, at their admission, took a solemn oath never to divest any city of their right of deputation; never to avert its running waters; and if any attempts of this kind were made by others, to make mortal war against them: more particularly, in case of any attempt to rob the temple of any of its ornaments, that they would employ hands, feet, tongue, their whole power, to revenge it.—This oath was backed with terrible imprecations against such as should violate it; *e. g.* May they meet all the vengeance of Apollo, Diana, Minerva; &c. their soil produce no fruit, their wives bring forth nothing but monsters, &c.

The stated terms of their meeting was in spring and autumn; the spring meeting was called *Εαρινη Πυλαια*, that in autumn *Μετοπωρινη*. On extraordinary occasions, however, they met at any time of the year, or even continued sitting all the year round.

Philip of Macedon usurped the right of presiding in the assembly of the Amphictyons, and of first consulting the oracle which was called *Προμαντεια*.

AMPHIDROMIA, a feast celebrated by the ancients on the fifth day after the birth of a child.

AMPHIDRYON, in ecclesiastical writers, denotes the veil or curtain which was drawn before the door of the bema in ancient churches.

AMPHILOCHIA (anc. geog.), the territory of the city of Argos in Acarnania; *Amphilochium*, (Thucydides); called *Amphilochi* (from the people,) in the lower age, (Stephanus.) A town also of Spain, in Galicia, built by Teucer, and denominated from Amphilochus one of his companions, (Strabo): now *Orense*. W. Long. 8. 20. Lat. 42. 36.

AMPHILOCHIUS, bishop of Iconium, in the fourth century, was the friend of St Gregory Nazianzen, and St Basil. He assisted at the first general council of Constantinople in 381; presided at the council of Sidæ; and was a strenuous opposer of the Arians. He died in 394, and his works were published in Greek and Latin at Paris 1644, by Francis Combefis.

AMPHILOCHUS, son of Amphiarus and Eriphyle, was

Amphidromia,  
||  
Amphilochus.

Amphima- was a celebrated diviner. He had an altar erected  
cer to him at Athens, and an oracle at Mallus in Cilicia,  
|| which city was founded by him and Mopsus. The an-  
Amphif- swers of this oracle were given by dreams; the party  
bæna. inquiring used to pass a night in the temple, and that  
night's dream was the answer. Dion Cassius mentions  
a picture done by order of Sextus Condius, represent-  
ing the answer he received of the oracle, in the reign  
of the emperor Commodus.

AMPHIMACER, in ancient poetry, a foot consist-  
ing of three syllables, whereof the first and last are  
long, and that in the middle short; such is the word  
[Cāstītās.]

AMPHION, son of Jupiter and Antiope; who, ac-  
cording to the poets, made the rocks follow his music;  
and at his harp the stones of Thebes danced into walls  
and a regular city.

AMPHIPOLES, in antiquity, the principal magi-  
strates of Syracuse. They were established by Timo-  
leon in the 109th Olympiad, after the expulsion of the  
tyrant Dionysius. They governed Syracuse for the  
space of 300 years: and Diodorus Siculus assures us,  
that they subsisted in his time.

AMPHIPOLIS, a city of Macedonia, an Athenian  
colony, on the Strymon, but on which side is not so  
certain: Pliny places it in Macedonia, on this side; but  
Scylax, in Thrace, on the other. The name of the  
town, *Amphipolis*, however, seems to reconcile their  
difference; because, as Thucydides observes, it was  
washed on two sides by the Strymon, which dividing  
itself into two channels, the city stood in the middle,  
and on the side towards the sea there was a wall built  
from channel to channel. Its ancient name was *Ἐπίεσσα*  
*ὄδοι*, the *Nine Ways*, (Thucydides, Herodotus.) The  
citizens were called *Amphipolitani*, (Livy.) It was  
afterwards called *Christopolis*; now *Chrisopoli*, or *Chi-  
sopoli*, (Holstenius.)

AMPHIPOLIS, a town of Syria, on the Euphrates,  
built by Seleucus, called by the Syrians *Turmeda*,  
(Stephanus): the same with *Thapsacus*, (Pliny); and  
supposed to have been only renewed and adorned by  
Seleucus, because long famous before his time, (Xenophon.)

AMPHIPPII, in Grecian antiquity, soldiers who, in  
war, used two horses without saddles, and were dex-  
trous enough to leap from one to the other.

AMPHIPRORÆ, in the naval affairs of the anti-  
ents, vessels with a prow at each end. They were used  
chiefly in rapid rivers and narrow channels, where it  
was not easy to tack about.

AMPHIPROSTYLE, in the architecture of the an-  
cients, a temple which had four columns in the front,  
and as many in the aspect behind.

AMPHISBÆNA, in zoology, a genus of serpents  
belonging to the order of amphibia serpentes, so called  
from the false notion of its having two heads, because  
it moves with either end foremost.

The head of the amphibæna is small, smooth, and  
blunt; the nostrils are very small; the eyes are minute  
and blackish; and the mouth is furnished with a great  
number of small teeth. The body is cylindrical, about  
a foot long, and divided into about 200 annular convex  
segments like those of a worm; and it has about 40  
longitudinal streaks, of which 12 on each side are in  
the form of small crosses like the Roman X; the anus

is a transverse slit; and the last ring or segment of the belly has eight small papillæ, forming a transverse line before the anus; the tail, *i. e.* all the space below the anus, is short, consisting of 30 annular segments, without being marked with the cross-lines, and is thick and blunt at the point. The colour of the whole animal is black, variegated with white; but the black prevails most on the back, and the white on the belly. It has a great resemblance to a worm, living in the earth, and moving equally well with either end foremost. There are but two species, viz. 1. The fuliginosa, which answers exactly to the above description, and is found in Libya and in different parts of America. 2. The alba, which is totally white, is a native of both the Indies, and is generally found in ant-hillocks. The bite of the amphibæna is reckoned to be mortal by many authors; but as it is not furnished with dog-fangs, the usual instruments of conveying the poison of serpents, later writers esteem it not to be poisonous. They feed upon ants and earth-worms, but particularly the latter. See Plate XVIII.

AMPHISBÆNA *Aquatica*, a name given by Bertrutius, Albertus, and several other authors, to that long and slender insect, called by others the *feta aquatica*, and *vermis fetarius*. It has the name *amphibæna*, from its going backwards or forwards with equal ease and celerity. The usual size is four or five inches long, and the thickness of a large hair.

Dr Lister accidentally found out the origin of this worm, in his researches into the history of a very different sort of insect. Dissecting one of the common black beetles dug up in a garden, he found in its belly two of these hair worms, or amphibæna; and renewing the experiment on other beetles of the same species, he found that they usually contained, one, two, or three of these worms. As soon as the body of the beetle is opened, they always crawl out. When put into water they will live a considerable time, and swim nimbly about; but often put up their heads above water, as if endeavouring to make their escape, and sometimes fastening themselves by the mouth to the sides of the vessel, and drawing their whole bodies after them. These creatures are not only found in the waters, but buried in earth, and sometimes on the leaves of trees, in our gardens and hedges. Phil. Trans. N<sup>o</sup> 83.

AMPHISCII, among geographers, a name applied to the people who inhabit the torrid zone. The Amphiscii, as the word imports, have their shadows one part of the year towards the north, and the other towards the south, according to the sun's place in the ecliptic. They are also called *Ascii*. See ASCII.

AMPHISSA, (anc. geog.), the capital of the Locri Oxolæ, 120 stadia (or 15 miles) to the west of Delphi, (Pausanias.) So called, because surrounded on all hands by mountains, (Stephanus.) Hence *Amphissæi*, the inhabitants; who plundered the temple at Delphi, (Demosthenes.)—Also a town of Magna Græcia, at the mouth of the Sagra, on the coast of the Farther Calabria, situated between Locri and Caulona; now called *Rocella*. *Amphissius* the epithet, (Ovid.)

AMPHITANE, among ancient naturalists, a stone said to attract gold as the loadstone does iron. Pliny says it was found in that part of the Indies where the native gold lay so near the surface of the earth as to be turned up in small masses among the earth of ant-hills;

Amphiscii  
||  
Amphitane

Amphitheatre. hills; and describes it to have been of a square figure, and of the colour and brightness of gold. The description plainly points out a well-known fossil, called, by Dr Hill, *pyricubium*: this is common in the mines of most parts of the world; but neither this nor any other stone was ever supposed, in our times, to have the power of attracting gold.

AMPHITHEATRE, in antiquity, a spacious edifice, built either round or oval, with a number of rising seats, upon which the people used to behold the combats of gladiators, of wild beasts, and other sports.

Amphitheatres were at first only of wood; and it was not till the reign of Augustus, that Statilius Taurus built one, for the first time, of stone. The lower part was of an oval figure, and called *arena*, because, for the conveniency of the combatants, it was usually strewed with sand; and round the arena were vaults styled *caveæ*, in which were confined the wild beasts appointed for the shews.

Above the *caveæ* was erected a large circular peristyle, or podium, adorned with columns. This was the place of the emperors, senators, and other persons of distinction.

The rows of benches were above the podium. Their figure was circular; and they were entered by avenues, at the end of which were gates called *vomitoria*.

This theatre was built in form of a semicircle, only exceeding a just semicircle by one fourth part of the diameter; and the amphitheatre was nothing else but a double theatre, or two theatres joined together: so that the longest diameter of the amphitheatre was to the shortest as  $1\frac{1}{4}$  to 1.

There are amphitheatres still standing at Rome, at Pola, at Nîmes, &c. The amphitheatre of Vespasian, called the *Coliseum*, and that at Verona in Italy, are the most celebrated now remaining of all antiquity. Remains of amphitheatres are shown also at Arles, Bourdeaux, &c. The amphitheatre at Pola, an ancient republic of Istria, is very entire: it consists of two orders of Tuscan pillars, one over the other. The lower have pedestals, which is extraordinary; this order having scarce ever more than bases to support them. The amphitheatre of Vespasian is computed to have been capable of holding 87,000 spectators. That of Verona is the best preserved: for though most of the great and best stones of the outside are picked out, yet the great vault, on which the rows of the seats are laid, is entire; the rows also (which are 44 in number) are entire. Every row is a foot and a half high, and as much in breadth; so that a man sits conveniently in them; and allowing for a seat a foot and a half, the whole will hold 23,000 persons. Pliny mentions an amphitheatre built by Curio, which turned on large iron pivots; so that of the same amphitheatre two several theatres were occasionally made, whereon different entertainments were sometimes presented at the same time. Mr Brydone (vol. i. 295.) mentions an amphitheatre at Syracuse, the theatre of which is so entire, that the *gradini* for seats still remain; but it is a small theatre, he says, in comparison of the others. See Plate XVI.

AMPHITHEATRE, in gardening, certain dispositions of trees and shrubs on the sides of hilly places, which, if the hill or rising be naturally of a circular figure, always have the best effect. They are to be formed of

evergreens, such as hollies, phillereys, laurustines, bays, and such plants, observing to plant the shortest growing trees in the front, and those which will be the tallest behind, such as pines, firs, cedars of Lebanon, &c. Amphitrite  
||  
Amplification.

Amphitheatres are also sometimes formed of slopes on the sides of hills, covered only with turf; and when well kept, they are a great ornament to large gardens.

AMPHITRITE, (*αμφιτριτη*, from *circumferendo*), in the heathen mythology, the wife of Neptune, and goddess of the sea, sometimes taken for the sea.

AMPHITRYON, son of Alcæus, less known by his own exploits than from his wife Alcmena's adventure. See ALCMENA.

AMPHORA, in antiquity, a liquid measure among the Greeks and Romans. The Roman amphora contained 48 sextaries, equal to about seven gallons one pint English wine-measure; and the Grecian or Attic amphora contained one-third more.

AMPHORA was also a dry measure used by the Romans, and contained about three bushels.

AMPHORA, among the Venetians, is the largest measure used for liquids, containing about 16 quarts.

AMPHORARIUM VINUM, in antiquity, denotes that which is drawn or poured into *amphoræ* or pitchers; by way of distinction from *vinum doliare*, or cask wine.—The Romans had a method of keeping wine in *amphoræ* for many years to ripen, by fastening the lids tight down with pitch or gypsum, and placing them either in a situation where the smoke came, or under ground.

AMPHOTIDES, in antiquity, a kind of armour or covering for the ears, worn by the ancient pugiles, to prevent their adversaries from laying hold of that part.

AMPHRYSUS, or AMPHRYSSUS, (anc. geog.) a river of Phthiotis, a district of Thessaly, running by the foot of mount Othrys, from south to north, into the Enipeus at Thebes of Thessaly; where Apollo fed the herds of king Admetus (Virgil, Lucan). Another Amphrysus in Phrygia, rendering women barren, according to Pliny: Hence the epithet *Amphrysiacus* (Statius). Also a town of Phocis, at the foot of mount Parnassus, encompassed with a double wall by the Thebans in the war with Philip (Pausanias); *Amphrysia Vates*, in Virgil, denotes the Sibyl.

AMPHTHILL, a town in Bedfordshire, seated pleasantly between two hills, but in a barren soil. W. Long. o. 29. N. Lat. 52. 2.

AMPLIATION, in a general sense, denotes the act of enlarging or extending the compass of a thing.

On a medal of the emperor Antoninus Pius, we find the title *Ampliator civium* given him, on account of his having extended the *jus civitatis*, or right of citizenship, to many states and people before excluded from that privilege. In effect, it is generally supposed to have been this prince that made the famous constitution, whereby all the subjects of the empire were made citizens of Rome.

AMPLIATION, in Roman antiquity, was the deferring to pass sentence in certain causes. This the judge did, by pronouncing the word *amplius*; or by writing the letters N. L. for *non liquet*; thereby signifying, that, as the cause was not clear, it would be necessary to bring further evidence.

AMPLIFICATION, in rhetoric, part of a discourse or speech, wherein a crime is aggravated, a

**Amplitude** praise or commendation heightened, or a narration enlarged, by an enumeration of circumstances; so as to excite the proper emotions in the souls of the auditors. Such is the passage in Virgil, where, instead of saying merely that Turnus died, he amplifies the circumstances of his death.

—*Ast illi solvuntur frigore membra,  
Vitaque cum gemitu fugit indignata sub umbras.*

The masters of eloquence make amplification to be the soul of discourse. See ORATORY, n° 39.

**AMPLITUDE**, in astronomy, an arch of the horizon intercepted between the east or west point and the centre of the sun, or a planet, at its rising or setting; and so is either north and south, or ortive and occafive.

**Magnetical AMPLITUDE**, the different rising or setting of the sun from the east or west points of the compass. It is found by observing the sun, at its rising and setting, by an amplitude-compass.

**AMPSAGA**, a river of ancient Numidia. See ALGIERS, n° 57.

**AMPSANCTI VALLIS**, or **AMPSANCTI LACUS**, a cave or lake in the heart of the Hirpini, or Principato Ultra, near the city Tricento (Cicero, Virgil, Pliny); it is now called *Moffetta*, from Mephitis, the goddess of stench, who had a temple there. The ancient poets imagined that this gulf led to hell. The *Moffetta* is thus described by Mr Swinburn: "We were led into a narrow valley, extending a considerable way to the south-west, and pressed in on both sides by high ridges thickly covered with copfes of oak. The bottom of the dell is bare and arid: in the lowest part, and close under one of the hills, is an oval pond of muddy ash-coloured water, not above 50 feet in diameter: it boils up in several places with great force in irregular fits, which are always preceded by a hissing sound. The water was several times spouted up as high as our heads in a diagonal direction, a whirlpool being formed round the tube, like a bafon, to receive it as it fell. A large body of vapour is continually thrown out with a loud rumbling noise. The stones on the rising ground that hangs over the pool are quite yellow, being stained with the fumes of sulphur and fal-ammoniac. A most nauseous smell rising with the steam obliged us to watch the wind, and keep clear of it, to avoid suffocation. The water is quite insipid both as to taste and smell; the clay at the edges is white, and carried into Puglia to rub upon scabby sheep, on which account the lake is farmed out at 100 ducats a-year. On a hill above this lake stood formerly a temple dedicated to the goddess Mephitis; but I perceived no remains of it."

**AMPULLA**, in antiquity, a round big-bellied vessel which the ancients used in their baths to contain oil for anointing their bodies.—Also the name of a cup for drinking out of at table.

**AMPULLA**, among ecclesiastical writers, denotes one of the sacred vessels used at the altars. Ampullæ were also used for holding the oil used in chrismation, consecration, coronation, &c. Among the ornaments of churches we find frequent mention made of ampuls or vials. In the inventory of the cathedral of Lincoln we meet with ampuls of crystal, variously enriched with silver feet and covers; one containing a tooth of

St Christopher, another a tooth of St Cecily, another a bone of the head of St John Baptist.

**Knights of St AMPULLA**, belonging to an order instituted by Clovis I. king of France; at the coronation they bear up the canopy, under which the ampulla is carried in procession.

**AMPURA**, a province of the kingdom of Peru, before its conquest by the Spaniards. Here the inhabitants worshipped two lofty mountains from a principle of gratitude, because of the descent of the water from them by which their lands were fertilized. It is said to have been conquered by Virachoca, the eighth inca.

**AMPURIAS**, the capital of the territory of Ampurdan, in Catalonia, seated at the mouth of the river Fluvia, in E. Long. 2. 56. N. Lat. 42. 5. The land about it is barren, full of briars and bulrushes, except in some places, which produce flax.

**AMPUTATION**, in surgery, the cutting off a limb, or any part, from the body. See SURGERY-Index.

**AMRAPHEL**, the king of Shinar, or, Babylonia, confederated with Chedorlaomer, king of the Elamites, and two other kings, to make war against the kings of Pentapolis; that is to say, of Sodom, Gomorrah, and the three neighbouring cities. The kings who were in league with Amraphel worsted those of Pentapolis, plundered their city, and carried off abundance of captives, among whom was Lot, Abraham's nephew: but Abraham pursued them, retook Lot, and recovered all the spoil. See ABRAHAM.

**AMRAS**, a strong castle of Germany, seated in Tirol; by some German writers called *Arx Ambrosiana*, which was a house of pleasure for the archdukes to retire to in the heat of the summer. By others this fort is called *Ombrafs*; a name derived from the design of it, which was to be a shady summer-house. It is most delightfully situated at the foot of a mountain, but has no great external beauty. All the furniture of ordinary use has been carried away; yet it is still remarkable for its galleries, which contain a very large collection of antiquities, and both natural and artificial curiosities. It excels all others in its curious collection of armour and coats of mail, many of which belonged to very great men. There is also a great collection of gold medals, which weigh, as they affirm, about 16 pounds; there are also 3000 cameos and intaglios, but few of them very fine. A great part of these antiquities were sent to this place by Charles V. On the walls and ceiling there are some very good paintings; and, among the rest, they have an admirable picture of Noah's ark, done by Bassano, for which the grand duke of Tuscany is said to have offered 100,000 crowns. They have a library, which is not in very good order; and a gallery full of busts and other pieces of antiquity, besides many other apartments adorned with pictures of great value. E. Long. 11. 40. N. Lat. 47. 0.

**AMSANCTI**. See AMPSANCTI.

**AMSBURY**, or **AMBURSBURY**, a town in Wiltshire, lying in W. Long. 1. 20. N. Lat. 51. 29. It is the *Pagus Ambri*, famous for a monastery built by one Ambras, and afterwards for a nunnery of noble women. There is a nobleman's seat here, built by Inigo Jones, to which new works were added under the direction

Ampulla  
||  
Amsbury.



Amsterdam direction of Lord Burlington. It is 80 miles west of London, and six miles north of Salisbury.

**AMSDORFIANS**, in church-history, a sect of Protestants in the 16th century, who took their name from Amstdorf their leader. They maintained, that good works were not only unprofitable, but were obstacles to salvation.

**AMSTERDAM**, the capital city of the province of Holland and of the United Netherlands, is seated on the river Amstel and an arm of the sea called the *Wye*. The air is but indifferent, on account of the marshes that surround it, and render the city almost inaccessible: but this inconvenience is abundantly recompensed by the utility of its commerce, which the port serves greatly to promote; for it will contain above a thousand large ships.

In 1204, it was nothing but a small castle, called *Amstel* from the name of the river, which its lords made a retreat for fishermen, who at first lived in huts covered with thatch: but it soon became considerable, and had a bridge and towers built about it, insomuch that it rose to a small city; though, till the year 1490, it was surrounded with nothing but a weak pallisado. The walls were then built with brick, to defend it from the incursions of the inhabitants of Utrecht, with whom the Hollanders were often quarrelling; but some months afterwards it was almost reduced to ashes. In 1512, it was besieged by the people of Guelderland; who, not being able to take it, set fire to the ships in the harbour. In 1525, an Anabaptist leader, with 600 of his followers, got into the city in the night-time, attacked the town-house, and defeated those that made any resistance. At length they barricaded, with wool and hop-sacks, the avenues to the market-place, where these enthusiasts were posted; and so put a stop to their fury till day appeared, at which time the citizens fell upon them on all sides, and forced them to retire into the town-house, where most of them were cut to pieces. About ten years after, there was another tumult raised by a parcel of fanatics, consisting of men and women, who ran about the streets stark naked, and had a design of making themselves masters of the town-house. Their shrieks and cries, which were dreadful enough, soon alarmed the inhabitants, who seized the greatest part of them, and gave them the chastisement they deserved.

Amsterdam was one of the last cities that embraced the reformed religion. It was besieged by the Hollanders in 1578, and submitted after a siege of ten months. One article of the capitulation was, a free exercise of the Roman-catholic religion: but this was not observed by the Protestants; for they soon drove the ecclesiastics, monks, and nuns, out of the city, broke the images, and demolished the altars. From this time it became the general rendezvous of all nations and of every sect, which raised it to that degree of grandeur and opulence it now enjoys. The inhabitants were often obliged to enlarge the bounds of their city, and in 1675 it was increased to its present extent. It was surrounded with a brick wall, and a large ditch, 80 feet broad, full of running water. The walls were fortified with 26 bastions, on each of which there is now a windmill. There are eight gates towards the land, and one towards the water.

Amsterdam being seated on a marshy soil, is built on

piles of wood; for which reason no coaches are allowed, except to great men and physicians, who pay a tax for that privilege; and all kinds of goods are drawn on sledges. It stands so low, that they would be exposed to inundations, if they did not secure themselves by dikes and sluices. The finest streets are, the Keyfar's Graft, or Emperor's Canal; the Heer Graft, or Lord's Canal; the Cingel; and the street of Haerlem. The principal canal is remarkable for its houses, which are magnificent structures of an equal height. Here are three prodigious sluices, and a great number of canals, which cross the city in many parts, and render the streets clean and pleasant. The canals are deep, their sides are lined with hewn stone, they have generally rows of trees planted on each side, and many stone-bridges over different parts of them.

The finest is that called the *Ammarack*, which is formed by the waters of the Amstel, into which the tide comes up, and on the sides of which are two large quays. This canal has several bridges. The principal is that next the sea, called *Pont-Neuf*, or the *New Bridge*: it is 600 feet long, and 70 broad, with iron balustrades on each side; it has 36 arches, of which 11 are very high, and eight are shut up to inclose the yachts. From this bridge there is a most charming prospect of the city, port, and sea. The port is a mile and a half in length, and above 1000 paces in breadth. It is always filled with a multitude of vessels, which look like a forest, or rather a floating city. The streets are in general well paved, and the houses built of brick or stone. Towards the sides of the haven, the city is inclosed with great poles driven into the ground, which are joined by large beams placed horizontally. There are openings to let the ships in and out, which are shut every night at the ringing of a bell.

Amsterdam is computed to be half as big as London, including the fortifications, and almost as populous in proportion. There are people here of almost every nation and religion in Europe, who are all tolerated in their respective persuasions; but none admitted to any share in the government except the Calvinists. There are eleven churches for the Dutch of the established or Calvinistical religion, with two French and one High Dutch. The English have also three churches in this city; one for the Presbyterians, whose ministers are paid by the magistrates; a second for those of the church of England, whose minister is paid by his Britannic majesty; and a third for the Brownists, who maintain their own ministers. None but the Calvinists are allowed to have bells, and their ministers are maintained by the magistrates. All these churches or congregations make up only a third part of the inhabitants of the city. The Roman Catholics, who have 27 houses or chapels, for their worship, form another third part. Here they have a long square of houses for their beguines (a kind of nuns) to live in; who are not shut up in cloysters as other nuns in Roman-Catholic countries, but have liberty to walk abroad, and may even marry when they are tired of this kind of life. These chapels of the Roman-catholics have no bells allowed them, being looked upon as conventicles, and may be shut up and opened according as the government pleases. The other third part of the city is made up of Jews, Lutherans, Arminians, Anabaptists,

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Amsterdam &c. none of whom, as was said of the Roman-Catholics, are allowed to have bells in their churches. Those who marry, and are not of the established religion, are obliged to be joined first by the magistrates, and then they may perform the ceremony in their own assemblies. The Jews, who are very considerable in this place, have two synagogues; one of which, namely, the Portuguese, is the largest in Europe. Within the court-yard, where their synagogue stands, they have several rooms or schools, where their children are taught Hebrew, and very carefully instructed in the Jewish religion.

The most remarkable of the religious buildings is the New Church, dedicated to St Catharine. It was begun in the year 1408, others say 1414; and was 100 years a-building. It had the misfortune of being burnt in the year 1645, but was in a short time after built in a more magnificent manner. The foundation of a steeple is laid before this church, which was designed to be very high. The piles on which it was to be erected are not above 100 feet square, and yet they are 6334 in number, and those very large. Nevertheless it was thought that these vast piles, or rather the ground, were not able to support the prodigious weight they intended to lay upon it; for which reason the steeple remains unfinished. The pulpit is a masterpiece of the kind, where the four evangelists and many other curious pieces of sculpture are represented. The glass-windows are adorned with paintings, among which the emperor Maximilian is described, presenting an imperial crown to the burgomasters of Amsterdam for the crest of the arms of this city. The organ is very large; and reckoned one of the best in the world. It has a set of pipes that counterfeit a chorus of voices, and has 52 whole stops, besides half stops, with two rows of keys for the feet, and three rows of keys for the hands. Those who hear it play for the first time, imagine they hear a human voice. The grate dividing the chancel from the body of the church is all of Corinthian brass. The branches of candlesticks are the richest in the Seven Provinces. There is a very fine marble monument erected to Admiral Ruyter, who was killed at Messina.

The public buildings of a civil nature are very magnificent. The stadt-house was founded in 1648. It is built upon 14,000 wooden piles; and its front is 282 feet long, its sides 255 feet, and its height to the roof 116. There is a marble pediment in the front, whereon a woman is carved in relievo, holding the arms of the city; she is seated in a chair, supported by two lions, with an olive branch in her right hand; on each side are four Naiads, who present her with a crown of palm and laurel, and two other marine goddesses present her with different sorts of fruit; besides, there is Neptune with his trident, accompanied with Tritons, a sea-unicorn, and a sea-horse. On the top stand three statues in bronze, representing Justice, Strength, and Plenty. On the top of the structure is a round tower, 50 feet above the roof, adorned with statues, and an harmonious chime of bells, the biggest of which weighs about 7000 pounds, and the next 6000. They are made to play different tunes every month. It has not one handsome gate, but only seven doors to answer to the number of the United Provinces. On the floor of the great hall are two globes, the celestial and terrestrial,

which are 22 feet in diameter and 69 in circumference. Amsterdam They are made of white and black marble, and are inlaid with jasper and copper. In general all the chambers are enriched with paintings, carvings, and gildings. While this stadt-house was building, the old one was set on fire, and consumed with all the archives and registers.

Under the stadt-house is a prodigious vault, wherein is kept the bank of Amsterdam, where there is a vast quantity of ingots both of gold and silver, as also bags, which are supposed to be full of money. The doors are proof against petards, and are never opened but in the presence of one of the burgomasters. The prisons for debtors and criminals are likewise under the stadt-house: as also the guard-room for the citizens, wherein the keys of the city are locked every night. At the end of the great hall is the schepens or aldermens chamber, where civil causes are tried. Besides these, there are the chambers of the senate and council, the burgomasters chamber, the chambers of accounts, &c. In the second story is a large magazine of arms; and on the top of the building are six large cisterns of water, which may be conveyed to any room in the house in case of fire; to prevent which the chimnies are lined with copper.

The bourse, or exchange, where the merchants assemble, is all of free-stone, and built upon 2000 wooden piles. Its length is about 250 feet and its breadth 140. The galleries are supported by 26 marble columns, upon each of which are the names of the people that are to meet there. They are all numbered; and there is a place affixed for every merchandize under some one of these numbers. On the right hand of the gate is a superb stair-case which leads to the galleries; on one side of which there are several shops, and on the other a place to sell cloths. It is not unlike the royal exchange in London.

The admiralty-office is in a house which belonged formerly to the princes of Orange. The arsenal for their men of war is in the harbour. This is a very handsome building, 200 feet long and 22 broad. The ground floor is filled with bullets; the second floor contains the arms and cordage; the third their sails, pulleys, flags, &c. This arsenal contains a great many curiosities; among the rest an Indian canoe brought from the straits of Davies, and a conservatory of water on the top of the house that holds 1600 tuns of water, which may be distributed in case of fire into 16 different parts by leaden pipes. Hard by this edifice you see the dock or yard where they build their men of war. This dock is 508 feet long, and contiguous to it are houses for lodging the ship-carpenters. The dock is plentifully supplied with every thing necessary for the construction of ships.

The East-India Company occupy a large building divided into several offices or apartments. In some of those they have great stores of packed goods, and likewise a room with all sorts of drugs, tea, wax, ambergrise, and musk. Here they have a magazine full of medicaments for surgeons chests, to furnish the company's ships and garrisons in the Indies; as also large magazines of nutmegs, cloves, mace, and cinnamon. In the court-yard there is a guard-chamber, where every night the house-keeper has a watch; and on the other side of the gate, there is a chemist, who with his  
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Amsterdam men prepares medicines for the Indies; and adjoining to this court-yard is their warehouse and packhouse for pepper and gross goods. In the new part of the city they have a magazine or palace, which may properly be called an *arsenal*. The ground on which the building stands is 2000 feet, and square every way, reckoning the moats or burgwall about it. The two rope-alleys are 1800 feet long, on the backside of which is a store of 500 large anchors besides small ones. In this arsenal they build the ships belonging to the India chamber of Amsterdam; for which reason they have all sorts of workhouses here for the artificers that serve the company.

The academy, called the *Illustrious School*, is likewise a very fine building. It was formerly a convent belonging to the nuns of St Agnes. Here they teach Latin, the oriental languages, theology, philosophy, history, &c. The lawyers and physicians have likewise their schools.

Besides these, there are several hospitals, or houses for orphans, for poor widows, for sick persons, and for mad people; all which are regulated with much prudence. The Rasp-house, which was formerly a nunnery, is now a sort of a work-house for men that behave ill. They are commonly set to saw or rasp Brasil wood; and if they will not perform their task, they are put into a cellar which the water runs into, where if they do not almost constantly ply the pump, they run the risk of being drowned. There is likewise a spin-house for debauched women, where they are obliged to spin wool, flax, and hemp, and do other work. All the hospitals are extremely neat, and richly adorned with pictures. They are maintained partly by voluntary contributions, which are raised by putting money into the poor's boxes fixed up all over the city; and partly by taxing all public diversions, as well at fairs as elsewhere. Likewise every person that passes through any of the gates at candle-light pays a penny for the same uses. These charities are taken care of by certain officers called *deacons*. The governors are nominated by the magistrates out of the most considerable men in the city.

The common sort have places of diversion called *Spiel-houses*, where there are music and dancing. They are much of the same kind as the hops which were so frequent about London. If strangers go there, they must take care not to make their addresses to a woman that is engaged to any other man.

There are two suburbs to this city; one at the gate of the regulars; and the other goes as far as Overtoon, a village a little way from Amsterdam, where boats which come from Leyden are rolled over land upon wooden rollers. There is likewise in this city an hospital for those that are infected with the plague; which was built in the year 1630, and has 360 windows.

The city is governed by a senate or council, which consists of 36 persons, called a *Vroedshap*, who enjoy their places for life; and when any of them dies, the remainder choose another in his stead. This senate elects deputies to be sent to the States of Holland, and appoints the chief magistrates of the city, called *Burgomasters* or *Echevins*, who are like our aldermen. The number is twelve; out of which four are chosen every year to execute the office, and are called *Burgomasters-regent*. Three of those are discharged every year, to

make room for three others. One of the four is kept in to inform the new ones of the state of affairs, and also presides the three first months in the year, and the others, three months each; so that, when they are in this office, they may be compared to the lord-mayor of the city of London. These alterations and appointments are made by their own body. They dispose of all inferior offices which become vacant during their regency. They have likewise the direction of all public works, which regard the safety, tranquillity, and embellishment of the city. The keys of the famous bank of this city are in the hands of these magistrates.

The college consists of new burgomasters or echevins, who are judges in all criminal affairs, without appeal; but in civil causes they may appeal to the council of the province. There are two treasurers, a bailiff, and a pensionary. The bailiff continues in his office three years; and searches after criminals, takes care to prosecute them, and sees their sentence executed. The pensionary is the minister of the magistracy, is well versed in the laws, makes public harangues, and is the defender of the interests of the city. The city of Amsterdam contributes to the public income above 50,000 livres per day, besides the excise of beer, flesh, and corn; which, in all, amounts to above 1,600,000 a-year. This is more than is paid by all the rest of the provinces put together; and yet Amsterdam bears but the fifth rank in the assembly of the states of Holland, with this distinction, that whereas other cities send two members, this sends four.

The militia of Amsterdam is very considerable. They have 60 companies, each of which has from 200 to 300 men. Jews and Anabaptists are excluded from this service, not being admitted to bear arms: But they are obliged to contribute to the maintenance of the city-guard, which consists of 1400 soldiers; as also to the night-watch, who patrol about the streets, and proclaim the hour. Besides these, there are trumpeters on every church steeple, who sound every half hour; and if there happens a fire, they ring the fire-bell, and show where it is. The inhabitants have excellent contrivances to extinguish it speedily.

The trade of Amsterdam is prodigious: for almost the whole trade of the East India company centres in this city, which besides carries on a commerce with all the rest of the world, insomuch that it may be called the magazine or store-house of Europe. They import a vast deal of corn from the Baltic, not so much for present consumption, as to lay up against times of scarcity. The richest spices are entirely in the hands of the East-India company, who furnish all Europe therewith. They have vast quantities of military stores, with which they supply several nations; which is owing to their engrossing most of the iron-works on the Rhine and other great rivers that run into Holland. The longitude of Amsterdam is 4. 30. E.; the latitude, 52. 25. N.

AMSTERDAM, is also the name of an island in the south-sea, said to have been discovered by Tasman, a Dutch navigator. It was visited by Captain Cook in his late voyages. Its greatest extent from east to west is about 21 miles, and from north to south about 13. It is broad at the east end, and runs taper towards the west, where it turns, and runs to a point due north. It is about six leagues to the west of Middleburgh.

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Amsterdam The shore is surrounded by a coral rock, and its most elevated parts are not above six or eight yards above the level of the sea. S. Lat. 21. 11. W. Long. 175. It is wholly laid out in plantations, in which are cultivated some of the richest productions of nature.

Here are bread-fruit, cocoa-nut trees, plantains, bananas, shaddocks, yams and some other roots, sugar-canes, and a fruit like a nectarine, called by the natives *fighega*. There did not appear an inch of waste ground: the roads occupied no more space than was absolutely necessary: the fences did not take up above four inches each; and even these were not wholly lost, for in many grew some useful trees or plants: it was every where the same, change of place altered not the scene: nature, assisted by a little art, nowhere appeared with more splendour than on this island. Water is not so plentiful here as at the Society-islands; but the chief pointed out a pool of fresh water unasked, to supply the ships with that necessary article. Casuarinas, pandangs, and wild sago-palms, appear here with their various tints of green, and *barringtoniæ* as big as the loftiest oaks. The bread-fruit does not, however, thrive here with the same luxuriance as at the Society-islands; the coral rock, which composes the basis of this spot, being much more thinly covered with mould.

Both men and women are of the common size of Europeans, and their colour is that of a lightish copper; they are well-shaped, have regular features, are active, brisk, and lively. They have fine eyes, and in general good teeth, even to an advanced age. The women are the merriest creatures imaginable, and incessant talkers. In general, they appear to be modest; although there was no want of those of a different stamp. Among the natives, who swam about the ship very vociferously, were a considerable number of women, who wanted in the water like amphibious creatures, and were easily persuaded to come on board perfectly naked; but none of them ventured to stay there after sunset, but returned to the shore to pass the night, like the greater part of the inhabitants, under the shade of the wild wood which lined the coast. There they lighted great fires, and were heard conversing almost the whole night. The hair of both sexes in general is black, but especially that of the women; both sexes wear it short, except a single lock on the top of the head, and a small quantity on each side. The men cut or shave their beards quite close, which operation they perform with two shells. The hair of many was observed to be burnt at the ends, and strewed with a white powder, which was found, on examining it, to be lime made of shell or coral, which had corroded or burnt the hair; some made use of a blue powder, and others, both men and women, of an orange-coloured powder made of turmeric.

The dress of both sexes consists of a piece of cloth or matting wrapped round the waist, and hanging down below the knees. From the waist upwards they are generally naked, and it seems to be a custom to anoint these parts every morning. The practice of tattooing, or puncturing the skin, likewise prevails. The men are tattooed from the middle of the thigh to above the hips; the women have it only on their arms and fingers, and on those parts but very slightly. Their ornaments are amulets, necklaces, and bracelets, the bone, shells, and beads of mother-of-pearl, tortoise-

shell, &c. which are worn by men as well as women. The women also wear on their fingers neat rings made of tortoise-shell, and pieces in their ears about the size of a small quill; but here ornaments are not commonly worn, though all have their ears pierced. They have also a curious apron, made of the cocoa-nut shell, and composed of a number of small pieces sewed together in such a manner as to form stars, half-moons, little squares, &c.; it is studded with beads and shells, and covered with red feathers, so as to have a pleasing effect. They make the same kind of cloth, and of the same materials, as at O-Taheitee, though they have not such a variety, nor do they make any so fine; but, as they have a method of glazing it, it is more durable, and will resist rain for some time, which the other cloth would not. Their colours are black, brown, yellow, purple, and red; all made from vegetables. They make various sorts of matting, some of a very fine texture, which is generally used for clothing; and the thick and stronger sort serves to sleep upon, and to make sails for their canoes, &c. Among other useful utensils, they have various sorts of baskets, some made of the same materials as their mats, and others of the twisted fibres of cocoa-nuts. These are not only durable, but beautiful, being generally composed of different colours, and studded with beads made of shells or bones. They have many little nicknacks among them, which show that they neither want taste to design, nor skill to execute, whatever they take in hand. Their fishing implements are much the same as in other islands: here was purchased a fish-net made like our casting-nets, knit of very firm though slender threads.

Notwithstanding their very friendly disposition, these people have very formidable weapons; some of their spears have many barbs, and must be very dangerous weapons when they take effect. A large flat shell or breast-plate was purchased, made of a roundish bone, white and polished like ivory, about 18 inches in diameter, which appeared to have belonged to an animal of the whale tribe.

AMULET, a charm, or preservative against mischief, witchcraft, or diseases.

Amulets were made of stone, metals, simples, animals, in a word, of every thing that imagination suggested.

Sometimes they consisted of words, characters, and sentences, ranged in a particular order, and engraved upon wood, &c. and worn about the neck, or some other part of the body. See ABRACADABRA.

At other times they were neither written nor engraved; but prepared with many superstitious ceremonies, great regard being usually paid to the influence of the stars. The Arabians have given to this species of amulet the name of TALISMAN.

All nations have been fond of amulets: the Jews were extremely superstitious in the use of them, to drive away diseases; and the Misna forbids them, unless received from an approved man who had cured at least three persons before by the same means.

Among the Christians of the early times, amulets were made of the wood of the cross, or ribbands with a text of scripture written in them, as preservatives against diseases. Notwithstanding the progress of learning and refinement, there is not any country in Europe, even at this day, who do not believe in some charm or other.

*Amurat.* other. The pope is supposed to have the virtue of making amulets, which he exercises in the consecrating of *Agnus Dei's*, &c. The sponge which has wiped his table, was formerly in great veneration as a preservative from wounds, and from death itself: on this account it was sent with great solemnity by Gregory II. to the duke of Aquitain.

Amulets are now much fallen from the repute they were anciently in: yet the great Mr Boyle alleges them as an instance of the increase of external effluvia into the habit, in order to show the great porosity of the human body. He adds, that he is persuaded some of these external medicines do answer; for that he himself, having once been subject to bleed at the nose, and reduced to use several remedies to check it, found the mofs of a dead man's skull, though only applied so as to touch the skin till the mofs was warm thereby, the most effectual of any. The same Mr Boyle shows how the effluvia, even of cold amulets, may, in tract of time, pervade the pores of a living animal; by supposing an agreement between the pores of the skin and the figure of the corpuscles. Bellini has demonstrated the possibility of the thing in his last propositions *De Febribus*; and the like is done by Dr. Wainright, Dr Keill, &c.

AMURAT, or AMURATH, I. the fourth emperor of the Turks, and one of the greatest princes of the Ottoman empire, succeeded Solyman in 1360. He took from the Greeks, Gallipoli, Thrace, and Adrianople, which last he chose for the place of his residence. He defeated the prince of Bulgaria, conquered Misnia, chastised his rebellious bashaws, and is said to have gained 36 battles. This prince, in order to form a body of devoted troops that might serve as the immediate guards of his person and dignity, appointed his officers to seize annually, as the imperial property, the fifth part of the Christian youth taken in war. These, after being instructed in the Mahometan religion, inured to obedience by severe discipline, and trained to warlike exercises, were formed into a body distinguished by the name of *Janissaries*, or *New Soldiers*. Every sentiment which enthusiasm can inspire, every mark of distinction that the favour of the prince could confer, were employed in order to animate this body with martial ardour, and with a consciousness of its own pre-eminence. The Janissaries soon became the chief strength and pride of the Ottoman armies, and were distinguished above all the troops whose duty it was to attend on the person of the Sultan.—At length the death of Lazarus, despot of Servia, who had endeavoured in vain to stop the progress of Amurat's arms, touched Milo, one of his servants, in so sensible a manner, that, in revenge, he stabbed the sultan in the midst of his troops, and killed him upon the spot, A. D. 1389, after he had reigned 23 years.

AMURAT II. the 10th emperor of the Turks, was the eldest son of Mahomet I. and succeeded his father in 1421. He besieged Constantinople and Belgrade without success; but he took Thessalonica from the Venetians, and compelled the prince of Bosnia and John Castriot prince of Albany to pay him tribute. He obliged the latter to send his three sons as hostages; among whom was George, celebrated in history by the name of *Scanderbeg*. John Hunniades defeated Amurat's troops, and obliged him to make peace with the

Christian princes, in 1442. These princes afterwards breaking the peace, Amurat defeated them in the famous battle of Varna, November 10th, 1444, which proved so fatal to the Christians, and in which Ladislaus king of Hungary was killed. He afterwards defeated Hunniades, and killed above 20,000 of his men; but George Castriot, better known by the name of *Scanderbeg*, being re-established in the estates of his father, defeated the Turks several times, and obliged Amurat to raise the siege of Croia, the capital of Albany. Amurat died, chagrined with his ill success, and infirm with age, February 11th, 1451, at Adrianople. It is observed to this prince's honour, that he always kept his treaties with the greatest fidelity.

AMYCLÆ, a city of Laconia, distant about 13 miles from the metropolis, founded by Amyclas the son of Lacedæmon, and famed afterwards for the birth of Castor and Pollux the sons of Tydareus, eighth king of Sparta. It was afterwards famed for sending a considerable colony of its own inhabitants into Upper Calabria, who built there a city which they called by the same name. This last city was situated between Caieta and Terracina, and gives its name to the neighbouring sea. According to Pliny and Solinus, the territory of Amyclæ was so infested with vipers and other serpents, that the inhabitants were obliged to abandon their dwellings and settle elsewhere.—Among the ancient poets, the Amycli, or inhabitants of this city, obtained the epithet of *taciti* or *silent*. The reason of this was, either because it was built by the Lacedæmonians, who, as they followed the doctrine of Pythagoras, were always inculcating the precept of silence, and thence called *taciti*: or because of a law which obtained in this place, forbidding any one, under severe penalties, to mention the approach of an enemy. Before this law was made, the city was daily alarmed by false reports, as the enemy had been already at the gates. From terrors of this kind the abovementioned law indeed delivered them: but in the end it proved the ruin of the city: for the Dorians appearing unexpectedly under the walls, not one ventured to transgress the law; so that the city was easily taken. They reduced it to an inconsiderable hamlet; in which, however, were seen some of the remains of its ancient grandeur. One of the finest buildings that escaped the common ruin, was the temple and statue of Alexandra, whom the inhabitants pretend to be the same with Cassandra the daughter of Priam.

AMYGDALUS, the ALMOND and PEACH: a genus of the monogynia order, belonging to the icosan-dria class of plants; and, in the natural method, ranking under the 36th order, *Fomaceæ*. The characters are: The *calyx* is a single-leaved perianthium beneath, tubular, and quinquefid: The *corolla* consists of five oblong petals, which are inserted into the calyx: The *stamina* consist of 30 slender erect filaments, half the length of the corolla, and inserted into the calyx; the antheræ are simple: The *pistillum* has a round villous germen above; a simple stylus, the length of the stamina; and the stigma headed: The *pericarpium* is a large roundish villous drupa, with a longitudinal furrow: the seed is an ovate compressed nut, perforated in the pores.

*Species.* 1. The Communis, or Common Almond, a native of Africa, will grow to near 20 feet high; and where

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Amygdalus

*Amygdalus* whether planted singly in an open place, or mixed with others in clumps, scrubby-quarters, &c. shows itself one of the finest flowering trees in nature. Those who never yet saw it, may easily conceive what a noble appearance this tree must make, when covered all over with a bloom of a delicate red, which will be in March; a time when very few trees are ornamented either with leaves or flowers. No ornamental plantations, therefore, of what sort or kind soever, should be without almond trees. Neither are the beauties of the flowers the only thing desirable in this tree: The fruit would render it worthy of planting, were there no other motive. It ripens well, and its goodness is well known.—The white-flowering almond is a variety of this species, and is cultivated for the sake of the flowers and the fruit, though the flowers are inferior to the others.

2. The Nana, Dwarf Almond, is a native of Asia Minor. Of this shrub there are two sorts, the single and the double. Both grow to about four or five feet high, and are in the first esteem as flowering shrubs. The single sort has its beauties; but the double kind is matchless. In both, the flowers are arranged the whole length of the last year's shoots; their colour is a delicate red; and they show themselves early in the spring, which still enhances their value.

3. The Persica, or Peach, is said to be a native of Europe; but of what place is not known. Cultivation has produced many varieties of this fruit; of which the following are the most esteemed.

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| 1. The White Nutmeg.        | 15. The Bellegarde.     |
| 2. The Red Nutmeg.          | 16. The Bourdine.       |
| 3. The Early Purple.        | 17. The Rossanna.       |
| 4. The Small Mignon.        | 18. The Admirable.      |
| 5. The White Magdalen.      | 19. The Old Newington.  |
| 6. The Yellow Alberge.      | 20. The Royal.          |
| 7. The Large French Mignon. | 21. The Rambouillet.    |
| 8. The Beautiful Chevreuse. | 22. The Portugal.       |
| 9. The Red Magdalen.        | 23. The Late Admirable. |
| 10. The Chancellor.         | 24. The Nivette.        |
| 11. Smith's Newington.      | 25. Venus's Nipple.     |
| 12. The Montauban.          | 26. The Late Purple.    |
| 13. The Malta.              | 27. The Persique.       |
| 14. The Vineuse.            | 28. The Catharine.      |
|                             | 29. The Monstrous Pavy. |
|                             | 30. The Bloody Peach.   |

The White Nutmeg is the first peach in season, it being often in perfection by the end of July. The leaves are doubly serrated, the flower large, and of a pale colour; the fruit is white, small, and round; the flesh, too, is white, parts from the stone, and has a sugary, musky flavour.

The Red Nutmeg hath yellowish green leaves, with serpentine edges, which are slightly serrated. The flowers are large, open, and of a deep bluish-colour. The fruit is larger and rounder than the former, and is of a bright vermilion next the sun, but more yellow on the other side. The flesh is white, except next the stone, from which it separates, and has a rich musky flavour. It ripens just after the white nutmeg.

The Early Purple hath smooth leaves, terminated in a sharp point. The flowers are large, open, and of a lively red. The fruit is large, round, and covered with a fine deep red coloured down. The flesh is white, red next the stone, and full of a rich vinous juice. Ripe about the middle of August.

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The Small Mignon hath leaves slightly serrated, and the flowers small and contracted. The peach is round, of a middling size, tinged with darkish red on the sunny side, and is of a pale yellowish colour on the other. The flesh is white, parts from the stone, where it is red, and contains plenty of a vinous, sugary juice. Ripens rather before the former.

The White Magdalen hath long, shining, pale-green leaves, deeply serrated on the edges, and the wood is mostly black at the pith. The flowers are large and open, appear early, and are of a pale red. The fruit is round, rather large, of a yellowish-white colour, except on the sunny side, where it is slightly streaked with red. The flesh is white to the stone, from which it separates, and the juice is pretty well flavoured. Ripe at the end of August.

The Yellow Alberge hath deep red, middle-sized flowers; the peach is smaller than the former, of a yellow colour on the shady side, and of a deep red on the other. The flesh is yellow, red at the stone, and the juice is sugary and vinous.

The Great French Mignon hath large, finely serrated leaves, and beautiful red flowers. The fruit is large, quite round, covered with a fine fatty down, of a brownish red colour on the sunny side, and of a greenish yellow on the other. The flesh is white, easily parts from the skin, and is copiously stored with a sugary high-flavoured juice. Ripe near the middle of August.

The Beautiful Chevreuse hath plain leaves, and small contracted flowers. The fruit is rather oblong, of a middling size, of a fine red colour next the sun, but yellow on the other side. The flesh is yellowish, parts from the stone, and is full of a rich sugary juice. It ripens a little after the former.

The Red Magdalen hath deeply serrated leaves, and large open flowers. The fruit is large, round, and of a fine red next the sun. The flesh is firm, white, separates from the stone, where it is very red; the juice is sugary, and of an exquisite rich flavour. Ripe at the end of August.

The Chancellor hath large, slightly serrated leaves. The peach is about the size of the Beautiful Chevreuse, but rather rounder. The skin is very thin, of a fine red on the sunny side; the flesh is white and melting, parts from the stone, and the juice is very rich and sugary. It ripens with the former.

The leaves of Smith's Newington are serrated, and the flowers are large and open. The fruit is of a middle size, of a fine red on the sunny side; the flesh white and firm, but very red at the stone, to which it sticks closely, and the juice has a pretty good flavour. Ripens with the former.

The Montauban hath serrated leaves, and large open flowers. The fruit is about the size of the former, of a purplish red next the sun, but of a pale one on the shady side. The flesh is melting, and white even to the stone, from which it separates. The juice is rich, and well flavoured. It ripens a little before the former.

The Malta hath deeply serrated leaves, and the flowers are large and open. The fruit is almost round, of a fine red next the sun, marbled with a deeper red, but the shady side is of a deep green. The flesh is fine, white, except at the stone, from which it parts, where white,

*Amygdalus* it is of a deep red; the juice is a little musky, and agreeable. It ripens at the end of August, or beginning of September.

The Vineuse hath large deep green leaves, and full bright red flowers. The fruit is round, of a middle size; the skin is thin, all over red; the flesh fine and white, except at the stone, where it is very red, and the juice is copious and vinous. Ripe in the middle of September.

The Bellegarde hath smooth leaves, and small contracted flowers. The fruit is very large, round, and of a deep purple colour next the sun. The flesh is white, parts from the stone, where it is of a deep red, and the juice is rich and excellent. It ripens early in September.

The Bourdine hath large, fine green, plain leaves, and small flesh-coloured contracted flowers. The fruit is round, of a dark red next the sun; the flesh white, except at the stone, where it is of a deep red, and the juice is rich and vinous. Ripens with the former.

The Rossanna hath plain leaves, and small contracted flowers. The fruit is rather longer than the alberge, and some count it only a variety of the latter. The flesh is yellow, and parts from the stone, where it is red; the juice is rich and vinous. Ripe early in September.

The Admirable hath plain leaves, and small contracted flowers, which are of a pale red. The fruit is very large and round; the flesh is firm, melting, and white, parts from the stone, and is there red; and the juice has a sweet, sugary, high vinous flavour. Ripe early in September.

The Old Newington hath serrated leaves, and large open flowers. The fruit is large, of a fine red next the sun; the flesh is white, sticks close to the stone, where it is of a deep red, and the juice has an excellent flavour. It ripens just after the former.

The Royal hath plain leaves, and small contracted flowers. The fruit is about the size of the admirable, and resembles it, except that it has sometimes a few knobs or warts. The flesh is white, melting, and full of a rich juice; it parts from the stone, and is there of a deep red. Ripe about the middle of September.

The Rambouillet hath leaves and flowers like the royal. The fruit is rather round than long, of a middling size, and deeply divided by a furrow. It is of a bright yellow on the shady side, but of a fine red on the other. The flesh is melting, yellow, parts from the stone, where it is of a deep red, and the juice is rich and vinous. Ripe with the former.

The Portugal hath plain leaves, and large open flowers. The fruit is large, spotted, and of a beautiful red on the sunny side. The flesh is firm, white, sticks to the stone, and is there red. The stone is small, deeply furrowed, and the juice is rich and sugary. Ripe towards the end of September.

The Late Admirable hath serrated leaves, and brownish red small contracted flowers. The fruit is rather large and round, of a bright red next the sun, marbled with a deeper. The flesh is of a greenish-white, and sticks to the stone, where it hath several red veins; the juice is rich and vinous. Ripe about the middle of September.

The Nivette hath serrated leaves, and small contracted flowers. The fruit is large and roundish, of a bright

red colour next the sun, but of a pale yellow on the shady-side. The flesh is of a greenish-yellow, parts from the stone, where it is very red, and is copiously stored with a rich juice. It ripens about the middle of September.

Venus's Nipple hath finely serrated leaves, and rose-coloured, small contracted flowers, edged with carmine. The fruit is of a middling size, and has a rising like a breast. It is of a faint red on the sunny-side, and on the shady one of a straw-colour. The flesh is melting, white, separates from the stone, where it is red, and the juice is rich and sugary. Ripens late in September.

The Late Purple hath large, serrated leaves, which are variously contorted, and the flowers are small and contracted. The fruit is round, large, of a dark red on the sunny-side, and yellowish on the other. The flesh is melting, white, parts from the stone, where it is red, and the juice is sweet and high-flavoured. Ripens with the former.

The Persique hath large, very long indented leaves, and small contracted flowers. The fruit is large, oblong, of a fine red next the sun; the flesh firm, white, but red at the stone, juicy, and of a high pleasant flavour. The stalk has frequently a small knot upon it. Ripe late in September.

The Catharine hath plain leaves, and small flowers. The fruit is large, round, of a very dark red next the sun. The flesh white, firm, sticks close to the stone, and is there of a deep red. The juice is rich and pleasant. It ripens early in October.

The Monstrous Pavy hath large, very slightly serrated leaves, and large, but rather contracted flowers. The fruit is round, and very large, whence its name. It is of a fine red on the sunny-side, and of a greenish-white on the other. The flesh is white, melting, sticks close to the stone, and is there of a deep red. It is pretty full of juice, which in dry seasons is sugary, vinous, and agreeable. Ripe towards the end of October.

The Bloody Peach hath rather large, serrated leaves, which turn red in autumn. The fruit is of a middling size, the skin all over of a dull red, and the flesh is red down to the stone. The fruit is but dry, and the juice rather sharp and bitterish. It is well worth cultivating notwithstanding, for the fruit bake and preserve extremely well.

The peach-tree has hitherto been planted against walls for the sake of the fruit: "but, (says Hanbury), as I hardly ever knew a person who was not struck with the beauty of the flowers when in full blow against a wall, why should it not have a share in wilderness-quarters and shrubberies, amongst the sorts of almonds, &c.? It may be kept down, or permitted to grow to the height of the owner's fancy: and the flowers are inferior to none of the other sorts. Add to this, they frequently, in well-sheltered places, produce fruit which will be exceeding well-flavoured; and thus the owner may enjoy the benefit of a double treat." The above observations respect the single peach; with regard to the double-flowered, it is generally propagated for ornamental plantations, and is universally acknowledged to be one of the finest flowering-trees yet known. Against a wall, however, these trees are always the fairest; and if they have this advantage, they are succeeded by very good fruit.

The NECTARINE, according to Linnæus, is only a variety

*Amygdalus* variety of the peach, its having a smooth coat being only an accident originally. Of this also many varieties are now cultivated; and the following are some of the most esteemed: 1. The Elruge. 2. The Newington. 3. The Scarlet. 4. The Roman. 5. The Murrey. 6. The Italian. 7. The Golden. 8. The Temple's.

The Elruge hath large serrated leaves, and small flowers. The fruit is of a middling size, of a dark purple colour next the sun, and of a greenish yellow on the shady side. The flesh parts from the stone, and has a soft, melting, good flavoured juice. Ripe early in August.

The Newington hath serrated leaves, and large open flowers. The fruit is pretty large, of a beautiful red on the sunny-side, but of a bright yellow on the other. The flesh sticks to the stone, is there of a deep red colour, and the juice has an excellent rich flavour. Ripe towards the end of August.

The scarlet is rather less than the former, of a fine scarlet colour next the sun, but fades to a pale red on the shady side. It ripens near the time of the former.

The Roman, or cluster red nectarine, hath plain leaves, and large flowers. The fruit is large, of a deep red towards the sun, but yellowish on the shady side. The flesh is firm, sticks to the stone, and is there red; the juice is rich, and has an excellent flavour. Ripe about the end of August.

The Murrey is a middling-sized fruit, of a dirty red colour on the sunny side, and yellowish on the shady one. The flesh is firm, and tolerably well flavoured. It ripens early in September.

The Italian Nectarine hath smooth leaves and small flowers; the fruit is red next the sun, but yellowish on the other side; flesh firm, adheres to the stone, where it is red, and when ripe, which is early in September, has an excellent flavour.

The Golden Nectarine has an agreeable red colour next the sun, bright yellow on the opposite side; flesh very yellow, sticks to the stone, where it is of a pale red, has a rich flavour, and ripens in September.

Temple's Nectarine is of a middling size, of a fair red next the sun, of a yellowish green on the other side; flesh white near the stone, from which it separates; ripens in September, and has a high poignant flavour.

*Propagation, &c.* All the above species are propagated by inoculating them into plum-stocks in August. The stocks should be first planted in the nursery when of the size of a straw; and the first or second summer after they will be ready to receive the bud. The usual method of inoculation must be observed, and there is no danger of success; though it may be proper to observe, that the double-blossomed peach should always be worked into the stocks of the mull-plum. The two sorts of dwarf-almond may also be propagated by layers, or from the suckers, which they sometimes send forth in great plenty.

The varieties of the peach are produced like those of the finer flowers, by sowing the seeds; and though many raised this way will be of little value, as is also the case of flowers, yet probably among a parcel of stones, saved from the finer kinds of peaches, there would be some new kinds produced. The best method of saving the stones is, to let some of the finest peaches of the best kinds hang till they drop of themselves from

the tree, and then the stones should be immediately planted on a bed of light dry earth, planting them about three inches deep in the earth, and at about four inches asunder. The beds should be covered to preserve them in the winter; and in spring, when the plants come up, they must be cleared of weeds, and well watered. The next spring they should be carefully taken up, and planted in the nursery, in rows three feet asunder, and one foot distant from each other; laying a little mulch upon the surface of the ground about their roots, and in a dry spring watering them once a week; and after one or two years standing here, they may be removed to the place where they are to remain; or they may, at that time, when the condition of their fruit is known, be grafted on other stocks.

There are two general rules given for the pruning of peach and nectarine trees; viz. 1. Always to have enough of bearing wood; And, 2. Not to lay in the branches too close to one another. All peach trees produce their fruit from the young wood either of the same, or at the most of the former year's shoot; for which reason the branches are to be so pruned, as to encourage them to throw out new shoots in every part of the tree: and this is to be done in May; when by pinching, or stopping the strong shoots, there may be new wood forced out in any part of the tree. This is the method of the summer pruning: the winter pruning is usually done in February or March; but is much better done at Michaelmas, as soon as their leaves begin to fall; and the wounds will then have time to heal before the severe frosts come on.

In pruning of these trees it must always be observed also, that it is best done under a wood bud, not a blossom bud; which may be distinguished by the wood bud's being less turgid, and longer and narrower than the blossom bud; for if the shoot have not a leading bud where it is cut, it will commonly die down to the leading bud. In nailing the shoots to the wall, they should be placed at as equal distances as possible; and so far apart that the leaves may have room; and they must always be trained as horizontally as possible, that the lower part of the tree may be well wooded, which it will not be if the branches are suffered to run upright. When the fruit is set and grown to the size of a small nut, it should be thinned, and left five or six inches asunder: by this management the fruit will be larger and better tasted, and the trees in a condition to bear well the succeeding year. The quantity of fruit to be left on large full grown trees should never be greater than five dozen upon each; but on middling trees, three or four dozen will be enough. If the season should prove hot and dry, it will be proper to draw up the earth round the stem of each tree, to form a hollow basin of about six feet in diameter, and cover the surface of the ground in this basin with mulch; and once in a week or fortnight, according to the drought of the season, to pour down eight or ten gallons of water to the root of each tree; or the water may be sprinkled by an engine over the branches of the trees, which, shaking down to the roots, will promote the growth of the fruit and prevent its falling off the trees. This, however, should be continued only while the fruit is growing.

The peach-tree, as well as the rose-tree, are very subject



Amygdalus subject to be over-run with the aphides; which may be destroyed by fumigating the house in which the plants are kept with tobacco, or, which is said to be the most effectual method, by steam raised from water poured over the fires\*.—Soap-suds are said to destroy effectually the different species of insects that infest fruit-trees growing against walls, and particularly the peach, cherry, and plum. For this purpose, a person on a ladder should pour them from a watering-pot over both trees and wall, beginning at the top of the wall, and bringing it on in courses from top to bottom. The suds contribute likewise, it is said, to preserve the wood of the delicate and tender kinds of peaches.

\* See Kyle  
on forcing  
Peaches.

*Uses.* Sweet almonds are reckoned to afford little nourishment; and, when eaten in substance, are not easy of digestion, unless thoroughly comminuted: Peeled, and eaten six or eight at a time, they sometimes give present relief in the heart-burn. But in medicine they are mostly used for making emulsions; and they abound not only with an oil, but likewise with a mucilage fit for incorporating oil and water together.

Emulsions are commonly prepared from almonds, by beating an ounce of them, after being blanched, into a fine pulp, in a marble or stone mortar; and triturating them well with half an ounce (more or less) of fine sugar; and then adding by little at a time, a quart of water; taking care to continue grinding them while the water is poured on; after which the white milky liquor is strained through a cloth, and put into a quart bottle. Some people add a dram of blanched bitter almonds to an ounce of the sweet, which they think make the emulsions more agreeable. Such emulsions have been much used as drink in acute diseases, for diluting and blunting acrimonious juices in the first passages, and acrid saline particles in the blood; and for softening and lubricating the fibres and membranes.

It has been a common practice to dissolve from half an ounce to an ounce, or more, of gum-arabic in the water used for making the emulsions; and to make patients drink freely of them, while blisters are applied to the body, in order to prevent strangury; and to order them to be used in cases of gravel, and of inflammation of the bladder or urethra; and in heat of urine from virulent gonorrhœa or other causes.

Camphor, resin of jalap, and other resinous substances, by being triturated with almonds, become miscible with water, and more mild and pleasant than they were before; and therefore they are frequently ordered to be rubbed with them, and made up into pills or boluses, with the addition of some conserve or gum-arabic mucilage; or they are incorporated with watery liquors into the form of an emulsion.

Formerly the seeds of the lettuce, of the cucumber, of the white poppy, and of a number of other plants, were employed for making emulsions; but now the sweet almonds supply the place of all the rest.

The bitter almonds are not so much used as they were formerly; because they have been found to destroy some sorts of animals: this effect was related by the ancients, but believed to be fictitious; because when eaten by men they appear to be innocent, and to produce no deleterious effects. However, the facts related by Wepser in his *Treatise de Cicuta Aquatica*, having been confirmed by latter experiments; and it

having been discovered that a water drawn from them had deleterious effects, and that the distilled water from the lauro-cerasus leaves, which have a bitter taste resembling that of bitter almonds, was still more poisonous; it raised a suspicion of the wholesomeness of those bitter substances, and has made physicians more cautious of using them, though they have been employed for making orgeate and other liquors, without producing any bad effects.

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Amyot.

As to the peach and nectarine, they are sufficiently known as delicious fruits. Peach-flowers have an agreeable smell, and a bitterish taste: distilled, without any addition, by the heat of a water-bath, they yield one-sixth their weight, or more, of a whitish liquor, which, as Mr Bolduc observes, communicates to a large quantity of other liquids a flavour like that of the kernels of fruits. An infusion in water of half an ounce of the fresh-gathered flowers, or a dram of them when dried, sweetened with sugar, proves for children an useful laxative and anthelmintic: the leaves of the tree are, with this intention, somewhat more efficacious, though less agreeable. The fruit has the same quality with the other sweet fruits, that of abating heat, quenching thirst, and gently loosening the belly.

AMYLACEOUS, from *amylum* "starch;" a term applied to the fine flour of farinaceous seeds, in which consists their nutritive part. See BREAD.

AMYNTA, in literary history, a beautiful pastoral comedy, composed by Tasso; the model of all dramatic pieces wherein shepherds are actors. The *Pastor Fido*, and *Filli di Sciro*, are only copies of this excellent piece.

AMYNTOR, ἀμύντωρ, formed of the verb ἀμύνω, *I defend*, or *avenge*, properly denotes a person who defends or vindicates a cause. In this sense, Mr Toland intitles his defence of Milton's life, *Amyntor*, as being a vindication of that work against Mr Blackhall and others, who had charged him with questioning the authority of some of the books of the New Testament, and declaring his doubt that several pieces under the name of Christ and his apostles, received now by the whole Christian church, were supposititious.

AMYOT (James), bishop of Auxerre and great almoner of France, was born of an obscure family at Melun, the 30th of October 1514, and studied philosophy at Paris, in the college of Cardinal Le Moine. He was naturally dull and heavy; but diligence and application made amends for these natural defects. He left Paris at the age of twenty-three; and went to Bourges with the Sieur Colin, who had the abbey of St Ambrose in that city. At the recommendation of this abbot, a secretary of state took Amyot into his house to be tutor to his children. The great improvements they made under his direction induced the secretary to recommend him to the princess Margaret duchess of Berry, only sister of Francis I. and by means of this recommendation Amyot was made public professor of Greek and Latin in the university of Bourges. It was during this time he translated into French the "Amours of Theagines and Chariclea," which Francis I. was so pleased with, that he conferred upon him the abbey of Bellosanc. He also translated Plutarch's Lives, which he dedicated to the king; and afterwards undertook that of Plutarch's Morals, which he ended in the reign of Charles IX. and dedicated to

Amyral- that prince. Charles conferred upon him the abbey of  
dism St Cornelius de Compiègne, and made him great al-  
|| moner of France and bishop of Auxerre. He died in  
Amyris. 1593, aged 79.

AMYRALDISM, a name given by some writers to the doctrine of universal grace, as explained and asserted by Amyraldus, or Moses Amyraut, and others his followers, among the reformed in France, towards the middle of the 17th century.

This doctrine principally consisted of the following particulars, viz. that God *desires* the happiness of all men, and none are excluded by a divine decree; that none can obtain salvation without faith in Christ; that God refuses to none the *power* of *believing*, though he does not grant to *all* his assistance, that they may improve this power to saving purposes; and that many perish through their own fault. Those who embraced this doctrine were called *Universalists*; though it is evident they rendered grace *universal* in words, but *partial* in reality, and are chargeable with greater inconsistencies than the *Supralapsarians*.

AMYRAULT (Moses), an eminent French Protestant divine, born at Bourgueil in Touraine in 1596. He studied at Saumur, where he was chosen professor of theology; and his learned works gained him the esteem of Catholics as well as Protestants, particularly of Cardinal Richelieu, who consulted him on a plan of re-uniting their churches, which, however, as may well be supposed, came to nothing. He published a piece in which he attempted to explain the mystery of predestination and grace, which occasioned a controversy between him and some other divines. He also wrote, An Apology for the Protestants; a Paraphrase on the New Testament; and several other books. This eminent divine died in 1664.

AMYRIS: A genus of the monogynia order, belonging to the decandria class of plants. The characters are: The *calyx* is a small single-leaved perianthium, four-toothed and persistent: The *corolla* consists of four oblong petals, concave and expanding: The *stamina* consist of eight erect subulated filaments; the antheræ are oblong, erect, and the length of the corolla: The  *pistillum* has an ovate germen, above; a thickish stylus, the length of the stamina; and a four-cornered stigma: The *pericarpium* is a round drupaceous berry: The *seed* is a globular glossy nut.—The most remarkable species are: 1. The *elemifera*, or shrub which bears the gum-*elemi*, a native of South-America. It grows to the height of about six feet, producing trifoliated stiff shining leaves, growing opposite to one another on footstalks two inches long. At the ends of the branches grow four or five slender stalks set with many very small white flowers. 2. The *gileadensis*, or *opobalsamum*, is an evergreen shrub, growing spontaneously in Arabia-Felix, from whence the *opobalsam*, or balm of gilead, is procured. 3. *Toxifera*, or poison-wood, is a small tree, with a smooth light-coloured bark. Its leaves are winged; the middle rib is seven or eight inches long, with pairs of pinnæ one against another on inch-long footstalks. The fruit hangs in bunches, is shaped like a pear, and is of a purple colour, covering an oblong hard stone. From the trunk of this tree distils a liquid as black as ink. Birds feed on the fruit: particularly one, called the *purple grosbeak*, on the mucilage that covers the stone. It grows

Plate XVII.

usually on rocks, in Providence, Ithaca, and others of the Bahama islands. 4. The *balsamifera*, or rose-wood, is found on gravelly hills in Jamaica and others of the West India islands. It rises to a considerable height, and the trunks are remarkable for having large protuberances on them. The leaves are laurel-shaped; the small blue flowers are on a branched spike; and the berries are small and black.

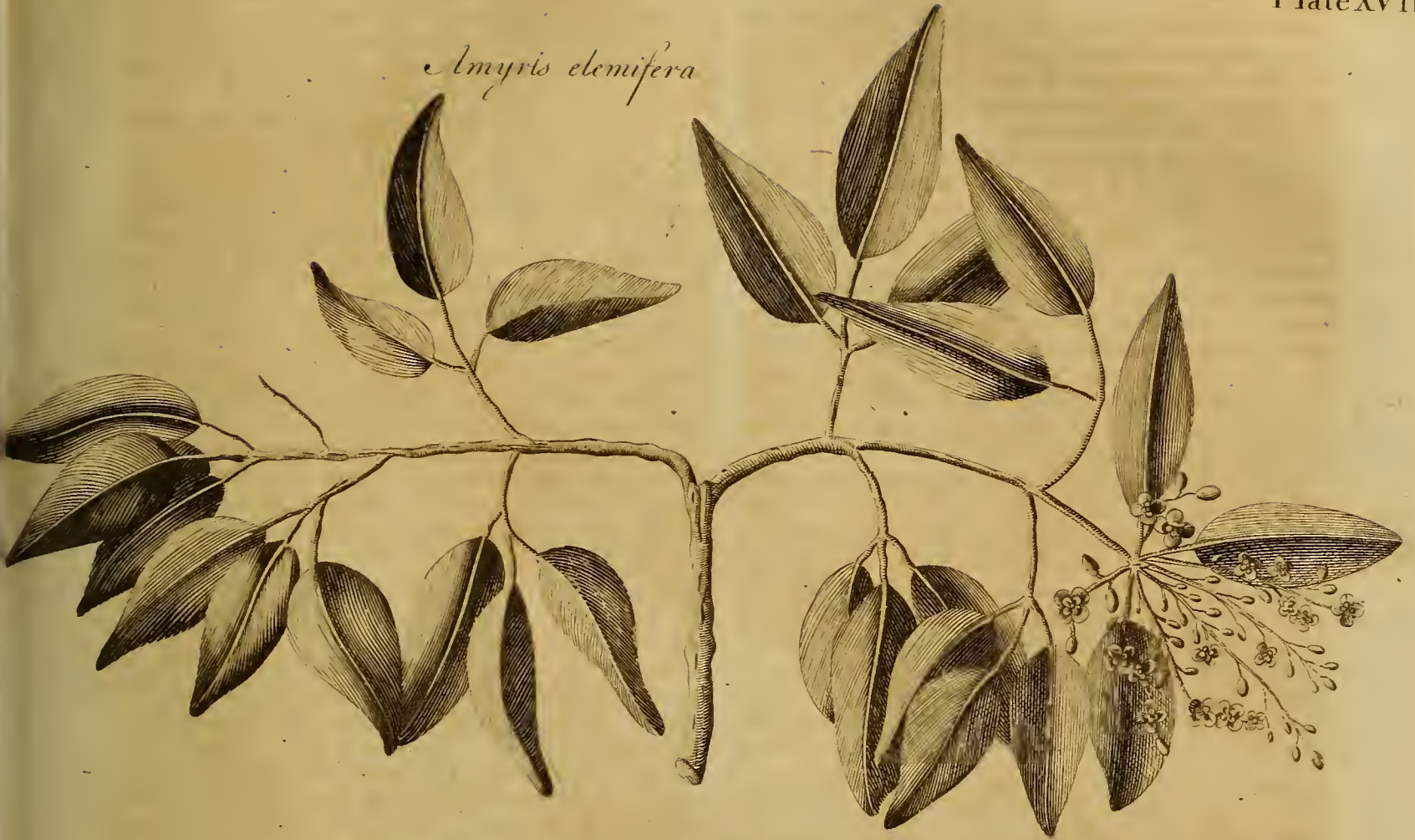
*Properties.* From the first species, which is called by the natives of the Brasils *icicariba*, is obtained the resin improperly called *gum-elemi*, or gum-lemon. This drug is brought to us from the Spanish West Indies, and sometimes from the East Indies, in long roundish cakes, generally wrapped up in flag leaves. The best sort is softish, somewhat transparent, of a pale whitish yellow colour, inclining a little to green, of a strong not unpleasant smell. It almost totally dissolves in pure spirit, and sends over some part of its fragrance along with this menstruum in distillation: distilled with water, it yields a considerable quantity of pale-coloured, thin, fragrant, essential oil. This resin gives name to one of the officinal unguents, and is at present scarce any otherwise made use of; though it is certainly preferable, for internal purposes, to some others which are held in greater esteem. The second species yields the balsam of Mecca, of Syria, or of Gilcad, which is the most fragrant and pleasant of any of the balsams. The true balsam tree is found near to Mecca, which is situated about a day's journey from the Red Sea, on the Asiatic side. It has a yellowish or greenish yellow colour, a warm bitterish aromatic taste, and an acidulous fragrant smell. It has long been held in great esteem. The Turks, who are in possession of the country in which it grows, value it much as an odoriferous unguent and cosmetic, and set such a high price upon it, that it is adulterated when it comes into the hands of the dealers, so that it is very difficult to get genuine specimens of it. It has been recommended in great variety of complaints; but now it is generally believed that the Canada and copiava balsams are equally efficacious, and will answer every purpose for which it can be used. Dr Alston says, that the surest mark of this balsam being pure and unadulterated is, its spreading quickly on the surface of water when dropped into it; and that if a single drop of it is let fall into a large saucer full of water, it immediately spreads all over its surface, and as it were dissolves and disappears; but in about half an hour it becomes a transparent pellicle covering the whole surface, and may be taken up with a pin, having lost both its fluidity and colour, and become white and soft, cohering, and communicating its smell and taste to the water. This test, he says, all the balsam he saw in Holland bore, though it is rare to get any from London that answers it. The *balsamifera*, or rose-wood, affords an excellent timber: it is also replete with a fragrant balsam or oil, and retains its flavour and solidity though exposed to the weather many years. By subjecting this wood to distillation, Dr Wright thinks, a perfume equal to the oleum rhodii may probably be obtained.

ANA, among physicians, denotes a quantity equal to that of the preceding ingredient. It is abbreviated thus, āā, or ā.

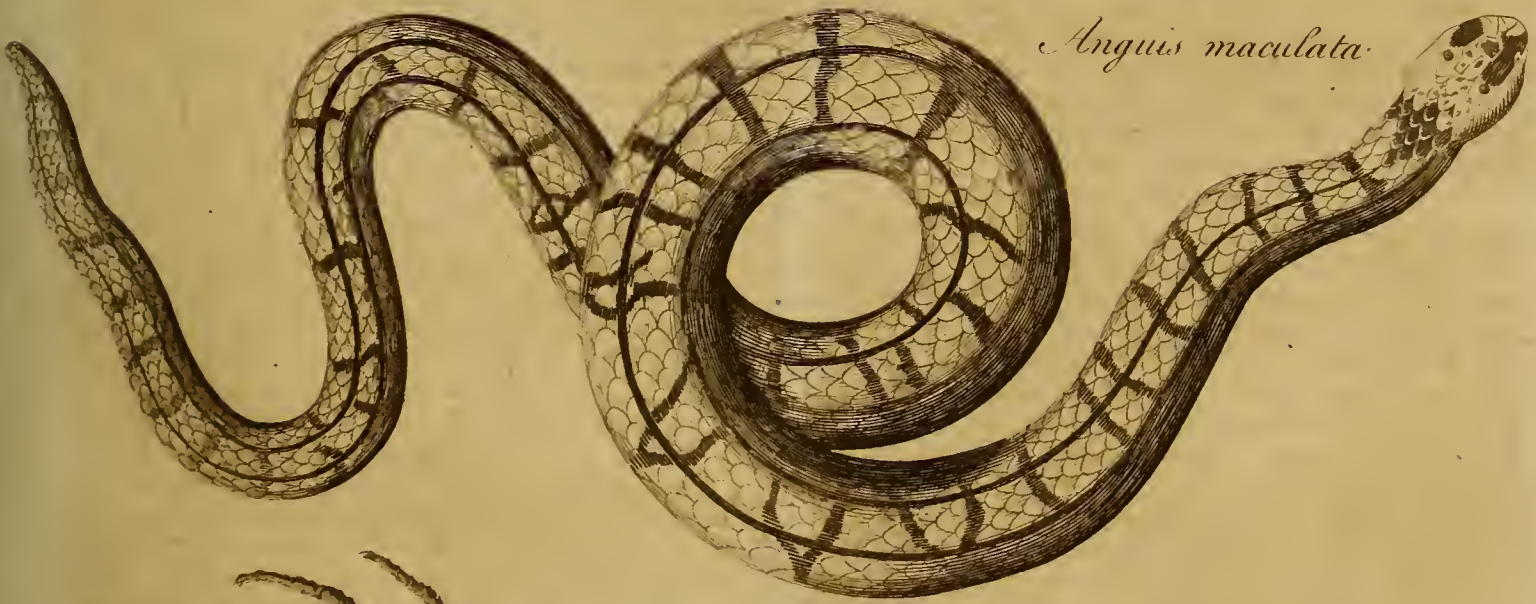
ANA, in matters of literature, a Latin termination, adopted into the titles of several books in other languages.—

Amyris.  
Ana.

*Amyris elemifera*



*Anguis maculata*



*Aranca tarantula*



*Aphrodita*





Ana  
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Anabap-  
tists.

guages.—*Anas*, or *books in ana*, are collections of the memorable sayings of persons of learning and wit; much the same with what we otherwise call *table-talk*.

Wolfius has given the history of books in ana, in the preface to the *Casauboniana*. He there observes, that though such titles be new, the thing itself is very old; that Xenophon's books of the deeds and sayings of Socrates, as well as the dialogues of Plato, are *Socraticana*; that the apophthegms of the philosophers collected by Diogenes Laertius, the sentences of Pythagoras and those of Epictetus, the works of Athenæus, Stobæus, and divers others, are so many *anas*. Even the Gemara of the Jews, with several other oriental writings, according to Wolfius, properly belong to the same class. To this head of ana may likewise be referred the Orphica, the Pythagoræa, Æsopica, Pyrrhonica, &c.

Scaligerana was the first piece that appeared with a title in ana. It was composed by Isan de Vassan, a young Champanois, recommended to Jos. Scaliger by Casaubon. Being much with Scaliger, who was daily visited by the men of learning at Leyden, De Vassan wrote down whatever things of any moment he heard Scaliger say. And thus arose the Scaligerana, which was not printed till many years after, at Geneva, in 1666. Patin. Let. 431.—Soon after came the Perroniana, Thuana, Naudæana, Patineana, Sorberiana, Menagiana, Anti-Menagiana, Furitiana, Chevræana, Leibnitziana, Arlequiniana, Poggiana, &c.

ANABAPTISTON, the same with ABAPTISTON.

ANABAPTISTS, a name which has been indiscriminately applied to Christians of very different principles and practices; though many of them object to the denomination, and hold nothing in common, besides the opinion that baptism ought always to be performed by immersion, and not administered before the age of discretion.

The word Anabaptist is compounded of *ανα*, "new," and *βαπτιστης*, "a baptist;" and in this sense the Novatians, the Cataphrygians, and the Donatists, may be considered as a kind of Anabaptists in the earlier ages, though not then denoted by this name; for they contended, that those Christians of the Catholic church who joined themselves to their respective parties should be rebaptized. But we must not class under the same denomination those bishops of Asia and Africa, who, in the third century, maintained, that baptism administered by those whom they called heretics was not valid, and therefore that such of them as returned into their churches ought to be rebaptized. Nor do the English and Dutch Baptists consider the Denomination as at all applicable to their sect: by whom the baptism appointed by Christ is held to be "nothing short of immersion, upon a personal profession of faith;" of which profession infants being incapable, and sprinkling being no adequate symbol of the thing intended, the baptizing of profelytes to their communion, who in their infancy had undergone the ceremony of sprinkling, cannot, it is urged, be interpreted a repetition of the baptismal ordinance.

Anabaptists, in a strict and proper sense, appear to be those who not only rebaptize, when they arrive at an adult age, persons that were baptized in their infancy, but also, as often as any person comes from

one of their sects to another, or as often as any one is excluded from their communion and again received into the bosom of their church, they baptize him. And such were many of the German Baptists. But the single opinion common to all the sects to which the name of *Anabaptists* has been indiscriminately applied, is that of the invalidity of *infant baptism*, in whatever way administered: And hence the general denomination of *Antipædobaptists*; which includes Anabaptists, Baptists, Mennonites, Waterlandians, &c. as distinguished by their respective peculiarities: though *Anabaptists* seem to have been adopted by most writers as the general term.

To the above peculiar notion concerning the baptismal sacrament the Anabaptists added principles of a different nature, depending upon certain ideas which they entertained concerning a perfect church-establishment, pure in its members, and free from the institutions of human policy.

The Anabaptists appear to have made little noise, or to have been little noticed before the time of the reformation in Germany. The most prudent and rational part of them considered it possible, by human wisdom, industry, and vigilance, to purify the church from the contagion of the wicked, provided the manners and spirit of the primitive Christians could but recover their lost dignity and lustre; and seeing the attempts of Luther, seconded by several persons of eminent piety, prove so successful, they hoped that the happy period was arrived in which the restoration of the church to purity was to be accomplished, under the divine protection, by the labours and counsels of pious and eminent men. Others, far from being satisfied with the plan of reformation proposed by Luther, looked upon it as much beneath the sublimity of their views; and consequently undertook a more perfect reformation, or, to express more properly their visionary enterprise, they proposed to found a new church, entirely spiritual, and truly divine.

This sect was soon joined by great numbers, and (as usually happens in sudden revolutions of this nature) by many persons whose characters and capacities were very different, though their views seemed to turn upon the same object. Their progress was rapid; for, in a very short space of time, their discourses, visions, and predictions, excited commotions in a great part of Europe and drew into their communion a prodigious multitude, whose ignorance rendered them easy victims to the illusions of enthusiasm. The most pernicious faction of all those which composed this motley multitude, was that which pretended that the founders of the new and *perfect church*, already mentioned, were under the direction of a divine impulse, and were armed against all opposition by the power of working miracles. It was this faction that, in the year 1521, began their fanatical work, under the guidance of Munzer, Stubner, Storck, &c.

These persons were disciples of Luther; but well knowing that their opinions were such as would receive no sanction from him, they availed themselves of his absence to disseminate them in Wittemburgh, and had the address to over-reach the piety of Melancthon. Their principal purpose was to gain over the populace, and to form a considerable party. To effect this, says Bayle, they were industrious and active, each in his own way. Storck, wanting knowledge, boasted of inspiration; and Stubner, who had both genius and erudition

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rudition, laboured at commodious explications of Scripture. Not content with discrediting the court of Rome, and decrying the authority of consistories, they taught, That among Christians, who had the precepts of the gospel to direct and the Spirit of God to guide them, the office of magistracy was not only unnecessary, but an unlawful encroachment on their spiritual liberty; that the distinctions occasioned by birth, or rank, or wealth, being contrary to the spirit of the gospel, which considers all men as equal, should be entirely abolished; that all Christians, throwing their possessions into one common stock, should live together in that state of equality which becomes members of the same family; that, as neither the laws of nature nor the precepts of the New Testament had placed any restraint upon men with regard to the number of wives which they might marry, they should use that liberty which God himself had granted to the patriarchs.

They employed at first the various arts of persuasion in order to propagate their doctrine. They preached, exhorted, admonished, and reasoned in a manner that seemed proper to impress the multitude; and related a great number of visions and revelations with which they pretended to have been favoured from above. But when they saw that these methods of making profelytes were not attended with such a rapid success as they fondly expected, and that the ministry of Luther and other eminent reformers were detrimental to their cause, they then had recourse to more expeditious measures, and madly attempted to propagate their fanatical doctrine by force of arms. Munzer and his associates, in the year 1525, put themselves at the head of a numerous army, composed for the most part of the peasants of Suabia, Thuringia, Franconia, and Saxony, and declared war against all laws, government, and magistrates of every kind, under the chimerical pretext that Christ was now to take the reins of civil and ecclesiastical government into his own hands, and to rule alone over the nations. But this seditious crowd was routed and dispersed, without much difficulty, by the Elector of Saxony and other princes; and Munzer their ringleader ignominiously put to death, and his factious counsellors scattered abroad in different places.

Many of his followers, however, survived, and propagated their opinions through Germany, Switzerland, and Holland. In the year 1533, a party of them settled at Munster under the direction of two Anabaptist prophets, John Matthias a baker of Haerlem, and John Bockholdt a journeyman-taylor of Leyden. Having made themselves masters of the city, they deposed the magistrates, confiscated the estates of such as had escaped, and deposited the wealth they amassed together in a public treasury for common use. They made preparations of every kind for the defence of the city; and sent out emissaries to the Anabaptists in the Low Countries, inviting them to assemble at Munster, which was now dignified with the name of Mount Sion, that from hence they might be deputed to reduce all the nations of the earth under their dominion. Matthias, who was the first in command, was soon cut off in an act of phrensy by the bishop of Munster's army; and was succeeded by Bockholdt, who was proclaimed by a special designation of Heaven, as he pretended, king of Sion, and invested with legislative powers like those of Moses. The extravagances of Bockholdt were too numerous to be recited: it will be sufficient to add, that the city of

Munster was taken after a long siege and an obstinate resistance; and Bockholdt, the mock monarch, was punished with a most painful and ignominious death.

It must, however, be acknowledged that the true rise of the numerous insurrections of this period ought not to be attributed to religious opinions. The first insurgents groaned under the most grievous oppressions; they took up arms principally in defence of their civil liberties; and of the commotions that took place. The Anabaptist leaders above mentioned seem rather to have availed themselves, than to have been the prime movers. See the article REFORMATION.—That a great part of the main body, indeed, consisted of Anabaptists seems indisputable; and whatever fanaticism existed among them would naturally be called forth or inflamed by the situations that occurred, and run riot in its wildest shapes. At the same time it appears from history, that a great part also consisted of Roman-Catholics, and a still greater of persons who had scarcely any religious principles at all. Indeed, when we read of the vast numbers that were concerned in those insurrections, of whom it is reported that 100,000 fell by the sword, it appears reasonable to conclude that a great majority of them were not Anabaptists.

Before concluding this article, it must be remarked, that the Baptists or Mennonites in England and Holland are to be considered in a very different light from the enthusiasts we have been describing: and it appears equally uncandid and invidious, to trace up their distinguishing sentiment, as some of their adversaries have done, to those obnoxious characters, and there to stop, in order as it were to associate with it the ideas of turbulence and fanaticism, with which it certainly has no natural connection. Their coincidence with some of those oppressed and infatuated people in denying baptism to infants, is acknowledged by the Baptists: but they disavow the practice which the appellation of *Anabaptists* implies; and their doctrines seem referable to a more ancient and respectable origin. They appear supported by history in considering themselves as the descendants of the Waldenses, who were so grievously oppressed and persecuted by the despotic heads of the Romish hierarchy; and they profess an equal aversion to all principles of rebellion on one hand, and to all suggestions of fanaticism on the other. See BAPTISTS.—The denomination of *Mennonites*, by which they are distinguished in Holland, they derive from Menno, the famous man who latterly gave consistency and stability to their sect. See MENNONITES.

ANABASII, in antiquity, were couriers who were sent on horseback, or in chariots, with dispatches of importance.

ANABATHRA, in ancient writers, denote a kind of steps or ladder whereby to ascend to some eminence. In this sense we read of the anabathra of theatres, pulpits, &c. Anabathra appears to have been sometimes also applied to ranges of seats rising gradually over each other.

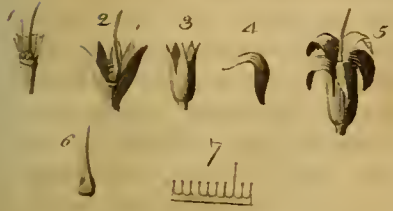
ANABATHRA is more particularly applied to a kind of stone blocks raised by the high-way sides, to assist travellers in mounting or alighting, before the use of stirrups was invented.—The first author of this contrivance among the Romans was C. Gracchus brother of Tiberius.

ANABLEPS, in ichthyology, the trivial name of a species of cobitis. See COBITIS.

ANABOA, a small island situated near the coast of Loango

Anabap-  
tists.||  
Anableps.

*Anacardium occidentale*



*Alauda*  
*New Zealand Lark*



*Amphiblena*



*Port. Phalaena*





Anabolæum.  
||  
Anachardium.

Loango in Africa, in E. Long. 9°. N. Lat. 1°. Here are several fertile valleys, which produce plenty of bananas, oranges, pine-apples, lemons, citrons, tamarinds, cocoa-nuts, &c. together with vast quantities of cotton. In this island are two high mountains, which, being continually covered with clouds, occasion frequent rains.

ANABOLÆUM, or ANABOLE, in antiquity, a kind of great or upper coat, worn over the tunica.

ANABOLEUS, in antiquity, an appellation given to grooms of the stable, or equerries, who assisted their masters in mounting their horses. As the ancients had no stirrups, or instruments that are now in use for mounting a horse, they either jumped upon his back, or were aided in mounting by anabolei.

ANACALYPTERIA, according to Suidas, were presents made to the bride by her husband's relations and friends when she first uncovered her face and showed herself to men. These presents were also called *επαυλαια*: for among the Greeks, virgins before marriage were under strict confinement, being rarely permitted to appear in public, or converse with the other sex; and when allowed that liberty, wore a veil over their faces termed *καλυπτρον*, or *καλυπτρα*, which was not left off in the presence of men till the third day after marriage; whence, according to Hesychius, this was also called *anacalypteron*.

ANACAMPSEROS, in botany, a synonyme of the portulaca and several other plants.

ANACAMPTERIA, in ecclesiastical antiquity, a kind of little edifices adjacent to the churches, designed for the entertainment of strangers and poor persons.

ANACAMPTIC, a name applied by the ancients to that part of optics which treats of reflexion, being the same with what is now called CATOPTICS.

ANACARDIUM, or CASHEW-NUT TREE: A genus of the monogynia order, belonging to the decandria class of plants; and in the natural method ranking under the 12th order, *Holoracea*. The characters are: The *calyx* is divided into five parts, the divisions ovate and deciduous: The *corolla* consists of five reflected petals, twice the length of the calyx: The *stamina* consist of ten capillary filaments shorter than the calyx, one of them castrated; the antheræ are small and roundish: The *pistillum* has a roundish germen: the stylus is subulated, inflected, and the length of the corolla; the stigma oblique: There is no *pericarpium*; the receptaculum is very large and fleshy: The *seed* is a large kidney-shaped nut, placed above the receptaculum.

Of this only one species is as yet known to the botanists, viz. the occidentale. It grows naturally in the West Indies, and arrives at the height of 20 feet in those places of which it is a native. The fruit of this tree is as large as an orange; and is full of an acid juice, which is frequently made use of in making punch. To the apex of this fruit grows a nut, of the size and shape of a hare's kidney, but much larger at the end which is next the fruit than at the other. The shell is very hard; and the kernel, which is sweet and pleasant, is covered with a thin film. Between this and the shell is lodged a thick, blackish, inflammable liquor, of such a caustic nature in the fresh nuts, that if the lips chance to touch it, blisters will immediately follow. The kernels are eaten raw, roasted, or pickled. The caustic liquor just mentioned is esteemed an

excellent cosmetic with the West India young ladies, but they must certainly suffer a great deal of pain in its application; and, fond as our females are of a beautiful face, it is highly probable they would never submit to be flayed alive to obtain one. When any of the former fancy themselves too much tanned by the scorching rays of the sun, they gently scrape off the thin outside of the stone, and then rub their faces all over with the stone. Their faces immediately swell and grow black; and the skin being poisoned by the caustic oil abovementioned, will, in the space of five or six days, come entirely off in large flakes, so that they cannot appear in public in less than a fortnight; by which time the new skin looks as fair as that of a newborn child. The negroes in Brazil cure themselves effectually of disorders in the stomach by eating of the yellow fruit of this tree; the juice of which, being acid, cuts the thick tough humours which obstructed the free circulation of the blood, and thus removes the complaint. This cure, however, is not voluntary: for their masters, the Portuguese, deny them any other sustenance; and letting them loose to the woods, where the cashew-nuts grow in great abundance, leave it in their option to perish by famine or sustain themselves with this fruit.—The milky juice of this tree will stain linen of a good black, which cannot be washed out. See Plate XVIII.

*Culture.* This plant is easily raised from the nuts, which should be planted each in a separate pot filled with light sandy earth, and plunged into a good hot-bed of tanners bark; they must also be kept from moisture till the plants come up, otherwise the nuts are apt to rot. If the nuts are fresh, the plants will come up in about a month.

ANACEPHALÆOSIS, in rhetoric, the same with recapitulation. See RECAPITULATION.

ANACHARSIS, a famous Scythian philosopher, conversed with Solon, and lived an austere life. Upon his return from his travels through Greece, he attempted to change the ancient customs of Scythia, and to establish those of Greece; which proved fatal to him. The king shot him dead in a wood with an arrow. A great many statues were erected to him after his death. He is said to have invented tinder, the anchor, and the potter's wheel; but the latter is mentioned by Homer, who lived long before him. Anacharsis flourished in the time of Cræsus.

ANACHORET, in church-history, denotes a hermit, or solitary monk, who retires from the society of mankind into some desert, with a view to avoid the temptations of the world, and to be more at leisure for meditation and prayer. Such were Paul, Anthony, and Hilarion, the first founders of monastic life in Egypt and Palestine.

Anachorets, among the Greeks, consist principally of monks, who retire to caves or cells, with the leave of the abbot, and an allowance from the monastery; or who, weary of the fatigues of the monastery, purchase a spot of ground, to which they retreat, never appearing again in the monastery, unless on solemn occasions.

ANACHRONISM, in matters of literature, an error with respect to chronology, whereby an event is placed earlier than it really happened.—The word is compounded of *ανα*, "higher," and *χρονοσ*, "time." Such

Anacephalæosis,  
||  
Anachronism.



Anaclastic  
||  
Anacondo.

Such is that of Virgil, who plac'd Dido in Africa at the time of Æneas, though in reality she did not come there till 300 years after the taking of Troy.—An error on the other side, whereby a fact is placed later and lower than it should be, is called a *parachronism*.

**ANACLASTIC GLASSES**, a kind of sonorous phials or glasses, chiefly made in Germany, which have the property of being flexible; and emitting a vehement noise by the human breath.—They are also called *vexing glasses* by the Germans (*vexier gläser*), on account of the fright and disturbance they occasion by their resiliation.—The anaclastic glasses are a low kind of phials, with flat bellies, resembling inverted funnels, whose bottoms are very thin, scarce surpassing the thickness of an onion peel: this bottom is not quite flat, but a little convex. But upon applying the mouth to the orifice, and gently inspiring, or as it were sucking out the air, the bottom gives way with a prodigious crack, and of convex becomes concave. On the contrary, upon expiring or breathing gently into the orifice of the same glass, the bottom with no less noise bounds back to its former place, and becomes gibbous as before.—The anaclastic glasses first taken notice of were in the castle of Goldbach; where one of the academists *Naturæ Curiosorum*, having seen and made experiments on them, published a piece expressly on their history and phenomena. They are all made of a fine white glass. It is to be observed of these, 1. That if the bottom be concave at the time of inspiration, it will burst; and the like will happen if it be convex at the time of expiration. 2. A strong breath will have the same effect even under the contrary circumstances.

**ANACLASTICS**, that part of optics which considers the refraction of light, and is commonly called *Dioptrics*. See **DIOPTRICS**.

**ANACLETERIA**, in antiquity, a solemn festival celebrated by the ancients when their kings or princes came of age, and assumed the reins of government. It was so called, because proclamation being made of this event to the people, they went to salute their prince during the anacleteria, and to congratulate him upon his new dignity.

**ANACLETICUM**, in the ancient art of war, a particular blast of the trumpet, whereby the fearful and flying soldiers were rallied and recalled to the combat.

**ANACLINOPALE**, *Ἀνακλινοπαλι*, in antiquity, a kind of wrestling, wherein the champions threw themselves voluntarily on the ground, and continued the combat by pinching, biting, scratching, and other methods of offence. The *Anaclinopale* was contradistinguished from the *Orthopale*, wherein the champions stood erect. In the *Anaclinopale*, the weaker combatants sometimes gained the victory.

**ANACLINTERIA**, in antiquity, a kind of pillows on the dining-bed, whereon the guests used to lean. The ancient tricliniary beds had four pillows, one at the head, another at the feet, a third at the back, and a fourth at the breast. That on which the head lay, was properly called by the Greeks *ανακλιτηριον*, or *ανακλιτηρον*; by the Romans *fulcrum*, sometimes *pluteus*.

**ANACOLLEMA**, a composition of astringent powders, applied by the ancients to the head, to prevent defluencies on the eyes.

**ANACONDO**, in natural history, is a name given in the isle of Ceylon to a very large and terrible rattle-

snake, which often devours the unfortunate traveller alive, and is itself accounted excellent and delicious fare.

Anacreon  
||  
Anacrosis.

**ANACREON**, a Greek poet, born at Teos, a city of Ionia, flourished about 532 years before the Christian æra. Polycrates, tyrant of Samos, invited him to his court, and made him share with him in his business and his pleasures. He had a delicate wit, as may be judged from the inexpressible beauties and graces that shine in his works: but he was fond of pleasure, was of an amorous disposition, and addicted to drunkenness: yet, notwithstanding his debaucheries, he lived to the age of 85; when, we are told, he was choaked by a grape-stone which stuck in his throat as he was regaling on some new wine.

There is but a small part of Anacreon's works that remain; for, besides his odes and epigrams, he composed elegies, hymns, and iambics. His poems which are extant were rescued from oblivion by Henry Stephens, and are universally admired. The verses of Anacreon are sweeter, says Scaliger, than Indian sugar. His beauty and chief excellence, says Madam Dacier, lay in imitating nature, and in following reason; so that he presented to the mind no images but what were noble and natural. The odes of Anacreon, says Rapin, are flowers, beauties, and perpetual graces; it is familiar to him to write what is natural and to the life, he having an air so delicate, so easy, and graceful, that among all the ancients there is nothing comparable to the method he took, nor to that kind of writing he followed. He flowed soft and easy, every where diffusing the joy and indolence of his mind through his verse, and tuning his harp to the smooth and pleasant temper of his soul. But none has given a juster character of his writings than the God of Love, as taught to speak by Mr Cowley:

All thy verse is softer far  
Than the downy feathers are,  
Of my wings, or of my arrows,  
Of my mother's doves and sparrows:  
Graceful, cleanly, smooth, or round,  
All with Venus' girdle bound.

**ANACREONTIC VERSE**, in ancient poetry, a kind of verse, so called from its being much used by the poet Anacreon. It consists of three feet and an half, usually spondees and iambuses, and sometimes anapests: Such is that of Horace,

*Lydia, dic per omnes.*

**ANACRISIS**, among the ancient Greeks, is used for a kind of trial or examination, which the archons, or chief magistrates of Athens, were to undergo before their admission into that office. The *Anacrisis* stands distinguished from the *docimasia*, which was a second examination, in the forum. The anacrisis was performed in the senate-house. The questions here proposed to them were concerning their family, kindred, behaviour, estate, &c. Some will have it that all magistrates underwent the anacrisis.

**ANACRISIS**, among civilians, an investigation of truth, interrogation of witnesses, and inquiry made into any fact, especially by torture.

**ANACROSIS**, in antiquity, denotes a part of the Pythian song, wherein the combat of Apollo and Python

Anacyclus thon are described.—The anacrosis was the first part, and contained the preparation to the fight.

**ANACYCLUS**, in botany: a genus of the polygama superflua order, belonging to the syngenesia class of plants; and, in the natural method, ranking under the 49th order, *Compositæ-discoides*. The characters are: The *calyx* is hemispheric and imbricated: The *corolla* is radicated: The *stamina* consist of five very short capillary filaments; the anthera cylindric and tubular: The *pistillum* has an oval germen: a filiform stylus; a bifid stigma in the hermaphrodites, two slender reflected stigmata in the females: There is no *pericarpium*; but the calyx unchanged: The *seeds* are solitary, with membranous wings; the *receptaculum* is chaffy.

**ANADAVADÆA**, in ornithology, a barbarous name of a species of alauda. See **ALAUDA**.

**ANADEMA**, among the ancients, denotes an ornament of the head, wherewith victors at the sacred games had their temples bound.

**ANADIPLOSIS**, in rhetoric and poetry, repetition of the last word of a line or clause of a sentence, in the beginning of the next: Thus,

*Pierides, vos hæc facietis maxima Gallo:  
Gallo cujus amor, &c.  
Et matutinis accredula vocibus instat,  
Vocibus instat, & assiduas jacit ore querelas.*

**ANADROMOUS**, among ichthyologists, a name given to such fishes as go from the sea to the fresh waters at stated seasons, and return back again; such as the salmon, &c. See **SALMON**.

**ANADUOMENE VENUS**, in the Grecian mythology, answered to the Sea-Venus in the Roman, and was the appellation given to one of the chief deities of the sea. The most celebrated picture in all antiquity was that of this goddess by Apelles; and the famous Venus of Medici is a Sea-Venus.

**ANÆDEIA**, in antiquity, a denomination given to a silver stool placed in the Areopagus, on which the defendant, or person accused, was seated for examination. The word is Greek, *Anædeia*, which imports imprudence; but according to Junius's correction, it should rather be *Anaitia*, q. d. *innocence*. The plaintiff, or accuser, was placed on an opposite stool called *hybris*, or injury; here he proposed three questions to the party accused, to which positive answers were to be given. The first, Are you guilty of this fact? The second, How did you commit the fact? The third, Who were your accomplices?

**ANÆSTHESIA**, signifies a privation of the senses.

**ANAGALLIS**, **PIMPERNEL**: A genus of the monogynia order, belonging to the pentandria class of plants; and, in the natural method, ranking under the 20th order, *Rotaceæ*. The characters are: The *calyx* is a quinquepartite perianthium, which is persistent: The *corolla* consists of one rotated petal: The *stamina* consist of five erect filaments shorter than the corolla; the antheræ are simple: The *pistillum* has a globular germen; the stylus slightly declinated, the stigma headed: The *pericarpium* is a globular capsule, unilocular and circumcised: The *seeds* are numerous and angled; the *receptaculum* globular and very large. Of this there are four

*Species*. 1. The arvensis, or common pimpernel, with a red flower. 2. The fœmina, with a blue flower.

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3. The monelli, or narrow-leaved pimpernel. 4. The latifolia, or Spanish pimpernel.—The first sort is very common in corn-fields, and other cultivated places in Britain. The second is sometimes found wild in the fields, but is not so common as the first. The third is a beautiful small perennial plant, and produces numbers of fine blue flowers. The fourth is a native of Spain, and likewise produces blue flowers.

These plants are very easily propagated by seeds; and if suffered to remain till their seeds scatter, they become troublesome weeds.—The arvensis is not unfrequently taken as food; it makes no unpleasant salad, and in some parts of Great-Britain is a common pot-herb. All the species are eat by cows and goats, but refused by sheep; small birds are greatly delighted with the seeds.—Great medicinal virtues were formerly expected from the first two species; but they are now justly disregarded.

**ANAGNIA**, (anc. geog.), a town of Latium, capital of the Hernici; which, after a faint resistance, submitting to the Romans, was admitted to the freedom of the city, yet without the right of suffrage, (Livy). It was afterwards a colony of Drusus Cæsar, and walled round, and its territory assigned to the veterans, (Frontinus.) Here Antony married Cleopatra, and divorced Octavia. Now *Anagni*, 36 miles to the east of Rome. E. Long. 13. 45. Lat. 42. 48.

**ANAGNOSTA**, or **ANAGNOSTES**, in antiquity, a kind of literary servant, retained in the families of persons of distinction, whose chief business was to read to them during meals, or at any other time when they were at leisure. Cornelius Nepos relates of Atticus, that he had always an anagnostes at his meals. He never supped without reading; so that the minds of his guests were no less agreeably entertained than their appetites. The same custom, Eginhard observes, was kept up by Charlemagne, who at table had the histories and acts of ancient kings read to him. This custom seems to have been a relic of that of the ancient Greeks, who had the praises of great men and heroes sung to them while at table. The ancient monks and clergy kept up the like usage, as we are informed by St Augustin.

**ANAGOGICAL**, signifies mysterious, transporting; and is used to express whatever elevates the mind, not only to the knowledge of divine things, but of divine things in the next life. This word is seldom used, but with regard to the different senses of Scripture. The anagogical sense is, when the sacred text is explained with a regard to eternal life, the point which Christians should have in view: for example, the rest of the sabbath, in the anagogical sense, signifies the repose of everlasting happiness.

**ANAGOGY**, or **ANAGOGE**, among ecclesiastical writers, the elevation of the mind to things celestial and eternal.—It is particularly used, where words, in their natural or primary meaning, denote something sensible, but have a further view to something spiritual or invisible.

**ANAGOGY**, in a more particular sense, denotes the application of the types and allegories of the Old Testament to subjects of the New; thus called, because the veil being here drawn, what before was hidden, is exposed to open sight.

**ANAGRAM** (from the Greek *ana backwards*, and

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γραμμα

Anagnia  
||  
Anagram.

Anagram-  
matist,  
||  
Anagyris.

γραμμα letter), in matters of literature, a transposition of the letters of some name, whereby a new word is formed, either to the advantage or disadvantage of the person or thing to which the name belongs. Thus, the anagram of Galenus is *angelus*; that of Logica, *caligo*; that of Alstedius, *sedulitas*; that of Loraine is *alerion*, on which account it was that the family of Loraine took *alerions* for their armoury.—Calvin, in the title of his *Institutions*, printed at Strasburg in 1539, calls himself *Alcuinus*, which is the anagram of Calvinus, and the name of an eminently learned person in the time of Charlemagne, who contributed greatly to the restoration of learning in that age.

Those who adhere strictly to the definition of an anagram, take no other liberty than that of omitting or retaining the letter *n*, at pleasure; whereas others make no scruple to use *e* for *æ*, *v* for *w*, *s* for *z*, and *c* for *k*; and *vice versa*.

Besides anagrams formed as above, we meet with another kind in ancient writers, made by dividing a single word into several; thus *sustinea mus*, are formed out of the word *sustineamus*.

Anagrams are sometimes also made out of several words: such is that on the question put by Pilate to our Saviour, *Quid est veritas?* whereof we have this admirable anagram, viz. *Est vir qui adest*.

The Cabbalists among the Jews are professed anagrammatists; the third part of their art, which they call *themuru*, i. e. "changing," being nothing but the art of making anagrams, or of finding hidden and mystical meanings in names; which they do by changing, transposing, and differently combining, the letters of those names.—Thus, of *נח* the letters of Noah's name, they make *הן* grace; of *משיח* the *Messiah*, they make *ישמח* he shall rejoice.

ANAGRAMMATIST, a maker or composer of anagrams. Thomas Billon, a provincial, was a celebrated anagrammatist, and retained by Lewis XIII. with a pension of 1200 livres, in quality of anagrammatist to the king.

ANAGROS, in commerce, a measure for grain used in some cities of Spain, particularly at Seville; 46 anagros make about 10 $\frac{1}{4}$  quarters of London.

ANAGYRIS, STINKING BEAN-TREFOIL: A genus of the monogynia order, belonging to the decandria class of plants; and, in the natural method, ranking under the 32d order, *Papilionacea*. The characters are: The *calyx* is a bell-shaped perianthium: The *corolla* is papilionaceous; the vexillum cordated, straight, emarginated, and twice as long as the calyx; the alæ ovate, and longer than the vexillum; the carina straight and very long: The *stamina* consist of 10 filaments; the antheræ simple: The *pistillum* has an oblong germen, a simple stylus, and a villous stigma: The *pericarpium* is an oblong legumen: The *seeds* are six or more, and kidney-shaped.

Of this genus there is but one species, the fetida, which grows naturally in the southern parts of Europe. It is a shrub which usually rises to the height of eight or ten feet, and produces its flowers in April or May. These are of a bright yellow colour, growing in spikes, somewhat like the laburnum.

*Culture*. This plant may be propagated either by seeds, or by laying down the tender branches in the spring; but the first method is preferable. The seeds

should be sown towards the end of March in pots filled with light earth, and plunged in a gentle hot-bed. The plants usually appear in a month, when they should be gradually inured to the open air, that they may be hardened before winter. In the autumn and winter, they must be sheltered under a hot-bed frame: the spring following, they must be transplanted, each into a separate small pot, placed in a sheltered situation, and again removed into a frame to shelter them during the following winter. The second spring after the plants come up, some of them may be taken out of the pots, and planted in a border near a south wall, where, if they are protected in winter, they may remain.

ANAGYRIS or ANAGYRUS, the name of a place in Attica, of the tribe Erechtheis, where a fetid plant, called *Anagyris*, probably the same with the foregoing, grew in great plenty, (Dioscorides, Pliny, Stephanus;) and the more it was handled, the stronger it smelled: hence *commovere anagyrin* (or *anagyrum*), is to bring a misfortune on one's self, (Aristophanes.)

ANAK, the father of the Anakims, was the son of Arba, who gave his name to Kirjath-arba, or Hebron; Josh. xiv. 15. Anak had three sons, Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmai, (chap. xv. 14. and Numb. xiii. 22.) who, as well as their father, were giants, and who, with their posterity, all terrible for their fierceness and extraordinary stature, were called the *Anakims*; in comparison of whom the Hebrews, who were sent to view the land of Canaan, reported that they were but as grasshoppers. Numb. xiii. ult. Caleb, assisted by the tribe of Judah, took Kirjath-arba, and destroyed the Anakims, (Judges i. 20. and Josh. xv. 14.) in the year of the world 2559.

ANALECTA, or ANALECTES, in antiquity, a servant whose employment it was to gather up the off-falls of tables.

ANALECTA, *Analecets*, in a literary sense, is used to denote a collection of small pieces; as essays, remarks, &c.

ANALEMMA, in geometry, a projection of the sphere on the plane of the meridian, orthographically made by straight lines and ellipses, the eye being supposed at an infinite distance, and in the east, or west, points of the horizon.

ANALEMMA, donotes likewise an instrument of brass or wood, upon which this kind of projection is drawn, with an horizon and cursor fitted to it, wherein the solstitial colure, and all circles parallel to it, will be concentric circles; all circles oblique to the eye, will be ellipses; and all circles whose planes pass through the eye, will be right lines. The use of this instrument is to show the common astronomical problems; which it will do, though not very exactly, unless it be very large.

ANALEPSIS, the augmentation or nutrition of an emaciated body.

ANALEPTICS, restorative or nourishing medicines.

ANALOGY, in philosophy, a certain relation and agreement between two or more things, which in other respects are entirely different.

There is likewise an analogy between beings that have some conformity or resemblance to one another; for example, between animals and plants; but the analogy is still stronger between two different species of certain animals.

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Analogy.

Analogy. Analogy enters much into all our reasoning; and serves to explain and illustrate. A great part of our philosophy, indeed, has no other foundation than analogy.

It is natural for mankind to judge of things less known, by some similitude, real or imaginary, between them and things more familiar or better known. And where the things compared have really a great similitude in their nature, when there is reason to think that they are subject to the same laws, there may be a considerable degree of probability in conclusions drawn from analogy. Thus we may observe a very great similitude between this earth which we inhabit, and the other planets, Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Venus, and Mercury. They all revolve round the sun, as the earth does, although at different distances, and in different periods. They borrow all their light from the sun, as the earth does. Several of them are known to revolve round their axis like the earth, and, by that means, must have a like succession of day and night. Some of them have moons, that serve to give them light in the absence of the sun, as our moon does to us. They are all, in their motions, subject to the same law of gravitation, as the earth is. From all this similitude, it is not unreasonable to think, that those planets may, like our earth, be the habitation of various orders of living creatures. There is some probability in this conclusion from analogy.

But it ought to be observed, that, as this kind of reasoning can afford only probable evidence at best; so, unless great caution be used, we are apt to be led into error by it. To give an instance of this: Anatomists, in ancient ages, seldom dissected human bodies; but very often the bodies of those quadrupeds whose internal structure was thought to approach nearest to that of the human body. Modern anatomists have discovered many mistakes the ancients were led into, by their conceiving a greater similitude between the structure of men and of some beasts than there is in reality.

Perhaps no author has made a more just and a more happy use of this mode of reasoning, than Bishop Butler in his Analogy of Religion, Natural and Revealed, to the Constitution and Course of Nature. In that excellent work, the author does not ground any of the truths of religion upon analogy, as their proper evidence. He only makes use of analogy to answer objections against them. When objections are made against the truths of religion, which may be made with equal strength against what we know to be true in the course of nature, such objections can have no weight.

Analogical reasoning, therefore, may be of excellent use in answering objections against truths which have other evidence. It may likewise give a greater or a less degree of probability in cases where we can find no other evidence. But all arguments drawn from analogy are still the weaker, the greater the disparity is between the things compared; and therefore must be weakest of all when we compare body with mind, because there are no two things in nature more unlike.

There is no subject in which men have always been so prone to form their notions by analogies of this kind, as in what relates to the mind. We form an early acquaintance with material things by means of our senses, and are bred up in a constant familiarity with them. Hence we are apt to measure all things by them; and

to ascribe to things most remote from matter the qualities that belong to material things. It is for this reason that mankind have, in all ages, been so prone to conceive the mind itself to be some subtle kind of matter: That they have been disposed to ascribe human figure, and human organs, not only to angels, but even to the Deity.

To illustrate more fully that analogical reasoning from a supposed similitude of mind to body, which appears to be the most fruitful source of error with regard to the operations of our minds, the following instance may be given. When a man is urged by contrary motives, those on one hand inciting him to do some action, those on the other to forbear it; he deliberates about it, and at last resolves to do it, or not to do it. The contrary motives are here compared to the weights in the opposite scales of a balance; and there is not perhaps any instance that can be named of a more striking analogy between body and mind. Hence the phrases of weighing motives, of deliberating upon actions, are common to all languages.

From this analogy some philosophers draw very important conclusions. They say, that as the balance cannot incline to one side more than the other, when the opposite weights are equal; so a man cannot possibly determine himself if the motives on both hands are equal; and as the balance must necessarily turn to that side which has most weight, so the man must necessarily be determined to that hand where the motive is strongest. And on this foundation some of the schoolmen maintained, that if a hungry ass were placed between two bundles of hay equally inviting, the beast must stand still and starve to death, being unable to turn to either, because there are equal motives to both. This is an instance of that analogical reasoning, which, it is conceived, ought never to be trusted; for the analogy between a balance and a man deliberating, though one of the strongest that can be found between matter and mind, is too weak to support any argument. A piece of dead inactive matter, and an active intelligent being, are things very unlike; and because the one would remain at rest in a certain case, it does not follow that the other would be inactive in a case somewhat similar. The argument is no better than this, that, because a dead animal moves only as it is pushed, and, if pushed with equal force in contrary directions, must remain at rest; therefore the same thing must happen to a living animal; for surely the similitude between a dead animal and a living, is as great as that between a balance and a man.

The derivation of the word Analogy indicates, as professor Castillon of Berlin\* observes, a resemblance discernible by reason. This is confirmed by the sense in which the term is used in geometry, where it signifies an equality of ratios.—In explaining this subject, it is observed, there may be a resemblance between sensations and a resemblance between perceptions: the former is called *physical resemblance*, because it acts upon the physical or sensitive faculty; the latter *moral resemblance*, because it affects the moral or rational faculty of man.

Every resemblance may be reduced to an equality in sensations or perceptions; but this supposes some equality in their causes: we say *some equality*, because the disposition of the organs, or of the soul, must necessarily

*Reid on the Intellectual Powers, Essay I. ch. iv. p. 52.*

\* *Haarlem Memoirs for 1786, or vol. xxii.*

Analogy. rily affect the sensations or perceptions; but this can influence only their degree, and not their nature.

The character of one person resembles that of another only when they both speak and act so as to excite equal perceptions, or, to speak more strictly, the same perception: when they both display vivacity or indifference, anger or meekness, on the same occasions, and both excite in the soul of the observer identical perceptions, or rather the same perception of vivacity or indifference, of anger or meekness. These identical perceptions, the degree of which will depend much on the disposition of the observer's mind, must have identical causes, or, in other words, the same cause; which is the vivacity or indifference, the anger or meekness, displayed by each of these characters.

Every physical resemblance may therefore be reduced to one or more equalities; and every moral resemblance to one or more identities. Wherever there is moral resemblance, there is analogy. Analogy may therefore be reduced to identity, and always supposes comparison.

Two objects are said to have an analogy to each other, or are called *analogous*, when some identity is discovered upon comparing them. An *analogical conclusion*, is a conclusion deduced from some identity.

The principles of analogy are a comparison of two objects; and one or more identities resulting from their being thus compared. The characters of analogy are—that two objects be compared—that there be one or more identities between these objects—and that this is discernible only by reason or intellect.

*Physical resemblance* is to the senses what *analogy* is to the understanding.—The former, when perfect, becomes equality; but the latter identity.

Resemblance and analogy are the foundations both of probability and of certainty. When we are not satisfied that the resemblance or the analogy is complete, we stop at probability; which becomes certainty when we are, or think we are, assured that the resemblance or the analogy is perfect.

In reasoning by analogy, we should be careful not to confound it with resemblance; and also not to deduce from the identity or identities, on which the analogy is founded, a conclusion, which has either no relation, or a partial relation, to these identities.

The principal use of analogy in the investigation of physical and moral truth, according to our author, may be reduced to the four following: 1. By means of our senses to improve, first, our own judgment, and afterwards that of others, with respect to intellectual subjects. 2. To deduce a general from a particular truth. Having discovered and proved the truth of a proposition with respect to any particular object, examine whether this truth flows from a quality peculiar to this single object, or common to several objects. In the latter case all these objects may be comprehended under one general idea, founded on their common quality. Substitute this general idea instead of the particular object, and the proposition will become general, without ceasing to be true; because whatever evidently and solely results from the identity, on which an analogy is founded, must necessarily be true with respect to all those objects in which the analogy is the same. 3. To prove the truth or falsehood of propositions which cannot be otherwise demonstrated. 4. To discover new truths in both natural and moral philosophy.

ANALOGY, among grammarians, is the correspondence which a word or phrase bears to the genius and received forms of any language.

Analysis.

ANALYSIS, in a general sense, implies the resolution of something compounded, into its original and constituent parts. The word is Greek, and derived from *αναλυω*, to resolve.

ANALYSIS, in mathematics, is properly the method of resolving problems by means of algebraical equations; hence we often find that these two words, *analysis* and *algebra*, are used as synonymous.

Analysis, under its present improvements, must be allowed the apex or height of all human learning: it is this method which furnishes us with the most perfect example of the art of reasoning; gives the mind an uncommon readiness at deducing and discovering, from a few data, things unknown; and, by using signs for ideas, presents things to the imagination, which otherwise seemed out of its sphere: by this, geometrical demonstrations may be greatly abridged, and a long series of argumentations, wherein the mind cannot without the utmost effort and attention discover the connection of ideas, are hereby converted into sensible signs, and the several operations required therein effected by the combination of those signs. But, what is more extraordinary, by means of this art, a number of truths are frequently expressed by a single line, which, in the common way of explaining and demonstrating things, would fill whole volumes. Thus, by mere contemplation of one single line, whole sciences may be sometimes learnt in a few minutes time, which otherwise could scarce be attained in many years.

ANALYSIS is divided, with regard to its object, into that of *finites*, and *infinites*.

*ANALYSIS of Finite Quantities*, is what we otherwise call specious arithmetic or algebra. See ALGEBRA.

*ANALYSIS of Infinites*, called also the *New Analysis*, is particularly used for the method of fluxions, or the differential calculus. See FLUXIONS.

ANALYSIS, in logic, signifies the method of tracing things backward to their source, and of resolving knowledge into its original principles. This is also called the method of *resolution*; and stands opposed to the synthetic method, or that of *composition*.—The art of logical analysis consists principally in combining our perceptions, classing them together with address, and contriving proper expressions for conveying our thoughts, and representing their several divisions, classes, and relations.

ANALYSIS, in rhetoric, is that which examines the connections, tropes, figures, and the like, inquiring into the proposition, division, passions, arguments, and other apparatus of rhetoric.

Several authors, as Freigius and others, have given analyses of Cicero's Orations, wherein they reduce them to their grammatical and logical principles; strip them of all the ornaments and additions of rhetoric which otherwise disguise their true form, and conceal the connection between one part and another. The design of these authors is to have those admired harangues just such as the judgment disposed them, without the help of imagination; so that here we may coolly view the force of each proof, and admire the use Cicero made of rhetorical figures to conceal the weak part of a cause.

A collection has been made of the analyses formed by

Analytic. by the most celebrated authors of the 16th century, in 3 vols. folio.

ANALYSIS is also used, in chemistry, for the decomposing of a mixed body, or the separation of the principles and constituent parts of a compounded substance.

To analyse bodies, or resolve them into their component parts, is indeed the chief object of the art of chemistry. Chemistry furnishes several means for the decomposition of bodies, which are all founded on the differences of the properties belonging to the different principles of which the body to be analyzed is composed. If, for example, a body be composed of several principles, some of which have a great, and others a moderate degree of volatility, and, lastly, others are fixed, its most volatile parts may be first separated by a gradual heat in distilling vessels; and then the parts which are next in volatility will pass over in distillation; and lastly, those parts which are fixed, and capable of resisting the action of the fire, will remain at the bottom of the vessel.

ANALYSIS is also used for a kind of syllabus, or table of the principal heads or articles of a continued discourse, disposed in their natural order and tendency. Analyses are more scientific than alphabetical indexes; but they are less used, as being more intricate.

ANALYSIS is likewise used for a brief, but methodical, illustration of the principles of a science; in which sense it is nearly synonymous with what we otherwise call a *synopsis*.

ANALYTIC, or ANALYTICAL, something that belongs to, or partakes of, the nature of analysis.—Thus we say, an analytical demonstration, analytical process, analytical table or scheme, analytical method of investigation, &c.

The analytic method stands opposed to the synthetic. In natural philosophy, as in mathematics, the investigation of difficult things by the analytic method ought to precede the method of composition. This analysis consists in making experiments and observations, and in drawing general conclusions therefrom by induction; and admitting of no objections against the conclusions, but such as are drawn from experiments, and other certain truths: and though the reasoning from experiments and observations by induction be no demonstration of general conclusions, yet it is the best method of reasoning which the nature of things admits of; and may be esteemed so much the stronger, as the induction is more general; and, if no exception occur from phenomena, the conclusion may be pronounced general. By this way of analysis, we may proceed from compounds to their ingredients; from motions to the forces producing them; and, in general, from effects to their causes, and from particular causes to more general ones, until we arrive at those which are the most general. This is the analytic method, according to the illustrious Newton.

The synthetic method consists in assuming the causes discovered and received as principles: and by them explaining the phenomena proceeding from them, and proving the explanations. See SYNTHESIS.

ANALYTICS, *Analytica*, the science and use of analysis. The great advantage of the modern mathematics above the ancient is in point of analytics.

Pappus, in the preface to his seventh book of Mathematical Collections, enumerates the authors on the an-

cient analytics; being Euclid, in his *Data* and *Porismata*; Apollonius, *de Sectione Rationis*, and in his *Conics*; Aristæus, *de Locis Solidis*; and Eratosthenes, *de Mediis Proportionalibus*. But the ancient analytics were very different from the modern.

To the modern analytics principally belong algebra; an historical account of which, with the several authors thereon, see under the article ALGEBRA.

ANAMABOA, a populous town in the kingdom of Fantin, in Guinea. The natives are generally great cheats, and must be carefully looked after in dealing with them, and their gold well examined, for it is commonly adulterated. It lies under the cannon of an English castle. The landing is pretty difficult on account of the rocks; and therefore those that come here to trade are forced to go ashore in canoes. The earth here is very proper to make bricks; the oysters, when burnt, afford good lime; and there is timber in great abundance; so that here are all the materials for building. The country at Anamaboa is full of hills, beginning at a good distance from the town, and affording a very pleasant prospect. Indian corn and palm-wine are in great plenty. They have a green fruit called *papas*, as big as a small melon, and which has a taste like cauliflower. Anamaboa is much frequented by the English ships and others for corn and slaves, which last are sometimes to be had in great numbers. The English fort is built on the foundation of a large old house, which subsisted entire in 1679. It is a large edifice, flanked by two towers, and fortified towards the sea with two bastions; the whole of brick and stone cemented with lime. It stands upon a rock, at the distance of 30 paces from the sea. It is mounted with 12 pieces of cannon and 12 patereroes; and defended by a garrison of 12 whites and 18 blacks, under the command of the chief factor.

The natives treat the garrison of this fort with great insolence, insomuch as often to block them up, and frequently, if they dislike the governor, send him off in a canoe to Cape Coast with marks of the utmost contempt. Far from being able to oppose them, the English are glad to obtain their favour with presents. In 1701, they declared war against the English; and having assembled in a tumultuous manner before the fort, they set fire to the exterior buildings, and went on with their outrages, till they were dispersed by a discharge of the cannon from the batteries. The night following the English took their revenge, by setting fire to the town of Anamaboa; and thus hostilities continued for 20 days, till at last the natives were obliged to sue for peace. This fort was abandoned in 1733; but has been resumed by the English, who have continued in it ever since.

ANAMELECH, an idol of the Sepharvites, who are said in Scripture to have burned their children in honour of Adrammelech and Anamelech.—These idols probably signified the sun and moon. Some of the rabbins represent Anamelech under the figure of a mulc, others under that of a quail or pheasant.

ANAMIM, the second son of Mizraim (Gen. x. 13.) Anamim, if we may credit the paraphrast Jonathan the son of Uzziel, peopled the Marcotis; or the Pentapolis of Cyrene, according to the paraphrast of Jerusalem. Bochart is of opinion that these Ananims were the people that dwelt in the parts adjacent to the temple

Anamaboa  
Anamim.

Anamor-  
phosis  
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Anarchy.

temple of Jupiter Ammon, and in the Nafamontis. Calmet thinks the Amanians and Garmantes to be descended from Anamim.

ANAMORPHOSIS, in perspective drawings, is a deformed or distorted portrait or figure, generally confused and unintelligible to the common unassisted view; but when seen at a certain distance and height, or as reflected from a plain or curved mirror, will appear regular and in right proportion. See OPTICS (the *Index*), and PERSPECTIVE.

ANANAS, in botany, the trivial name of a species of bromelia. See BROMELIA.

ANANCITIS, in antiquity, a kind of figured stone, otherwise called *synochitis*, celebrated for its magical virtue of raising the shadows of the infernal gods.

ANANIAS, a Sadducee, high-priest of the Jews, who put to death St James the brother of our Lord, and was deposed by Agrippa.

ANANISABTA, or ANANISAPTA, a magical word frequently found inscribed on coins and other amulets, supposed to have a virtue of preserving the wearer from the plague.

ANAPÆST, in ancient poetry, a foot consisting of two short syllables and one long: Such is the word *scōpīlōs*. It is just the reverse of the dactyl.

ANAPÆSTIC VERSES, those consisting wholly or chiefly of anapests.

ANAPHE (anc. geog.), an island spontaneously emerging out of the Cretan sea, near Thera (Pliny, Strabo); now called *Nansio*. Its name is from the sudden appearance of the new moon to the Argonauts in a storm (Apollonius), *Anaphæus*, an epithet of Apollo, who was worshipped there. *Anaphæi*, the people.

ANAPHORA, in rhetoric, the repetition of the same word or words in the beginning of a sentence or verse: Thus Virgil,

*Pan etiam Arcadia mecum si iudice certet,  
Pan etiam Arcadia dicat se iudice victum.*

ANAPHORA, among physicians, the throwing off purulent matter by the mouth.

ANAPHRODISIA, signifies impotence, or want of power to procreate. See IMPOTENCE.

ANAPLASIS, signifies the replacing or setting a fractured bone.

ANAPLORETICS, medicines that promote the growth or granulation of the flesh in wounds, ulcers, &c.

ANARCHI, *Ἀναρχοί*, in antiquity, a name given by the Athenians to four supernumerary days in their year, during which they had no magistrates. The Attic year was divided into ten parts, according to the number of tribes, to whom the precedency of the senate fell by turns. Each division consisted of 35 days; what remained after the expiration of these, to make the lunar year complete, which according to their computation consisted of 354 days, were employed in the creation of magistrates, and called *ἀναρχοῖν ἡμέραι*, and *ἀρχαῖραι*.

ANARCHY, the want of government in a nation, where no supreme authority is lodged, either in the prince or other rulers; but the people live at large, and all things are in confusion. The word is derived from the Greek privative *a*, and *ἀρχή*, *command*, *prin-*

*cipality*. Anarchy is supposed to have reigned after the deluge, before the foundation of monarchies. We still find it obtain in several parts, particularly of Africa and America. Anarrhicas.

ANARCHY is also applied to certain troublesome and disorderly periods, even in governments otherwise regular. In England, the period between the death of Cromwell and King Charles's restoration is commonly represented as an *anarchy*. Every month produced a new scheme or form of government. Enthusiasts talked of nothing but annulling all the laws, abolishing all writings, records, and registers, and bringing all men to the primitive level. No modern nation is more subject to anarchies than Poland; where every interval between the death of one king and the election of another is a perfect picture of confusion, insomuch that it is a proverb among that people, *Poland is governed by confusion*. The Jewish history presents numerous instances of anarchies in that state, usually denoted by this phrase, that *in those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes*; which is a just picture of an *anarchy*.

ANARRHICAS, in ichthyology, a genus of fishes of the order of apodes. There is but one species of this genus, viz. the *anarrhicas lupus*, or sea-wolf; which seems to be confined to the northern parts of the globe. We find it in the seas of Greenland; in those of Iceland and Norway; on the coasts of Scotland and of Yorkshire; and lastly, in that part of the German ocean which washes the shores of Holland, the most southern of its haunts that we can with any certainty mention.

It is a most ravenous and fierce fish, and, when taken, fastens on any thing within its reach: the fishermen, dreading its bite, endeavour as soon as possible to beat out its fore-teeth, and then kill it by striking it behind the head. Schonvelde relates, that its bite is so hard, that it will seize on an anchor, and leave the marks of its teeth in it; and the Danish and German names of *steenbider* and *steinbeisser*, express the sense of its great strength, as if it was capable of crushing even stones with its jaws.

It feeds almost entirely on crustaceous animals and shell-fish, such as crabs, lobsters, prawns, muscles, scollops, large whelks, &c. these it grinds to pieces with its teeth, and swallows with the lesser shells. It does not appear they are dissolved in the stomach, but are voided with the fæces; for which purpose the aperture of the anus is wider than in other fish of the same size.

It is full of roe in February, March, and April, and spawns in May and June.

This fish has so disagreeable and horrid an appearance that nobody at Scarborough, except the fishermen, will eat it, and they prefer it to hollibut. They always, before dressing, take off the head and skin.

The sea-wolf grows to a large size: those on the Yorkshire coast are sometimes found of the length of four feet; according to Dr Gronovius, they have been taken near Shetland seven feet long, and even more.

The head is a little flattened on the top; the nose blunt; the nostrils are very small; the eyes small, and placed near the end of the nose.

The teeth are very remarkable, and finely adapted to its way of life. The fore-teeth are strong, conical, diverging a little from each other, stand far out of the jaws,



Encyclopaedia.

V. Tit Anas. The Tadorna or Shell-drake,  
has a flat bill, a compressed forehead,  
and the body is variegated with white.  
This species is found as far as Ice-land to  
the North.

*[Faint, illegible handwriting on aged paper]*

*Anarropia*, jaws, and are commonly six above and the same below, though sometimes they are only five in each jaw: these are supported within-side by a row of lesser teeth, which makes the number in the upper jaw 17 or 18, in the lower 11 or 12. The sides of the under jaw are convex inwards, which greatly adds to their strength, and at the same time allows room for the large muscles with which the head of this fish is furnished. The *dentes molares*, or grinding-teeth of the under jaw, are higher on the outer than the inner edges, which inclines their surfaces inward: they join to the canine teeth in that jaw, but in the upper are separate from them. In the centre are two rows of flat strong teeth, fixed on an oblong basis upon the bones of the palate and nose.

The teeth of the anarrhicas are often found fossil; and in that state called *bufonites*, or *toad-stones*: these were formerly much esteemed for their imaginary virtues, and were set in gold, and worn as rings.

The two bones that form the under jaw are united before by a loose cartilage; which mechanism admitting of a motion from side to side, most evidently contributes to the design of the whole, viz. a facility of breaking, grinding, and comminuting, its testaceous and crustaceous food. At the entrance of the gullet, above and below, are two echinated bones: these are very small, being the less necessary, as the food is in a great measure comminuted in the mouth by aid of the grinders.

The body is long, and a little compressed sidewise; the skin smooth and slippery: it wants the lateral line. The pectoral fins consist of 18 rays. The dorsal fin extends from the hind-part of the head almost to the tail; the rays in the fresh fish are not visible. The anal fin extends as far as the dorsal fin. The tail is round at its end, and consists of 13 rays. The sides, back, and fins, are of a livid lead colour; the two first marked downwards with irregular obscure dusky lines: these in different fish have different appearances. The young are of a greenish cast, resembling the sea-wreck, amongst which they reside for some time after their birth.

ANARROPIA, among physicians, a tendency of the humours to the head or superior parts.

ANAS (anc. geog.), a river of Spain, rising in the territory of Laminium, of the Hither Spain, and now spreading into lakes, again restraining its waters, or, burrowing itself entirely in the earth, is pleased often to reappear; it pours into the Atlantic (Pliny); now *Guadiana*, rising in the south-east of New-Castile, in a district commonly called Campo de Montiel, not far from the mountain Consuegra, from the lakes called *las Lagunas de Guadiana*, and then it is called *Rio Roydera*; and, after a course of six leagues, burying itself in the earth for a league, it then rises up again from three lakes, called *los Ojos de Guadiana*, near the village Villa Harta, five leagues to the north of Calatrava, and directs its course westward through New Castile, by Medelin, Merida, and Badajox, where it begins to bend its course southwards, between Portugal and Andalusia, falling into the bay of Cadiz near Ayamonte.

ANAS, in ornithology, a genus of birds belonging to the order of anseres. The beak of this genus is a little obtuse, covered with an epidermis or skin, gibbous at the base and broad at the apex: the tongue is

obtuse and fleshy; the feet are webbed and fitted for swimming. The species are,

1. The cygnus, *ferus & mansuetus*.

a. The *ferus*, with a semicylindrical black bill, yellow wax, and a white body, is the whistling or wild swan of English authors, and is less than the tame or mute species, being about five feet in length. These birds inhabit the northern world as high as Iceland, and as low as the soft climate of Greece or of Lydia, the modern Anatolia, in Asia Minor: it even descends as low as Egypt. They swarm, during summer, in the great lakes and marshes of the Tartarian and Siberian deserts; and resort in great numbers to winter about the Caspian and Euxine seas. Those of the eastern parts of Siberia retire beyond Kamtschatka, either to the coasts of America, or to the isles north of Japan. In Siberia they spread far north, but not to the Arctic circle. They arrive in Hudson's Bay about the end of May, where they breed in great numbers on the shores, in the islands, and in the inland lakes; but all retire to the southern parts of North-America in autumn, even as low as Carolina and Louisiana. In Carolina they are said to be of two sorts; the larger, called from its note the *Trumpeter*, arrive in great flocks to the fresh rivers in winter, and in February retire to the great lakes to breed: the lesser are called *Hoopers*, and frequent mostly the salt water. The Indians of Louisiana wear the skins, with the down attached to them, sewed together by way of covering; and of the larger feathers they make diadems for their chiefs, as well as weave the smaller on threads, as barbers do their wigs, with which they cover garments, which are worn only by women of the highest rank. In August these birds lose their feathers, and are not able to fly; when the natives of Iceland and Kamtschatka hunt them with dogs, which catch them by the neck, and easily secure their prey. In the last place they are also killed with clubs. The eggs are accounted good food; and the flesh, especially that of the young, is much esteemed by the inhabitants. The uses of the feathers are manifest to every one; and the skins of the body are worn by the inhabitants; besides which, that of the legs, taken off whole, is used for purses, and appears not unlike shagreen. Wild swans, Linnæus says, frequently visit Sweden after a thaw, and are caught with apples in which a hook is concealed. The wild swan frequents the coasts of Great Britain, in hard winters, in large flocks, but does not breed there. Martin \* acquaints us, that swans come in \* *Descript. West. Isles,* October in great number to Lingey, one of the West-<sup>71</sup> ern isles; and continue there till March, when they return northward to breed. A few continue in Mainland, one of the Orkneys, and breed in the little isles of the fresh-water lochs: but the multitude retires at the approach of spring. On that account, swans are there the country-man's almanack: on their quitting the isle, they presage good weather; on their arrival, they announce bad. These, as well as most other water-fowl, prefer, for the purpose of incubation, those places that are least frequented by mankind: accordingly we find that the lakes and forests of the distant Lapland are filled during summer with myriads of water-fowl; and there swans, geese, the duck-tribe, geese, and divers, &c. pass that season; but in autumn return to other, more hospitable, shores.

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This species has several distinctions from the species which in Britain is called the *tame swan*. In Russia this species more fitly claims the name, it being the kind most commonly tamed in that empire. The whistling swan carries its neck quite erect, the other swims with it arched. This is far inferior in size. This has twelve ribs on a side, the mute only eleven. But the most remarkable is the strange figure of the windpipe; which falls into the chest, then turns back like a trumpet, and afterwards makes a second bend to join the lungs. Thus it is enabled to utter a loud and shrill note. The other swan, on the contrary, is the most silent of birds: it can do nothing more than hiss, which it does on receiving any provocation. The vocal kind emits its loud notes only when flying or calling. Its sound is, *whooh, whooh*, very loud and shrill, but not disagreeable, when heard far above one's head and modulated by the winds. The natives of Iceland compare it to the notes of a violin. In fact, they hear it (says Mr Pennant) at the end of their long and gloomy winter, when the return of the swans announces the return of summer; every note must be therefore melodious which presages the speedy thaw, and the release from their tedious confinement.

It is from this species alone that the ancients have given the fable of the swan being endued with the powers of melody. Embracing the Pythagorean doctrine, they made the body of this bird the mansion of the souls of departed poets; and after that, attributed to the birds the same faculty of harmony which their inmates possessed in a pre-existent state. The vulgar, not distinguishing between sweetness of numbers and melody of voice, thought that real which was only intended figuratively. The mute swan, Mr Pennant observes, never frequents the Padus, nor is ever seen on the Cayster in Lydia; each of them streams celebrated by the poets for the great resort of swans.

In time, a swan became a common trop for a *bard*. Horace calls Pindar *Dircaum Cygnum*; and in one ode even supposes himself changed into a swan. Virgil speaks of his poetical brethren in the same manner:

*Vare, tuum nomen*

*Cantantes sublimē ferent ad sidera cygni. Eclog. ix.*

When he speaks of them figuratively, he ascribes to them melody, or the power of music; but when he talks of them as birds, he lays aside fiction, and, like a true naturalist, gives them their real note:

*Dant sonitum rauci per stagna loquacia cygni.*

*Æneid. Lib. xi. 458.*

It was also a popular opinion among the ancients, that the swan foretold its own end. To explain this, we must consider the twofold character of the poet, *vates* and *poeta*, which the fable of the transmigration continues to the bird, or they might be supposed to derive that faculty from Apollo their patron deity, the god of prophecy and divination.

As to their being supposed to sing more sweetly at the approach of death, the cause is beautifully explained by Plato, who attributes that unusual melody to the same sort of ecstasy that good men are sometimes said to enjoy at that awful hour, foreseeing the joys that are preparing for them on putting off mortality.

β, The *mansuetus*, or mute swan, is the largest of

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the British birds. It is distinguished externally from the wild swan; first, by its size, being much larger; secondly, by its bill, which in this is red, and the tip and sides black, and the skin between the eyes and bill is of the same colour. Over the base of the upper mandible, projects a black callous knob; the whole plumage, in old birds, is white; in young ones, ash-coloured till the second year: the legs are dusky; but Dr Plott mentions a variety found on the Trent near Rugeley, with red legs.

The swan is found wild in Russia and Siberia, most plentiful in the last. It arrives later from the south, and does not spread so far north. Those about the southern part of the Caspian Sea are very large, and much esteemed for the use of the table. The swan is held in high veneration by the Mahometans. It is a very strong bird, and sometimes exceeding fierce: has not unfrequently been known to throw down and trample under feet youths of fifteen or sixteen years of age, and an old one to break the leg of a man with a stroke of the wings. It is said to be very long-lived, and frequently to arrive at the hundredth year. The young are not perfect in plumage till the second year. The swan lays the first egg in February, and continues laying every other day to the amount of six, seven, or eight eggs; these it places on a bed of grass near the water, and sits six weeks. It feeds on both fish and herbage.

No bird, perhaps, makes so inelegant a figure out of the water, or has the command of such beautiful attitudes on that element, as the swan: almost every poet has taken notice of it; but none with that justness of description, and in so picturesque a manner, as Milton:

The swan, with arched neck

Between her white wings mantling, proudly rows

Her state with oary feet. *Par. Lost, B. vii.*

In former times, it was served up at every great feast, when the elegance of the table was measured by the size and quantity of the good cheer. Cygnets are to this day fattened at Norwich about Christmas, and are sold for a guinea a-piece.

Swans were formerly held in such great esteem in England, that by an act of Edward IV. c. 6. "no one that possessed a freehold of less clear yearly value than five marks, was permitted to keep any, *other than the son of our sovereign lord the king.*" And by the eleventh of Henry VII. c. 17. the punishment for taking their eggs was imprisonment for a year and a day, and a fine at the king's will. Though at present they are not so highly valued as a delicacy, yet great numbers are preserved for their beauty; multitudes are to be seen on the Thames and Trent, but no where greater numbers than on the salt-water inlet of the sea near Abbotsbury in Dorsetshire.

2. The cygnoides, with a semicylindrical bill, gibbous wax, and tumid eye-brows. It is the swan-goose of Ray, from Guinea. There is likewise a variety of this species, of a less size, called the *goose of Muscovy*. They are found wild about the Lake Baikal in the east of Siberia, and in Kamtschatka. They are also kept tame in most parts of the Russian empire. These birds likewise inhabit China, and are common at the Cape of Good Hope. This is no doubt the species mentioned

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mentioned by Kolben, called *crop-goose*; who says, that the sailors make tobacco-pouches and purses of the membrane which hangs beneath the throat, as it is sufficiently tough for such purposes, and will hold two pounds of tobacco.

They are sufficiently common in Britain, and readily mix with the common goose; the breeds uniting as freely, and continuing to produce as certainly, as if no such mixture had taken place. They are much more noisy than the common tame geese, taking alarm at the least noise; and even without disturbance will emit their harsh and disagreeable scream the whole day through. They walk very erect, with the neck much elevated; and as they bear a middle line between that of the swan and goose, they have not improperly been called *swan-goose*.

3. The tadorna, or shelldrake, has a flat bill, a compressed forehead, a greenish black head, and the body is variegated with white. This species is found as far as Iceland to the north. It visits Sweden and the Orkneys in the winter, and returns in Spring. It is found in Asia about the Caspian Sea, and all the salt lakes of the Tartarian and Siberian deserts, as well as in Kamtschatka. Late voyagers, if right in the species, have also met with it at Falkland Isles and Van Diemen's Land. It breeds in deserted rabbit holes, or occupies them in the absence of the owners, who, rather than make an attempt at dislodging the intruders, form others; though, in defect of ready-made quarters, these birds will frequently dig holes for themselves. They lay fifteen or sixteen roundish white eggs. These are placed at the farther end of the hole, covered with down supplied from the breast of the female, who sits about 30 days. She is very careful of her young, and will often carry them from place to place in her bill: "this we are certain of (says Mr Latham), from a young one having been dropt at the foot of an intelligent friend unhurt, by the mother flying over his head." When a person attempts to take their young, the old birds show great address in diverting his attention from the brood: they will fly along the ground as if wounded, till the former are got into a place of security, and then return and collect them together. From this instinctive cunning, Turner, with good reason, imagines them to be the *chenalopex*, or *fox-goose*, of the ancients. The natives of the Orkneys to this day call them the *fly-goose*, from an attribute of that quadruped.

The young, as soon as hatched, take to the water, and swim surprisingly well; but do not come to their full plumage till the second year. This species, Mr Latham informs us, may be hatched under a tame duck, and the young readily brought up; but are apt, after a few years, to attempt the mastery over the rest of the poultry. In a state of nature their food seems chiefly to be small fish, marine insects, and shells; herbage has likewise been found in their stomachs. In a tame state will eat bread, grain, and greens. Their great beauty would tempt us to endeavour at domesticating the race; but it will not thrive completely, except in the neighbourhood of salt water, which somehow seems essential to its well-being. The flesh likewise is rank and unfavoury, though the eggs have at all times been thought very good.

4. The *spectabilis*, has a compressed bill, gibbous at

the base, a black feathery carina, and a hoary head. It is the grey-headed duck of Edwards, and the king-duck of Pennant. This beautiful species is found at Hudson's Bay, at Churchill River, and (though scarce) at York Fort; in winter it is met with as far south as New-York. It is pretty frequent in the north of Siberia and Kamtschatka; it is found also on the coast of Norway, and has been killed in the Orkneys. It is common in Greenland; where the flesh is accounted excellent, and the crude gibbous part of the bill a great delicacy. It produces a down equally valuable as the eider. The skins are sewed together, and make warm garments. The natives kill them with darts, and use the following method to succeed:—A number of men in canoes falling in with a flock while swimming, on a sudden set up a shouting, making as much noise as they can; on which, the birds being too much frightened to fly away, dive under the water; but as the place at which they are to rise again is known by the bubbling of the water above, the hunters follow them up as close as may be; and after acting this three or four times over, the birds become so fatigued as to be easily killed.—This species builds on the sides of ponds and rivers, making its nest of sticks and moss, and lining it with feathers from the breast. It lays four or five whitish eggs, as large as those of the goose. The young fly in July. The food consists chiefly of worms and grafs.

5. The *fusca*, or velvet duck, is of a blackish colour, has a white spot behind the eyes, and a white line on the wings. The male of this species is distinguished by a gibbosity at the base of the bill. It is the black duck of Ray, and is in length about 20 inches. This species frequents Hudson's Bay in summer, where it breeds. The nest is composed of grafs; in which it lays from four to six white eggs, and hatches in July. It feeds on grafs, and is known by the names of *cuscusi qua tum*. It retires south in winter: when it is frequently seen as far south as New-York. Our late navigators met with it at Aoonalashka. It is now and then seen on the coasts of England, but is not common. It is more frequent on the continent, inhabiting Denmark and Russia. In some parts of Siberia it is very common; and it enters the list of those found at Kamtschatka. In breeding-time, it goes far inland to lay the eggs; which are eight or ten in number, and white. After the season is over, the males are said to depart; the females staying behind till the young are able to fly, when the two last go likewise off, but to what part is not certain. It is in great plenty at Ochotska, especially about the equinox. Fifty or more of the natives go in boats and surround the whole flock, driving them into the flood of the river Ochotska: and, as soon as it ebbs, the whole company fall on them at once with clubs, and often knock so many of them on the head that each man has 20 or 30 for his share.

6. The *nigra*, or scoter, is totally black, and has a gibbosity at the base of the bill; the tail resembles a wedge; the female is brownish. It is the lesser black diver of Ray, and measures in length 22 inches. These birds are found on the northern coasts of England and those of Scotland in the winter season; but no where so common as on the French coasts, where they are seen in prodigious numbers from November to March,

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especially if the wind be to the north or north-west. Their chief food is a glassy bivalve shell, near an inch long, called by the French *vaimaux*. These they are perpetually diving after, frequently to the depth of some fathoms; and an usual method of catching them is by placing nets under the water in such places as the shells are most numerous; by which means 30 or 40 dozen of them have been taken in one tide. The day seems to be spent by these birds between diving and flying to small distances over the water, which it does so low as frequently to dip the legs therein. It swallows the food whole, and soon digests the shells, which are found quite crumbled to powder among the excrements. It has been kept tame for some time, and will feed on soaked bread. The flesh tastes fishy to an extreme; on which account it is allowed by the Roman-Catholics to be eaten on fast days and in lent; and indeed must be a sufficient mortification.—These birds abound in all the northern parts of the continent, Lapland, Sweden, Norway, and Russia; and are found in great plenty on the great lakes and rivers on the north and east of Siberia, as well as on the sea shores. It likewise inhabits North-America; being met with at New-York; and in all probability much more to the north on this continent and that of Asia, Osbeck having met with them in 30 and 34 degrees south latitude, between the island of Java and St Paul, in the month of June.

7. The anser, *feres et mansuetus*; or grey lag, and tame goose. The *grey lag* or *wild goose*, is two feet nine inches in length, and five feet in extent. The bill is large and elevated; of a flesh colour, tinged with yellow; the head and neck cinereous; breast and belly whitish, clouded with grey or ash colour; back, grey; the legs of a flesh colour. This species resides in the fens the whole year; breeds there, and hatches about eight or nine young, which are often taken, easily tamed, and esteemed most excellent meat, superior to the domestic goose. Towards winter they collect in great flocks, but in all seasons live and feed in the fens. On the continent they are migratory, changing place in large flocks, often 500 or more: in this case, the flock is triangular in shape, with one point foremost; and as the goose which is first is tired soonest, it has been seen to drop behind, and another to take his place. In very small flocks, however, they are sometimes seen to follow one another in a direct line. Geese seem to be general inhabitants of the globe.

The *mansuetus*, is the grey lag in a state of domestication, and from which it varies in colour, though much less so than either the mallard or cock, being ever more or less verging to grey; though in all cases the whiteness of the vent, and upper tail coverts, is manifest. It is frequently found quite white, especially the males; and doubts have arisen, which of the two colours should have the preference in point of eating.—Tame geese are kept in great multitudes in the fens of Lincolnshire, in England; a single person will have 1000 old geese, each of which will rear seven; so that towards the end of the season he will become possessed of 8000. During the breeding-season these birds are lodged in the same house with the inhabitants, and even in their very bed-chambers: in every apartment are three rows of coarse wicker pens, placed one above another; each bird has its separate lodge divided from

the other, which it keeps possession of during the time of sitting. A person called a *gozzard*, i. e. *goose-herd*, attends the flock, and twice a-day drives the whole to water; then brings them back to their habitations, helping those that live in the upper stories to their nests, without ever misplacing a single bird. The geese are plucked five times in the year: the first plucking is at Lady-day, for feathers and quills; the same is renewed, for feathers only, four times more between that and Michaelmas. The old geese submit quietly to the operation, but the young ones are very noisy and unruly. If the season proves cold, numbers of them die by this barbarous custom. Vast numbers of geese are driven annually to London, to supply the markets; among them, all the superannuated geese and ganders, which, by a long course of plucking, prove uncommonly tough and dry.

The goose in general breeds only once in a year; but will frequently have two hatches in a season, if well kept. The time of sitting is about 30 days. They will also produce eggs sufficient for three broods, if they are taken away in succession. It is said to be very long-lived, as we have authority for their arriving at no less than 100 years.

8. The *bean goose* is two feet seven inches in length; in extent four feet eleven. The bill, which is the chief distinction between this and the former, is small, much compressed near the end, whitish, and somewhat pale red in the middle, and black at the base and nail: the head and neck are cinereous brown, tinged with ferruginous; breast and belly dirty white, clouded with cinereous; the back of a pale ash colour; feet and legs of a saffron colour; claws black. This species arrives in Lincolnshire in autumn; and is called the *bean-goose*, from the likeness of the nail of the bill to a horse-bean. They always light on corn-fields, and feed much on the green wheat. They never breed in the fens; but all disappear in May. They retreat to the sequestered wilds of the north of Europe; in their migration they fly a great height, cackling as they go. They preserve a great regularity in their motions; sometimes forming a straight line; at others, assuming the shape of a wedge, which facilitates their progress, for they cut the air readier in that form than if they flew pell-mell.

9. The erythropus, or laughing goose of Edwards, is a native of Europe and America. The length of this species is about two feet four, the extent four feet six; the bill is elevated, of a pale yellow colour, with a white ring at the base; the forehead is white; the breast and belly are of a dirty white, marked with great spots of black; and the legs yellow. These visit the fens and other parts of England during winter, in small flocks; they keep always in marshy places, and never frequent the corn-lands. They disappear in the earliest spring, and none are seen after the middle of March. Linnæus makes this goose the female of the *bernacle*; but Mr Pennant thinks his opinion not well founded.

The *bernacle* (*erythropus mas* Lin.) is two feet one inch in length, the breadth four feet five inches: the bill is black; the forehead and cheeks are white; from the bill to the eyes, there is a black line; the hind part of the head, the whole neck, and upper part of the breast and back, are of a deep black; the tail is black, the legs are of the same colour, and small. Those birds appear

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*Anas.* appear in vast flocks during winter, on the north-west coasts of Great-Britain: they are very shy and wild; but on being taken, grow in a few days as familiar as our tame geese. In February they retire as far as Lapland, Greenland, and even Spitzbergen, to breed. They live to a great age: the Rev. Dr Buckworth of Spalding, had one which was kept in the family above 32 years, but was blind during the two last; what its age was when first taken, was unknown.

These are the birds that about 200 years ago were believed to be generated out of wood, or rather a species of shell that is often found sticking to the bottoms of ships, or fragments of them; and were called *tree-geese* \*. These were also thought by some writers to have been the *chenalopeces* of Pliny; they should have said *chenerotes*, for those were the birds which that naturalist said were found in Britain: but as he has scarce left us any description of them, it is difficult to say which species he intended. Mr Pennant imagines it to be the following; which is far inferior in size to the wild-geese, and very delicate food, in both respects suiting his description of the *cheneros*.

10. The race-horse or loggerhead goose, is in length 32 inches, and weighs from 20 to 30 pounds. The bill is three inches long, and of an orange colour: the irides are orange, surrounded with black, and then with orange: the head, neck, and upper parts of the body are of a deep ash-colour; the outer edge of the secondaries white, forming a band of the same on the wing: the under parts of the body dusky down the middle; over the thighs cinereous blue; vent white; quills and tail black: the wings are very short, not reaching to the rump: on the bend of the wing is a yellow knob, half an inch in length; the legs are brownish orange, the webs dusky, and the claws black. These inhabit Falkland Islands, Staaten Land, &c. and were mostly seen in pairs, though sometimes they were observed in large flocks. From the shortness of their wings they were unable to fly; but they made considerable use of them when in the water, on which they seemed as it were to run, at least they swam, with the assistance of the wings used as oars, at an incredible rate, insomuch that it was a most difficult thing to shoot them while on that element: to catch them, the sailors used to surround a flock with boats, and drive them on shore; where, unable to raise themselves from the ground, they ran very fast, but soon growing tired, and squatting down to rest, were readily overtaken, and knocked on the head. Their flesh was sometimes eaten by the sailors, in defect of that of the bustard goose; but it was not much relished, being rank and fishy, and thought more fit for the hogs, which ate it greedily, and fatted well upon it, boiled.

11. The snow-geese is in length two feet eight inches, and weighs between five and six pounds. The bill is somewhat serrated at the edges; the upper mandible scarlet, the lower whitish: the general colour of the plumage is snow white, except the first ten quills, which are black, with white shafts: the legs are of a deep red. The young are of a blue colour, till they are a year old. These are very numerous at Hudson's-Bay, and called by the natives *Way-way* and *Wapa whe whe*. They visit Severn River in May, and stay a fortnight; but go farther north to breed: they return to Severn-Fort the beginning of September, and stay to the mid-

dle of October, when they depart for the south, and are observed to be attended with their young, in flocks innumerable. At this time many thousands are killed by the inhabitants; who pluck them, and take out the entrails, and putting the bodies into holes dug in the ground cover them with earth, which freezing above them, keeps them perfectly sweet throughout the severe season; during which there is no more to do than occasionally to open one of those storehouses, when they find them sweet and good. They seem to occupy also the western side of America. In the summer months, they are plenty on the arctic coast of Siberia, but never migrate beyond longitude 130. They are supposed to pass the winter in more moderate climes, as they have been seen flying at a great height over Silesia; probably on their passage to some other country, as it does not appear that they continue there. In like manner, those of America pass the winter in Carolina. Here they arrive in vast flocks; and feed on the roots of sage and grass, which they tear up like hogs. It used to be a common practice in that country to burn a piece of a marsh, which enticed the geese to come there, as they could then more readily get at the roots, which gave the sportsman opportunity of killing as many as he pleased. This species is the most numerous and the most stupid of all the goose race. They seem to want the instinct of others, by their arriving at the mouths of the Arctic Asiatic rivers before the season in which they can possibly subsist. They are annually guilty of the same mistake, and annually compelled to make a new migration to the south in quest of food, where they pass their time till the northern estuaries are freed from the bonds of ice. They have so little of the shyness of other geese, that they are taken in the most ridiculous manner imaginable about Jakut, and the other parts of Siberia, which they frequent. The inhabitants first place, near the banks of the rivers, a great net, in a straight line, or else form a hovel of skins sewed together. This done, one of the company dresses himself in the skin of a white reindeer, advances towards the flock of geese, and then turns back towards the net or the hovel; and his companions go behind the flock, and by making a noise drive them forward. The simple birds mistake the man in white for their leader, and follow him within reach of the net, which is suddenly pulled down and captivates the whole. When he chooses to conduct them to the hovel, they follow in the same manner; he creeps in at a hole left for that purpose, and out at another on the opposite side, which he closes up. The geese follow him through the first; and as soon as they are got in, he passes round, and secures every one.

12. The great goose is of a very large size, weighing near 25 or 30 Russian pounds. The bill is black; base of it tawny: body dusky; the under parts are white; the legs scarlet. It is found on the east of Siberia, from the river Lena to Kamtschatka; and is taken in great numbers.

13. The ruficollis, or red-breasted goose, is in length 21 inches; weight three pounds troy. The bill is small, and brown; the tail black; the irides are yellow brown; round the eyes fringed with brown; fore part of the head and crown black, passing backwards in a narrow stripe quite to the back; on the breast is a narrow band of white feathers with black ends forming

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ing a band of white and another of black: the sides are striped with black: back and wings black, the last even with the tail: legs black. This most elegant of geese is found to breed from the mouth of the Ob, along the coasts of the Icy sea, to that of the Lena. Its winter quarters are not certainly known. Small flocks are observed in the spring flying from the Caspian sea along the Volga northward; and are seen about Zarizyn, between the sixth and tenth of April. They rest a little time on the banks of the Sarpa, but soon resume their arctic course. Their winter retreat is probably in Persia. They are highly esteemed for the table, being quite free from any fishy taste.

14. The casarca, or ruddy-goose, is larger than a mallard, and seems even larger than it really is, from the length of wing, and standing high on its legs. The bill is black: the irides are yellowish brown: forehead, cheeks, and throat, yellowish: fore part of the neck ferruginous, encircled with a collar of black, inclining to deep rufous on the throat: the breast and side are pale rufous; the belly is obscure: the back is pale; the lower part is undulated, hoary, and brown, not very distinct; the rump and tail are greenish black; the legs long and black. This species is found in all the southern parts of Russia and Siberia in plenty. In winter it migrates into India, and returns northward in spring. It makes its nest in the craggy banks of the Wolga and other rivers, or in the hollows of the deserted hillocks of marmots; making it after the manner of the shelldrake, and is said to form burrows for itself in the manner of that bird. It has been known also to lay in a hollow tree, lining the nest with its own feathers. It is monogamous: the male and female sit in turns. The eggs are like those of the common duck. When the young come forth, the mother will often carry them from the place of hatching to the water with her bill. They have been attempted to be domesticated, by rearing the young under tame ducks; but without success, as they ever are wild, effecting their escape the first opportunity: or, if the old ones are taken and confined, they lay the eggs in a dispersed manner, and never sit. The voice is not unlike the note of a clarinet, while flying; at other times they cry like a peacock, especially when kept tame; and now and then cluck like a hen. It is very choice of its mate; for if the male is killed, the female will not leave the gunner till she has been two or three times shot at. The flesh is thought very good food.

15. The bernicla is of a brown colour; with the head, neck, and breast, black; and a white collar. These birds, like the bernacles, frequent the British coasts in winter; and are particularly plenty, at times, on those of Holland and Ireland, where they are taken in nets placed across the rivers. In some dry seasons they have resorted to the coasts of Picardy, in France, in such prodigious flocks, as to prove a pest to the inhabitants, especially in the winter of the year 1740, when these birds destroyed all the corn near the sea-coasts, by tearing it up by the roots. A general war for this reason was declared against them, and carried on in earnest, by knocking them on the head with clubs; but their numbers were so prodigious, that this availed but little: nor were the inhabitants relieved from this scourge till the north wind which had brought them ceased to blow, when they took leave. They

easily become tame; and, being fatted, are thought to be a delicate food. They breed pretty far north, returning southward in autumn. They fly in the shape of a wedge, like the wild geese, with great clamour. They are called in Shetland, *Horra geese*, from being found in that sound. They are common also in America: breeding in the islands, and along the coast, and feed about high-water mark. Their food consists of plants, such as the small bistort, and black-berried hcaath, sea-worms, berries, and the like. They are apt to have a fishy taste, but in general are thought good food. The same fable has been told of this bird as of the bernacle, in respect to its being bred from trees. Called at Hudson's-Bay, *Wetha may pa wew*.

16. The canadensis is brown; its head and neck are black, and the throat is white. It measures three and an half feet in length. It is found during the summer in Hudson's-Bay, and parts beyond; also in Greenland; and, in the summer months, in various parts of North-America, as far as Carolina. Numbers breed at Hudson's-Bay, and lay six or seven eggs; but the major part retire still farther north. Their first appearance in the Bay is from about the middle of April to about the middle of May, when the inhabitants wait for them with impatience, being one of the chief articles for food, and many years kill 3000 or 4000, which are salted and barrelled. Their arrival is the harbinger of spring, and the month is named by the Indians the *goose-moon*. The British send out their servants, as well as Indians, to shoot these birds on their passage. It is in vain to pursue them; they therefore form a row of huts made of boughs, at musket-shot distance from each other, and place them in a line across the vast marshes of the country. Each hovel, or, as they are called, *stand*, is occupied only by a single person. These attend the flight of the birds, and on their approach mimic their cackle so well, that the geese will answer, and wheel, and come nearer the stand. The sportsman keeps motionless, and on his knees, with his gun cocked, the whole time; and never fires till he has seen the eyes of the geese. He fires as they are going from him, then picks up another gun that lies by him, and discharges that. The geese which he has killed he sets upon sticks as if alive, to decoy others; he also makes artificial birds for the same purpose. In a good day (for they fly in very uncertain and unequal numbers) a single Indian will kill 200. Notwithstanding every species of goose has a different call, yet the Indians are admirable in their imitation of every one. In this sport, however, they must be very careful to secrete themselves; for the birds are very shy and on the least motion fly off directly. On their return south, which is from the middle of August to the middle of October, much havoc is made among them; but these are preserved fresh for winter store, by putting them, feathers and all, into a large hole dug in the ground, and covering them with mould; and these, during the whole time of the frost's lasting, are found perfectly sweet and good. The Indians at Hudson's-Bay call them *Apistiskish*. This species is now pretty common, in a tame state, both on the continent and in England; on the great canal of Versailles hundreds are seen mixing with the swans with the greatest cordiality; and the same at Chantilly. In England, likewise, they are thought a great ornament to the pieces of water

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in many gentlemen's seats where they are very familiar, and breed freely. The flesh of the young birds is accounted good; and the feathers equal to those of other geese, in so much as to prove an article of commerce much in the favour of those places where they are in sufficient numbers.

17. The *mollissima*, or eider-duck, is double the size of the common duck, has a cylindrical bill, and the wax is divided behind, and wrinkled. The feathers, which are very soft and valuable, fall off during incubation. The male is white above, but black below and behind: the female is greenish. This species is found in the Western Isles of Scotland, particularly on Oranfa, Barra, Rona, and Heisker, and on the Farn Isles; but in greater numbers in Norway, Iceland and Greenland; from whence a vast quantity of the down, known by the name of *eider* or *edder*, which these birds furnish, is annually exported. Its remarkably light, elastic, and warm qualities, make it highly esteemed as a stuffing for coverlets, by such whom age or infirmities render unable to support the weight of common blankets. This down is produced from the breast of the birds in the breeding season. It lays its eggs among the stones or plants near the shore; and prepares a soft bed for them, by plucking the down from its own breast: the natives watch the opportunity, and take away both eggs and nest: the duck lays again, and repeats the plucking of its breast: if she is robbed after that, she will still lay; but the drakes must supply the down, as her stock is now exhausted: but if her eggs are taken a third time, she wholly deserts the place. See *DOWN*.

These birds are not numerous on the isles; and it is observed that the drakes keep on those most remote from the sitting places. The ducks continue on their nests till you come almost close to them; and when they rise, are very slow fliers. The number of eggs in each nest are from three to five, warmly bedded in the down; of a pale olive colour; and very large, glossy, and smooth. They now and then, however, lay so many as eight; for Van Troil informs us that no less than 16 have been found in one nest, with two females, who agree remarkably well together.—In America, this bird is found as far south as New-York, and breeds on the desert isles of New-England; but most common every where to the north. They are said to be constant to the same breeding places, and that a pair has been observed to occupy the same nest for 20 years together. They take their young on their backs instantly to sea; then dive, to shake them off and teach them to shift for themselves. It is said, that the males are five years old before they come to their full colour; that they live to a great age, and will at length grow quite grey. Their food is shells, for which they dive to great depths. They are very numerous in the Esquimaux lands, where, and in Greenland, they are called *mettek*. The natives kill them on the water with darts, striking them the moment they appear after diving; and know the place from their being preceded by the rising of bubbles. The flesh is said to be much valued.

18. The *maula*, or scaup-duck, is less than the common duck. The bill is broad, flat, and of a greyish blue colour; the head and neck are black, glossed with green; the breast is black; the back, the coverts of the wings, and the scapulars, are finely marked with nu-

merous narrow transverse bars of black and grey; the legs are dusky. Mr Willoughby acquaints us, that these birds take their name from feeding on scaup, or broken shell-fish; they differ infinitely in colours, so that in a flock of 40 or 50 there are not two alike.

19. The *moschata*, or Muscovy duck of Ray, has a naked papillous face, and is a native of India.—It is bigger than the wild duck, being in length two feet. This species is pretty common in a domesticated state in almost every nation; and the breed ought to be encouraged, as there is more flesh on it than on the common duck, and of a very high flavour. The eggs are rounder than those of a duck, and in young birds frequently incline to green. They lay more eggs, and sit oftener, than other ducks. In an unconfined state, they make the nest on the stumps of old trees, and perch during the heat of the day on the branches of such as are well clothed with leaves. When kept tame, they are sufficiently docile; and the male will not unfrequently associate and produce a mongrel breed with the common ducks. The name of Muscovy duck was given to them from their exhaling a musky odour, which proceeds from the gland placed on the rump in common with other birds.

20. The *clypeata*, or shoveler of Ray, has the end of its bill broad, rounded, and furnished with a small hook. It is in length 21 inches; the female a trifle smaller. Both sexes are apt to vary much in colour: the male likewise differs from the female inwardly, having just above the devarication of the windpipe where it passes into the lungs, an enlargement, or, as it is called by some, a *labyrinth*.—The chief food of this bird is insects, for which it is continually muddling in the water with its bill. It is also said dextrously to catch flies which pass in its way over the water. Shrimps, among other things, have been found in its stomach on dissection. This species is also found in most parts of Germany; throughout the Russian dominions, as far as Kamtschatka; and in North-America, in New-York and Carolina, during the winter season. It is accounted pretty good food.

21. The *strepera*, or gad-wall, has the wings variegated with black, white, and red. It inhabits England in the winter months, and is also found at the same season in various parts of France and Italy. It migrates as far as Sweden, as summer advances, in order to breed; and found throughout Russia and Siberia, except in the eastern part of the last, and Kamtschatka. Being a very quick diver, it is difficult to be shot. It feeds morning and evening only, being hid among the reeds and rushes during the day. The noise it makes is not unlike that of a mallard, but louder. The flesh is good.

22. The *clangula*, or golden eye of Ray, is variegated with black and white, and the head is interspersed with blackish green feathers: it has a white spot near the mouth; and the eyes are of a shining gold colour. It is not unfrequent on the sea-coasts in winter, and appears in small flocks; but passes to the north in spring in order to breed. It inhabits Sweden and Norway during the summer. It is an excellent diver, and feeds on small shells. It is mostly seen in the water, as it is very awkward in walking. It has been attempted to be domesticated, but seems out of its element on land. With difficulty it can be brought to  
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Anas. eat any thing but bread; and the feet soon grow injured, inasmuch as at last to hinder it from walking. The flesh is much esteemed, and the birds are often seen in the market at the proper season. This species is found in America; in winter as low as New-York; in summer, at Hudson's Bay, where it frequents the fresh-water lakes, and makes in hollow trees a round nest of grass lined with feathers from its breast; lays from seven to ten white eggs.

23. The merse, or Ural duck of Pallas, is somewhat bigger than the common teal. The bill is large, broad, very tumid above the nostrils, and bifid in the adult bird, the end marked with diverging striæ; colour blue: the head, and part of the neck, are white; on the crown is a large patch of black: the middle of the neck is black: the fore-parts of the body are a yellowish brown, undulated with black: the back is clouded with a cinereous and pale yellow, powdered with brown: the wings are small; the tail longish, wedge-shaped, and black: the legs are brown, on the fore-part bluish, and placed as far back as in the diver genus. This species is not unfrequent in the greater lakes of the Ural mountains, and the rivers Ob and Irtysh. It is not seen on the ground, for from the situation of its legs it is unable to walk; but it swims very well and quick: at which time the tail is immersed in the water as far as the rump, serving by way of rudder, contrary to the common method of a duck's swimming. The nest is formed of reeds, and floats, something like to that of the grebe.

24. The American wigeon (*le canard jensen* of Buffon), is rather bigger than the European wigeon. The bill is of a lead colour: the crown and forehead of a yellowish white: the hind-part of the neck and head is black and white, speckled; and behind the eye is a black mark, changing in some lights to green: the back and scapulars are of a pale rust-colour, waved with transverse black lines; in the middle of the wing coverts there is a large bed of white: the quills and tail are deep brown: the legs dusky. It inhabits North-America, from Carolina to Hudson's Bay; but is no where a common bird. It is called at New-York the *Pheasant Duck*. It is more plenty at St Domingo and Cayenne, where it is called *wingeon* or *gingeon*. At Martinico great flocks of them often take short flights from one rice plantation to another, where they make much havoc, particularly during the rainy season. They are said to perch on trees. They feed in company and have a centinel on the watch like some other birds. They are seldom seen during the day, lying hid in places shaded from the sun: but so soon as that luminary disappears, they come forth from their hiding-places to feed; and, during this, make a particular kind of noise, by which the sportsman is directed in his search after them: at other times their note is a kind of soft whistle, which is often imitated in order to decoy them within reach of the gun. They sit in January; and in March the young are seen running about. They lay many eggs. Sometimes these are hatched under hens; in which case they are, while young, familiar, though when grown up exceedingly quarrelsome with other ducks: their flesh is most excellent, especially such as are brought up tame. They appear upon the coast of Hudson's Bay in May, as soon as the thaws come on, chiefly in pairs: they lay there only from six to eight eggs; and feed on

flies and worms in the swamps. They depart in flocks in autumn. They are known by the name of *atheikima asheep*.

25. The acuta, pin-tail, or sea-pheasant of Ray, has a long acuminate tail, black below, with a white line on each side of the back part of the head. It is a native of Europe. Mr Hartlib, in the appendix to his *Legacy*, tells us, that these birds are found in great abundance in Connaught in Ireland, in the month of February only; and that they are much esteemed for their delicacy.

26. The glacialis, or long-tailed duck, is inferior in size to the former. The bill is short, black at the tip and base, orange-coloured in the middle; the cheeks are of a pale brown; the hind part of the head, and the neck both before and behind, are white; the breast and back are of a deep chocolate colour; the four middle feathers of the tail are black, and two of them near four inches longer than the others, which are white; the legs dusky. These birds breed in the most northern parts of the world; and only visit our coasts in the severest winters. It breeds in Hudson's Bay and Greenland, among the stones and grass, making its nest, like the eider, with the down of its own breast, which is equal in value to that of the eider, if it could be got in equal quantity; but the species is scarcer. It lays five eggs; swims and dives admirably; and feeds on shell-fish, which it gets in very deep water. It flies irregularly, sometimes showing its back, sometimes its belly. It continues in Greenland the whole year, in unfrozen places; but there are seasons so very severe, as at times to force them towards the south. Those which breed between Lapland and the polar circle, are often driven into Sweden and the neighbourhood of Petersburg: those from the coast of the icy sea, as low as lat. 55; but on the setting in of frost, they retire still further south, unless where some open spots remain in the rivers. They visit the fresh-water lakes in the Orkneys, in October, and continue there till April. At sun-set they are seen, in great flocks, returning to and from the bays, where they frequently pass the night, and make such a noise as to be heard some miles in frosty weather.

27. The ferina, pochard, or red-headed wigeon of Ray, has a lead-coloured bill: the head and neck are of a bright gay colour: the breast and part of the back where it joins the neck are black: the coverts of the wings, the scapulars, back, and sides under the wings, are of a pale grey, elegantly marked with narrow lines of black: the tail consists of twelve short feathers of a deep grey colour: the legs are lead-coloured; and the irides of a bright yellow, tinged with red. The head of the female is of a pale reddish brown. In England, these birds frequent the fens in the winter season, and are carried to the London markets sometimes in considerable numbers, where they are known by the name of *Dun Birds*, and are esteemed excellent eating. In winter, they pass pretty far to the south, being found in Egypt, about Cairo. They come into France the end of October in small flocks, from 20 to 40; and are found in Carolina in winter. They feed on small fish and shells. Their flight is rapid and strong; but the flocks form no particular shape in flying.

28. The querquedula, garganey, or first teal of Al-drovandus, has a green spot on the wings, and a white line

line above the eyes. It frequents the fresh waters of Europe. In many places it is called the *summer-teal*.

29. The creca, or common teal, has a green spot on the wings, and a white line both above and below the eyes. It is of a small size, only 14 inches in length. The teal is frequent in the London markets along with the wild-duck. It is met with in Duddingston-loch, a fresh-water lake, within a mile of Edinburgh. In France it stays throughout the year, and makes a nest in April among the rushes, on the edges of ponds; it is composed of the tenderest stalks of them, with the addition of the pith, and a quantity of feathers. The nest is of a large size, and placed in the water, so as to rise and fall with it. The eggs are the size of those of a pigeon, of a dirty white, marked with small hazel spots. It is said to feed on the grass and weeds which grow on the edges of the ponds which it frequents, as well as the seeds of the rushes; it will also eat small fish. The flesh is accounted excellent. It is found to the north as high as Iceland; and is mentioned as inhabiting the Caspian sea to the south.

30. The *histrionica*, or dusky spotted duck of Edwards, is of a brown colour, variegated with white and blue; it has a double line on the ears and temples; the collar is white, and there is a white streak on the neck. It inhabits from Carolina to Greenland: in the last it frequents, during summer, the rapid rivers, and the most shady parts; nestling on the banks, among the low shrubs. It swims and dives admirably. In winter it seeks the open sea, flies high and swiftly, and is very clamorous. It feeds on shell-fish, spawn, and the larvæ of gnats. Is found in Iceland, and as low as Sondmor. It is common from the lake Baikal to Kamtschatka; and breeds there, as well as every where else, about the most rocky and rapid torrents.

31. The *minuta*, or little white and brown duck of Edwards, is of a greyish colour, with white ears, and the prime feathers of the wings blackish. This and the former, according to Latham, are found both on the Old and New continents. On the first, it is seen as far south as the lake Baikal, and from thence to Kamtschatka, particularly up the river Ochotska; also in Iceland, and as low as Sondmor. In America, it is found from Carolina to Newfoundland, and Hudson's Bay; also in Greenland, where it frequents, during summer, bays and rivers, especially near their mouths, and is a very noisy species. It is fond of shady places, and makes its nest on the shore among the shrubs. Its food is small shells, eggs of fishes, and particularly the larvæ of gnats. It swims well, even in the most rapid streams; and dives to admiration: it likewise flies swift, and to a great height: from which circumstances, it is not easily taken. Late navigators met with it at Aoonalashka. It is pretty frequent in the small rivulets of Hudson's Bay, about 90 miles inland; seldom in large rivers. It lays 10 or more white eggs, like those of the pigeon, on the grass; and the young brood speckled in a very pretty manner. It migrates south in autumn.

32. The *boschas*, common wild-duck of Ray, or mallard; the intermediate tail-feathers of the drake are turned backward, and the bill is strait. It frequents the lakes of different countries, and feeds upon frogs and several sorts of insects.—The wild-ducks pair in

the spring: build their nests among rushes near the water, and lay from 10 to 16 eggs. The female is a very artful bird; and does not always make the nest close to the water, but frequently at a good distance from it; in which case the duck will take the young in its beak or between its legs. It is known sometimes to lay the eggs in a high tree, in a deserted magpie's or crow's nest. At moulting-time, when they cannot fly, they are caught in great numbers. They abound greatly in Lincolnshire, the great magazine of wild-fowl in Great Britain; where prodigious numbers are taken annually in the DECOYS. Birds with flat bills, that find their food by groping, have three pair of nerves that extend to the end of their bills: these nerves are remarkably conspicuous in the head and bill of the wild-duck, and are larger than those of a goose or any other bird yet known: this is the reason they grope for food more than any other bird whatever.—

The common tame species of ducks take their origin from these, and may be traced to it by unerring characters. The drakes, howsoever they vary in colours, always retain the curled feathers of the tail, and both sexes the form of the bill, of the wild kind. Nature sports in the colours of all domestic animals; and for a wife and useful end, That mankind may the more readily distinguish and claim their respective property.

In France this species is not often seen, except in winter; appearing in October, and going north in spring. They are caught in various manners; among the rest, in decoys, as in England; the chief place for which is Picardy, where prodigious numbers are taken, particularly on the river Somme. It is also customary there to wait for the flocks passing over certain known places, and the sportsman, having a wicker cage, containing a quantity of tame birds, lets out one at a time, at a convenient season, which enticing the passengers within gunshot, five or six are often killed at once by an expert marksman. They are now and then taken also by a hook baited with a bit of sheep's lights, which swimming on the water, the bird swallows the bait, and with it the hook. Various other means of catching ducks and geese are peculiar to certain nations; of which one seems worth mentioning from its singularity:—The person wishing to take these, wades into the water up to the chin, and having his head covered with an empty calabash, approaches the place where the ducks are; when they, not regarding an object of this sort, suffer the man freely to mix with the flock; after which he has only to pull them by the legs under the water, one after another, till he is satisfied; returning as unsuspected by the remainder as when he first came among them. This method is frequently put into practice on the river Ganges, using the earthen vessels of the Gentoos instead of the calabashes: these vessels are what the Gentoos boil their rice in, and are called Kutcharee pots (they likewise make a dish for their tables in them, which goes by the same name): after these are once used they look upon them as defiled, and in course throw them into the river as useless; and the duck-takers find them convenient for their purpose, as the ducks, from constantly seeing the vessels float down the stream, look upon them as objects of full as little regard as a calabash. The above, or some such method,

*Anas.* is also practised in China as well as in India. The Chinese, however, though they make great use of ducks, do not prefer the wild sort, being in general extremely fond of tame ones: and it is said that the major part of these are hatched by artificial heat; the eggs, being laid in boxes of sand, are placed on a brick hearth, to which is given a proper heat during the time required for hatching. The ducklings are fed with little craw-fishes and crabs, boiled and cut small, and afterwards mixed with boiled rice; and in about a fortnight shift for themselves, when the Chinese provide them an old stepmother, who leads them where they are to find provender for themselves; being first put on board a sampane or boat, which is destined for their habitation, and from which the whole flock, often to the amount of 300 or 400, go out to feed, and return at command. This method is used nine months out of the twelve (for in the colder months, it does not succeed; and is so far from a novelty, that it may be every where seen; but more especially about the time of cutting the rice and gleaning the crop, when the masters of the duck sampans row up and down the river according to the opportunity of procuring food, which is found in plenty, at the tide of ebb, on the rice plantations, as they are overflowed at high water. It is curious to see how the ducks obey their master; for some thousands, belonging to different boats, will feed at large on the same spot, and on a signal given will follow their leader to their respective sampans, without a stranger being found among them\*. This is still more extraordinary, if we consider the number of inhabited sampans on the Tigris, supposed to be no less than 40,000, which are moored in rows close to each other, with a narrow passage at intervals for boats to pass up and down the river. The Tigris, at Canton, is somewhat wider than the Thames at London, and the whole river is there covered in this manner for the extent of at least a mile. See *Cook's last voyage*, iii. 443.

\* *Ofbec* &  
*Toreen's*  
*Voyage*, i.  
194. ii. 255.

33. The *galericulata*, or Chinese teal of Edwards, has a hanging crest; and on the hinder part of the back, on both sides, there is a crooked, flat, elevated feather; the crest is green and red; and the back is brown, and spotted with blue; the erect feathers on the back are red and blunt; one edge of the inmost wing-feather, when the wings are shut, is raised over the back, and is red, and like a sickle before. This most singular and elegant species is a native of China and Japan, where it is kept by the inhabitants for the sake of its beauty. It is not near so common in China as many other kinds, or perhaps they are politically held dear to the European purchasers; they are frequently exposed to sale at Canton in cages, and the common price is from six to ten dollars per pair: they are not unfrequently carried to England alive; but require care, as they seem more tender than our species. Attempts have been made to breed them in England, but without success, though they are familiar enough. The bird is known in Japan by the name of *Kimmod-sui*. The English in China give it the name of *mandarin duck*.

34. The *sponsa*, or summer-duck of Catesby, is a most elegant species. It has a depending green crest, variegated with blue and white; the back is likewise variegated with blue and white; the breast is grey, and

spotted with white; and the throat is white. It inhabits Mexico, and some of the West India isles, migrating in the summer season as far north as 40 degrees, or a little beyond. It appears at New-York early in the spring, and breeds there; making its nest in the decayed hollows of trees, or such as have been made by woodpeckers, and often between the forks of the branches; and when the young are hatched, the mother takes them on her back to the water. The flesh is much esteemed. This is the species, the neck of which the natives of Louisiana use to ornament their pipes or calumets of peace with; and at the last-named place it is found throughout the year.

35. The *aborea*, or black-billed whistling duck of Edwards, is of a reddish brown colour, with a sort of crest on the head; the belly is spotted with black and white. It is a native of America. Sloane informs us, that this duck perches on trees; that it is about 20 inches long from the end of the bill to the point of the tail; and that it makes a kind of whistling noise, from which circumstance it has received its name.

36. The *fuligula*, or tufted duck of Ray, has a hanging crest, a black body, and the wings and belly spotted with white. This species is found in Europe as far as Norway. In the winter months it is not unfrequent in England; being met with in the markets in that season, and is much esteemed. It is common also throughout the Russian empire, going northward to breed. Is frequent in Kamtschatka. The male disappears during the incubation of the female.

There are 62 other species enumerated by ornithologists; the whole number hitherto described being 98.

ANASARCA, a species of dropsy. See MEDICINE.

ANASSUS, or ANAXUS (anc. geog.), a river in the territory of Venice, (Pliny); now the *Piave*, which rising from the mountains of Tyrol, not far from the borders of Carinthia, runs from north to south, through the territories of Cadorina, Belluno, Feltre, and, after running from west to east, through Trevigi, falls into the Adriatic, 13 miles to the south-east of Venice.

ANASTASIS, a term among ancient physicians, for a rising up to go to stool. It also signifies the passage of any humour, when expelled from one part, and obliged to remove to another.

ANASTASIUS I. emperor of the east, succeeded Zeno in the year 491, and was inaugurated that same year on April the 11th. The Manicheans and Arians were greatly in hopes of being supported by the new emperor; the former because his mother was their friend, and favoured their sect; the latter because the emperor's uncle was of their opinion: but if Anastasius did not persecute them (as we do not find he ever did), yet it does not appear that he supported either of these sects. But in order to maintain the peace of the church, upon which the tranquillity of the state very much depended, he declared, that such bishops or other clergymen who should disturb the public tranquillity, by maintaining with too much heat either side of the question for or against the council of Chalcedon, should be deprived of their benefices. Accordingly the disputes concerning Eutychianism running to a very great height, and Euphemius being deeply concerned

**Anastafius.** cerned in them, the emperor expelled him from his fee, and chose Macedonius in his stead. The hatred which the different parties entertained against one another occasioned often such tumults and seditions at Constantinople, as threatened the life of the emperor himself; who, to keep the people in awe, ordered that the governor of the city should be present at all church-assemblies and public processions. This was so much the more necessary, because these tumults were chiefly occasioned by a kind of doxology or short hymn which used to be sung at divine service. This doxology consisted only of the following words, *αγιος ο θεος, αγιος εχυρος, αγιος αθανατος*, that is, "Holy God, holy the powerful, holy the immortal;" for which reason it was called *τρισαγιος, Trisagius*, "three times holy;" because the word *holy* was therein three times repeated. The orthodox used to sing that hymn without any addition, or by adding only to it, *αγια τριας, ελεησον ημας*, i. e. "Holy Trinity, have mercy upon us:" But Peter the Fuller, bishop of Antioch, pretended to add these words to it, viz. *ο σταυρωθεις δι ημας*, i. e. "who hast been crucified for us;" and as it was supposed that the first holy related to the Father, the second to the Son, the third to the Holy Ghost, and adding these words, *who hast been crucified for us*, seemed to insinuate that the whole consubstantial Trinity had suffered; for which reason the orthodox were resolved not to admit this addition. Anastafius desiring to have those fatal words added to that hymn whenever it should be sung at Constantinople, this occasioned a terrible sedition in the city, as though the very fundamentals of Christianity had been overthrown. Macedonius and his clergy are said to have raised that sedition, which came to such a height that the emperor himself was obliged to come, without his crown on his head, and in a very humble manner, to the Circus, where he declared to the people that he was very willing to quit the imperial throne; but he told them at the same time, that they could not all enjoy the sovereign power, which does not admit of a partnership; and that one person still must govern them if he resigned the crown. This discourse had such a power over the raging multitude, that, as if they had been divinely inspired, they immediately requested the emperor to take up his crown, promising that they would be quiet and obedient for the future. Anastafius is by the Popish writers represented as a great persecutor of the orthodox, because he banished and deprived Euphemius and Macedonius; but they should prove that these two prelates had been unjustly banished, which is a very hard task. As to the civil government, it is confessed that at the beginning of his reign he showed himself a very good prince; he eased the people of a very heavy tax called *Chryfargyrum*, under which they had groaned for a long time; he prohibited the fighting with wild beasts; he raised several buildings; he avoided being involved in dangerous wars as much as lay in his power. Anastafius reigned 27 years three months and three days, or, according to F. Pagi, wanting three days; and died July the 10th, A. C. 518, in the 88th year of his age.

**ANASTASIUS**, surnamed *Bibliothecarius*, a Roman abbot, library-keeper of the Vatican, and one of the most learned men of the ninth century, assisted in

869 at the fourth general council, the acts and canons of which he translated from the Greek into Latin. He also composed the lives of several popes, and other works; the best edition of which is that of the Vatican.

**ANASTATICA**, the ROSE OF JERICHO: A genus of the siliculosa order, belonging to the tetradynamia class of plants; and, in the natural method, ranking under the 39th order, *Siliquosæ*. The characters are: The *calyx* is a perianthium consisting of four leaves, and persistent: The *corolla* consists of four cruciform petals: The *stamina* consist of six subulated filaments the length of the calyx; the anthera are roundish: The *pistillum* has a small bifid germen; the stylus mucronated and oblique; the stigma headed: The *pericarpium* is a short bilocular silicle, retuse, and crowned on the margin with valvulæ twice as long as the partition: The *seeds* are solitary and roundish.—Of this genus there are two

*Species.* 1. The *syriaca*, a native of Syria, is not cultivated or known in Britain. 2. The *hierochuntica* is a native of the sandy parts of Palestine and the Red Sea. It is a low annual plant, dividing into many irregular woody branches near the root. At each joint is placed a single, oblong, hairy leaf; and at the same places come out small single flowers, of a whitish green colour, composed of four leaves placed in the form of a cross. These are succeeded by short wrinkled pods, having four small horns; these open into four cells, in each of which is lodged a single brown seed.—When the seeds of this plant are ripe, the branches will draw up and contract; so that the whole plant forms a kind of ball or globular body, which will expand on laying it a short time in warm water. This property it retains for many years, on which account it is preserved as a curiosity by some people. From this property the monks have given it the name of *Rosa Maria*, pretending that the flowers open on the night on which our Saviour was born.

*Culture.* This plant is propagated by seeds, which should be sown in the beginning of March, in a moderate hot-bed in pots, in which the plants are designed to remain. When they come up, the plants should be thinned, leaving them about six inches asunder, and observing to keep them clear of weeds, which is all the care they require. If the season proves favourable, they will flower in August; but unless the autumn proves warm and dry, they will not perfect their seeds in Britain.

**ANASTOMOSIS**, in anatomy, the opening of the mouths of vessels, in order to discharge their contained fluids. It is likewise used for the communication of two vessels at their extremities; as the inosculation of a vein with a vein, of an artery with an artery, or of an artery with a vein.

**ANASTOMATICS**, medicines supposed to have the power of opening the mouths of the vessels, and promoting the circulation; such as deobstruent, cathartic, and sudorific medicines.

**ANASTROPHE**, in rhetoric and grammar, denotes the inversion of the natural order of the words: such is, *saxa per et scopulos*, for *per saxa et scopulos*.

**ANASUS**, or **ANISUS** (anc. geog.) now the *Enn*, a river of Germany; which, rising on the borders of

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Anafus.

Anathema. the territory of Salzburg, then separating Upper Stiria from Upper Austria, and washing the town of Ens, falls, at the distance of a mile below it, into the Danube, in a course from south to north.

ANATHEMA, among ecclesiastical writers, imports whatever is set apart, separated, or divided; but is most usually meant to express the cutting off a person from the privileges of society and communion with the faithful.

The anathema differs from excommunication in the circumstances of being attended with curses and execrations. It was practised in the primitive church against notorious offenders; and the form of that pronounced by Synecius against one Andronicus, is as follows: "Let no church of God be open to Andronicus, but let every sanctuary be shut against him. I admonish both private men and magistrates, to receive him neither under their roof nor to their table; and priests more especially, that they neither converse with him living, nor attend his funeral when dead."

Several councils also have pronounced anathemas against such as they thought corrupted the purity of the faith; and their decisions have been conceived in the following form: *Si quis dixeret, &c. anathema sit.*

There are two kinds of anathemas, the one judiciary, and the other abjuration. The former can only be denounced by a council, a pope, or a bishop; the latter makes a part of the ceremony of abjuration, the convert being obliged to anathematize the heresy he abjures.

ANATHEMA, in heathen antiquity, was an offering or present made to some deity, and hung up in the temple. Whenever a person left off his employment, it was usual to dedicate the tools to the patron-deity of the trade. Persons, too, who had escaped from imminent danger, as shipwreck and the like, or had met with any other remarkable instance of good fortune, seldom failed to testify their gratitude by some present of this kind.

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ANATHOTH, a hamlet of Palestine, very near Jerusalem (Josephus), about three miles and a half to the north; the ruins of which are still to be seen. It was the birth-place of the prophet Jeremiah, and one of the Levitical towns in the tribe of Benjamin.

ANATIFERA CONCHA, the trivial name of a species of the lepas, a testaceous animal. See LEPAS.

ANATOCISM, ANATOCISMUS, an usurious contract, wherein the interests arising from the principal sum are added to the principal itself, and interest exacted upon the whole. The word is originally Greek, but used by Cicero in Latin; whence it has descended into most other languages. It comes from the proposition *ανα*, which in composition signifies *repetition or duplication*, and *τοκος*, *usury*. Anatocism is what we properly call *interest upon interest*, or *compound interest*. This is the worst kind of usury, and has been severely condemned by the Roman law, as well as by the common laws of most other countries. See INTEREST.

ANATOLIA. See NATOLIA.

## A N A T O M Y,

THE art of dissecting, or artificially separating and taking to pieces, the different parts of the human body, in order to an exact discovery of their situation, structure, and œconomy.—The word is Greek, *ανατομη*; derived from *ανατεμνω*, to dissect, or separate by cutting.

### INTRODUCTION.

#### § 1. History of Anatomy.

THIS art seems to have been very ancient; though, for a long time, known only in an imperfect manner.—The first men who lived must have soon acquired some notions of the structure of their own bodies, particularly of the external parts, and of some even of the internal, such as bones, joints, and sinews, which are exposed to the examination of the senses in living bodies.

This rude knowledge must have been gradually improved, by the accidents to which the body is exposed, by the necessities of life, and by the various customs, ceremonies, and superstitions, of different nations. Thus, the observance of bodies killed by violence, attention to wounded men, and to many diseases, the various ways of putting criminals to death, the funeral ceremonies, and a variety of such things, must have shown men every day more and more of themselves; especially as curiosity and self-love would here urge them powerfully to observation and reflection.

The brute-creation having such an affinity to man in outward form, motions, senses, and ways of life; the generation of the species, and the effect of death upon the body, being observed to be so nearly the same in both; the conclusion was not only obvious, but unavoidable, that their bodies were formed nearly upon the same model. And the opportunities of examining the bodies of brutes were so easily procured, indeed so necessarily occurred in the common business of life, that the huntsman in making use of his prey, the priest in sacrificing, the augur in divination, and, above all, the butcher, or those who might out of curiosity attend upon his operations, must have been daily adding to the little stock of anatomical knowledge. Accordingly we find, in fact, that the South-sea-islanders, who have been left to their own observation and reasoning, without the assistance of letters, have yet a considerable share of rude or wild anatomical and physiological knowledge. Dr Hunter informs us, that when Omai was in his museum with Mr Banks, though he could not explain himself intelligibly, they plainly saw that he knew the principal parts of the body, and something likewise of their uses; and manifested a great curiosity or desire of having the functions of the internal parts of the body explained to him; particularly the relative functions of the two sexes, which with him seemed to be the most interesting object of the human mind.

We may further imagine, that the philosophers of the

the most early ages, that is, the men of curiosity, observation, experience and reflection, could not overlook an instance of natural organization, which was so interesting, and at the same time so wonderful, more especially such of them as applied to the study and cure of diseases. We know that physic was a branch of philosophy till the age of Hippocrates.

Thus the art must have been circumstanced in its beginning. We shall next see from the testimony of historians and other writers, how it actually appeared as an art, from the time that writing was introduced among men; how it was improved and conveyed down to us through a long series of ages.

Civilization, and improvements of every kind, would naturally begin in fertile countries and healthful climates, where there would be leisure for reflection, and an appetite for amusement. Accordingly, writing, and many other useful and ornamental inventions and arts, appear to have been cultivated in the eastern parts of Asia long before the earliest times that are treated of by the Greek or other European writers; and that the arts and learning of those eastern people were in subsequent times gradually communicated to adjacent countries, especially by the medium of traffic. The customs, superstitions, and climate of eastern countries, however, appear to have been as unfavourable to practical anatomy, as they were inviting to the study of astronomy, geometry, poetry, and all the softer arts of peace.

Animal bodies there, run so quickly into nauseous putrefaction, that the early inhabitants must have avoided such offensive employments, as anatomical inquiries, like their posterity at this day. And, in fact, it does not appear, by the writings of the Grecians, or Jews, or Phœnicians, or of other eastern countries, that anatomy was particularly cultivated by any of those eastern nations. In tracing it backwards to its infancy, we cannot go farther into antiquity than the times of the Grecian philosophers. As an art in the state of some cultivation, it may be said to have been brought forth and bred up among them as a branch of natural knowledge.

The æra of philosophy, as it was called, began with Thales the Milesian being declared by a very general consent of the people, the most wise of all the Grecians, 480 years before Christ. The philosophers of his school, which was called the Ionian, cultivated principally natural knowledge. Socrates, the seventh in succession of their great teachers, introduced the study of morals, and was thence said to bring down philosophy from heaven, to make men truly wise and happy.

In the writings of his scholar and successor Plato, we see that the philosophers had carefully considered the human body, both in its organization and functions; and though they had not arrived at the knowledge of the more minute and intricate parts, which required the successive labour and attention of many ages, they had made up very noble and comprehensive ideas of the subject in general. The anatomical descriptions of Xenophon and Plato have had the honour of being quoted by Longinus (§ xxxii.) as specimens of sublime writing: and the extract from Plato is still more remarkable for its containing the rudiments of the circulation of the blood. "The heart (says Plato)

is the centre or knot of the blood-vessels; the spring or fountain of the blood which is carried impetuously round; the blood is the *pabulum* or food of the flesh; and, for the purpose of nourishment, the body is laid out into canals, like those which are drawn through gardens, that the blood may be conveyed, as from a fountain, to every part of the pervious body."

Hippocrates was nearly contemporary with the great philosophers of whom we have been speaking, about 400 years before the Christian æra. He is said to have separated the profession of philosophy and physic, and to have been the first who applied to physic alone as the business of his life. He is likewise generally supposed to be the first who wrote upon anatomy. We know of nothing that was written expressly upon the subject before; and the first anatomical dissection which has been recorded, was made by his friend Democritus of Abdera.

If, however, we read the works of Hippocrates with impartiality, and apply his accounts of the parts to what we now know of the human body, we must allow his descriptions to be imperfect, incorrect, sometimes extravagant, and often unintelligible, that of the bones only excepted. He seems to have studied these with more success than the other parts, and tells us that he had an opportunity of seeing an human skeleton.

From Hippocrates to Galen, who flourished towards the end of the second century, in the decline of the Roman empire, that is, in the space of 600 years, anatomy was greatly improved; the philosophers still considering it as a most curious and interesting branch of natural knowledge, and the physicians, as a principal foundation of their art. Both of them, in that interval of time, contributed daily to the common stock, by more accurate and extended observations, and by the lights of improving philosophy.

As these two great men had applied very particularly to the study of animal bodies, they not only made great improvements, especially in physiology, but raised the credit of natural knowledge, and spread it as wide as Alexander's empire.

Few of Aristotle's writings were made public in his lifetime. He affected to say that they would be unintelligible to those who had not heard them explained at his lectures: and, except the use which Theophrastus made of them, they were lost to the public for above 130 years after the death of Theophrastus; and at last came out defective from bad preservation, and corrupted by men, who, without proper qualifications, presumed to correct and supply what was lost.

From the time of Theophrastus, the study of natural knowledge at Athens was forever on the decline; and the reputation of the Lycæum and Academy was almost confined to the studies which are subservient to oratory and public speaking.

The other great institution for Grecian education, was at Alexandria in Egypt. The first Ptolemies, both from their love of literature, and to give true and permanent dignity to their empire, and to Alexander's favourite city, set up a grand school in the palace itself, with a museum and library, which, we may say, has been the most famed in the world. Anatomy, among other sciences, was publicly taught; and the two distinguished anatomists were Erasistratus the pupil and friend of Theophrastus, and Herophilus. Their vo-

luminous works are all lost; but they are quoted by Galen almost in every page. These professors were probably the first who were authorized to dissect human bodies; a peculiarity which marks strongly the philosophical magnanimity of the first Ptolemy, and fixes a great æra in the history of anatomy. And it was, no doubt, from this particular advantage which the Alexandrians had above all others, that their school not only gained, but for many centuries preserved, the first reputation for medical education. Ammianus Marcellinus, who lived about 650 years after the schools were set up, says, they were so famous in his time, that it was enough to secure credit to any physician, if he could say he had studied at Alexandria.

Herophilus has been said to have anatomized 700 bodies. We must allow for exaggeration. Nay, it was said, that both he and Erasistratus made it a common practice to open living bodies, that they might discover the more secret springs of life. But this, no doubt, was only a vulgar opinion, rising from the prejudices of mankind; and accordingly, without any good reason, such tales have been told of modern anatomists, and have been believed by the vulgar.

Among the Romans, though it is probable they had physicians and surgeons from the foundation of the city, yet we have no account of any of these applying themselves to anatomy for a very long time. Archagathus was the first Greek physician established in Rome, and he was banished the city on account of the severity of his operations.—Asclepiades, who flourished in Rome 101 years after Archagathus, in the time of Pompey, attained such a high reputation as to be ranked in the same class with Hippocrates. He seemed to have some notion of the air in respiration acting by its weight; and in accounting for digestion, he supposed the food to be no farther changed than by a comminution into extremely small parts, which being distributed to the several parts of the body, is assimilated to the nature of each. One Cassius, commonly thought to be a disciple of Asclepiades, accounted for the right side of the body becoming paralytic on hurting the left side of the brain, in the same manner as has been done by the moderns, viz. by the crossing of the nerves from the right to the left side of the brain.

From the time of Asclepiades to the second century, physicians seem to have been greatly encouraged at Rome; and, in the writings of Celsus, Rufus, Pliny, Cœlius, Aurelianus, and Aræteus, we find several anatomical observations, but mostly very superficial and inaccurate. Towards the end of the second century lived Claudius Gallenus Pergamus, whose name is so well known in the medical world. He applied himself particularly to the study of anatomy, and did more in that way than all that went before him. He seems, however, to have been at a great loss for human subjects to operate upon; and therefore his description of the parts are mostly taken from brute animals. His works contain the fullest history of anatomists, and the most complete system of the science, to be met with any where before him, or for several centuries after; so that a number of passages in them were reckoned absolutely unintelligible for many ages, until explained by the discoveries of succeeding anatomists.

About the end of the fourth century, Nimesius bishop of Emiffa wrote a treatise on the nature of man,

in which it is said were contained two celebrated modern discoveries; the one, the uses of the bile, boasted of by Sylvius de la Boe; and the other, the circulation of the blood. This last, however, is proved by Dr Friend, in his History of physic, p. 229. to be falsely ascribed to this author.

The Roman empire beginning now to be oppressed by the barbarians, and sunk in gross superstition, learning of all kinds decreased; and when the empire was totally overwhelmed by those barbarous nations, every appearance of science was almost extinguished in Europe. The only remains of it were among the Arabians in Spain and in Asia.—The Saracens who came into Spain, destroyed at first all the Greek books which the Vandals had spared: but though their government was in a constant struggle and fluctuation during 800 years before they were driven out, they received a taste for learning from their countrymen of the east; several of their princes encouraged liberal studies; public schools were set up at Cordova, Toledo, and other towns, and translations of the Greeks into the Arabic were universally in the hands of their teachers.

Thus was the learning of the Grecians transferred to the Arabians. But though they had so good a foundation to build upon, this art was never improved while they were masters of the world: for they were satisfied with commenting upon Galen; and seem to have made no dissections of human bodies.

Abdöllaliph, who was himself a teacher of anatomy, a man eminent in his time (at and before 1203) for his learning and curiosity; a great traveller, who had been bred at Bagdad, and had seen many of the great cities and principal places for study in the Saracen empire; who had a favourable opinion of original observation, in opposition to book-learning; who boldly corrected some of Galen's errors, and was persuaded that many more might be detected; this man, we say, never made or saw, or seemed to think of a human dissection. He discovered Galen's errors in the osteology, by going to burying-grounds, with his students and others, where he examined and demonstrated the bones; he earnestly recommended that method of study, in preference even to the reading of Galen, and thought that many farther improvements might be made; yet he seemed not to have an idea that a fresh subject might be dissected with that view.

Perhaps the Jewish tenets, which the Mahometans adopted, about uncleanness and pollution, might prevent their handling dead bodies; or their opinion of what was supposed to pass between an angel and the dead person, might make them think disturbing the dead highly sacrilegious. Such, however, as Arabian learning was, for many ages together there was hardly any other in all the western countries of Europe. It was introduced by the establishment of the Saracens in Spain in 711, and kept its ground till the restoration of learning in the end of the 15th century. The state of anatomy in Europe, in the times of Arabian influence, may be seen by reading a very short system of anatomy drawn up by Mundinus, in the year 1315. It was extracted principally from what the Arabians had preserved of Galen's doctrine; and, rude as it is, in that age, it was judged to be so masterly a performance, that it was ordered by a public decree, that it should be read in all the schools of Italy; and it actually continued



tinued to be almost the only book which was read upon the subject for above 200 years. Cortesius gives him the credit of being the great restorer of anatomy, and the first who dissected human bodies among the moderns.

A general prejudice against dissection, however, prevailed till the 16th century. The emperor Charles V. ordered a consultation to be held by the divines of Salamanca, in order to determine whether or not it was lawful in point of conscience to dissect a dead body. In Muscovy, till very lately, both anatomy and the use of skeletons were forbidden, the first as inhuman, and the latter as subservient to witchcraft.

In the beginning of the 15th century, learning revived considerably in Europe, and particularly physic, by means of copies of the Greek authors brought from the sack of Constantinople; after which the number of anatomists and anatomical books increased to a prodigious degree.—The Europeans becoming thus possessed of the antient Greek fathers of medicine, were for a long time so much occupied in correcting the copies they could obtain, studying the meaning, and commenting upon them, that they attempted nothing of their own, especially in anatomy.

And here the late Dr Hunter introduces into the annals of this art, a genius of the first rate, Leonardo da Vinci, who had been formerly overlooked, because he was of another profession, and because he published nothing upon the subject. He is considered by the Doctor as by far the best anatomist and physiologist of his time; and was certainly the first man we know of who introduced the practice of making anatomical drawings.

Vassare, in his lives of the painters, speaks of Leonardo thus, after telling us that he had composed a book of the anatomy of a horse, for his own study: “He afterwards applied himself with more diligence to the human anatomy; in which study he reciprocally received and communicated assistance to Marc. Antonio della Torre, an excellent philosopher, who then read lectures in Pavia, and wrote upon this subject; and who was the first, as I have heard, who began to illustrate medicine from the doctrine of Galen, and to give true light to anatomy, which till that time had been involved in clouds of darkness and ignorance. In this he availed himself exceedingly of the genius and labour of Leonardo, who made a book of studies, drawn with red chalk, and touched with a pen, with great diligence, of such subjects as he had himself dissected; where he made all the bones, and to those he joined, in their order, all the nerves, and covered them with the muscles. And concerning those, from part to part, he wrote remarks in letters of an ugly form, which are written by the left hand, backwards, and not to be understood but by those who know the method of reading them; for they are not to be read without a looking-glass. Of these papers of the human anatomy, there is a great part in the possession of M. Francesco da Melzo, a Milanese gentleman, who, in the time of Leonardo, was a most beautiful boy, and much beloved by him, as he is now a beautiful and genteel old man, who reads those writings, and carefully preserves them, as precious relics, together with the portrait of Leonardo, of happy memory. It appears impossible that that divine spirit should reason so well upon the arteries, and muscles,

and nerves, and veins; and with such diligence of every thing, &c. &c.”

Those very drawings and the writings are happily found to be preserved in his Britannic Majesty's great collection of original drawings, where the Doctor was permitted to examine them; and his sentiments upon the occasion he thus expresses: “I expected to see little more than such designs in anatomy, as might be useful to a painter in his own profession; but I saw, and indeed with astonishment, that Leonardo had been a general and a deep student. When I consider what pains he has taken upon every part of the body, the superiority of his universal genius, his particular excellence in mechanics and hydraulics, and the attention with which such a man would examine and see objects which he was to draw, I am fully persuaded that Leonardo was the best anatomist at that time in the world. We must give the 15th century the credit of Leonardo's anatomical studies, as he was 55 years of age at the close of that century.”

In the beginning of the 16th century, Achillinus and Benedictus; but particularly Berengarius and Massa, followed out the improvement of anatomy in Italy, where they taught it, and published upon the subject. These first improvers made some discoveries from their own dissections: but it is not surprising that they should have been diffident of themselves, and have followed Galen almost blindly, when his authority had been so long established, and when the enthusiasm for Greek authors was rising to such a pitch.

Soon after this, we may say about the year 1540, the great Vesalius appeared. He was studious, laborious, and ambitious. From Brussels, the place of his birth, he went to Louvain, and thence to Paris, where anatomy was not yet making a considerable figure, and then to Louvain to teach; from which place, very fortunately for his reputation, he was called to Italy, where he met with every opportunity that such a genius for anatomy could desire, that is, books, subjects, and excellent draughtsmen. He was equally laborious in reading the ancients, and in dissecting bodies. And in making the comparison, he could not but see, that there was great room for improvement, and that many of Galen's descriptions were erroneous. When he was but a young man, he published a noble system of anatomy, illustrated with a great number of elegant figures.—In this work he found so many occasions of correcting Galen, that his contemporaries, partial to antiquity, and jealous of his reputation, complained that he carried his turn for improvement and criticisms to licentiousness. The spirit of opposition and emulation was presently roused; and Sylvius in France, Columbus, Fallopius, and Eustachius in Italy, who were all in high anatomical reputation about the middle of this 16th century, endeavoured to defend Galen at the expense of Vesalius. In their disputes they made their appeals to the human body: and thus in a few years the art was greatly improved. And Vesalius being detected in the very fault which he condemned in Galen, to wit, describing from the dissections of brutes, and not of the human body, it exposed so fully that blunder of the older anatomists, that in succeeding times there has been little reason for such complaint.—Besides the above, he published several other anatomical treatises. He has been particularly serviceable by im-

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posing names on the muscles, most of which are retained to this day. Formerly they were distinguished by numbers, which were differently applied by almost every author.

In 1561, Gabriel Fallopius, professor of anatomy at Padua, published a treatise of anatomy under the title of *Observationes Anatomicae*. This was designed as a supplement to Vesalius; many of whose descriptions he corrects, though he always makes mention of him in an honourable manner. Fallopius made many great discoveries, and his book is well worth the perusal of every anatomist.

In 1563, Bartholomæus Eustachius published his *Opuscula Anatomica* at Venice, which have ever since been justly admired for the exactness of the descriptions, and the discoveries contained in them. He published afterwards some other pieces, in which there is little of anatomy; but never published the great work he had promised, which was to be adorned with copperplates representing all the parts of the human body. These plates, after lying buried in an old cabinet for upwards of 150 years, were at last discovered and published in the year 1714, by Lancisi the pope's physician; who added a short explicatory text, because Eustachius's own writing could not be found.

From this time the study of anatomy gradually diffused itself over Europe; insomuch that for the last hundred years it has been daily improving by the labour of a number of professed anatomists almost in every country of Europe.

We may form a judgment about the state of anatomy even in Italy, in the beginning of the 17th century, from the information of Cortesius. He had been professor of anatomy at Bologna, and was then professor of medicine at Massana; where, though he had a great desire to improve himself in the art, and to finish a treatise which he had begun on practical anatomy, in 24 years he could twice only procure an opportunity of dissecting a human body, and then it was with difficulties and in hurry; whereas he had expected to have done so, he says, *once every year, according to the custom in the famous academies of Italy.*

In the very end of the 16th century, the great Harvey, as was the custom of the times, went to Italy to study medicine; for Italy was still the favourite seat of the arts: And in the very beginning of the 17th century, soon after Harvey's return to England, his master in anatomy, Fabricius ab Aquapendente, published an account of the valves in the veins, which he had discovered many years before, and no doubt taught in his lectures when Harvey attended him.

This discovery evidently affected the established doctrine of all ages, that the veins carried the blood from the liver to all parts of the body for nourishment. It set Harvey to work upon the use of the heart and vascular systems in animals; and in the course of some years he was so happy as to discover, and to prove beyond all possibility of doubt, the *circulation of the blood*. He taught his new doctrine in his lectures about the year 1616, and printed it in 1628.

It was by far the most important step that had been made in the knowledge of animal bodies in any age. It not only reflected useful lights upon what had been already found out in anatomy, but also pointed out the means of further investigation. And accordingly we

see, that from Harvey to the present time, anatomy has been so much improved, that we may reasonably question if the ancients have been further outdone by the moderns in any other branch of knowledge. From one day to another there has been a constant succession of discoveries, relating either to the structure or functions of our body; and new anatomical processes, both of investigation and demonstration, have been daily invented. Many parts of the body, which were not known in Harvey's time, have since then been brought to light: and of those which were known, the internal composition and functions remained unexplained; and indeed must have remained unexplicable without the knowledge of the circulation.

Harvey's doctrine at first met with considerable opposition; but in the space of about 20 years it was so generally and so warmly embraced, that it was imagined every thing in physic would be explained. But time and experience have taught us, that we still are, and probably must long continue to be, very ignorant; and that in the study of the human body, and of its diseases, there will always be an extensive field for the exercise of sagacity.

After the discovery and knowledge of the circulation of the blood, the next question would naturally have been about the passage and route of the nutritious part of the food or chyle from the bowels to the blood-vessels: And, by good fortune, in a few years after Harvey had made his discovery, Asellius, an Italian physician, found out the lacteals, or vessels which carry the chyle from the intestines; and printed his account of them, with coloured prints, in the year 1627, the very year before Harvey's book came out.

For a number of years after these two publications, the anatomists in all parts of Europe were daily opening living dogs, either to see the lacteals or to observe the phenomena of the circulation. In making an experiment of this kind, Pecquet in France was fortunate enough to discover the thoracic duct, or common trunk of all the lacteals, which conveys the chyle into the subclavian vein. He printed his discovery in the year 1651. And now the lacteals having been traced from the intestines to the thoracic duct, and that duct having been traced to its termination in a blood-vessel, the passage of the chyle was completely made out.

The same practice of opening living animals furnished occasions of discovering the lymphatic vessels. This good fortune fell to the lot of Rudbec first, a young Swedish anatomist; and then to Thomas Bartholine, a Danish anatomist, who was the first who appeared in print upon the lymphatics. His book came out in the year 1653, that is two years after that of Pecquet. And then it was very evident that they had been seen before by Dr Higmore and others, who had mistaken them for lacteals. But none of the anatomists of those times could make out the origin of the lymphatics, and none of the physiologists could give a satisfactory account of their use.

The circulation of the blood and the passage of the chyle having been satisfactorily traced out in full-grown animals, the anatomists were naturally led next to consider how these animal processes were carried on in the child while in the womb of the mother. Accordingly the male and female organs, the appearances and contents of the pregnant uterus, the incubated egg, and every

every phenomenon which could illustrate generation, became the favourite subject, for about 30 years, with the principal anatomists of Europe.

Thus it would appear to have been in theory: but Dr Hunter believes, that in fact, as Harvey's master Fabricius laid the foundation for the discovery of the circulation of the blood by teaching him the valves of the veins, and thereby inviting him to consider that subject; so Fabricius by his lectures, and by his elegant work *De formato fetu, et de formatione ovi et pulli*, probably made that likewise a favourite subject with Dr Harvey. But whether he took up the subject of generation in consequence of his discovery of the circulation, or was led to it by his honoured master Fabricius, he spent a great deal of his time in the inquiry; and published his observations in a book *De generatione animalium*, in the year 1651, that is six years before his death.

In a few years after this, Swammerdam, Van Horn, Steno, and De Graaf, excited great attention to the subject of generation, by their supposed discovery that the females of viviparous animals have ovaria, that is, clusters of eggs in their loins, like oviparous animals; which, when impregnated by the male, are conveyed into the uterus: so that a child is produced from an egg as well as a chick; with this difference, that one is hatched within, and the other without, the body of the mother.

Malpighi, a great Italian genius, some time after, made considerable advances upon the subject of generation. He had the good fortune to be the first who used magnifying glasses with address in tracing the first appearances in the formation of animals. He likewise made many other observations and improvements in the *minutiae* of anatomy by his microscopical labours, and by cultivating comparative anatomy.

This distinguished anatomist gave the first public specimen of his abilities, by printing a dissertation on the lungs *anno* 1661; a period so remarkable for the study of nature, that it would be injustice to pass it without particular notice.

At the same time flourished Laurentius Bellinus at Florence, and was the first who introduced mathematical reasoning in physic. In 1662, Simon Pauli published a treatise *De albandis ossibus*. He had long been admired for the white skeletons he prepared; and at last discovered his method, which was by exposing the bones all winter to the weather.

Johannes Swammerdam of Amsterdam also published some anatomical treatises; but was most remarkable for his knowledge of preserving the parts of bodies entire for many years, by injecting their vessels. He also published a treatise on respiration; wherein he mentioned his having figures of all the parts of the body as big as the life, cut in copper, which he designed to publish, with a complete system of anatomy. These, however, were never made public by Swammerdam; but, in 1683, Gothofridus Bidloo, professor of anatomy at Leyden, published a work intitled *Anatomia corporis humani*, where all the parts were delineated in very large plates almost as big as the life. Mr Cowper, an English surgeon, bought 300 copies of these figures; and in 1698, published them with an English text, quite different from Bidloo's Latin one; to which were added letters in Bidloo's figures, and some few figures

of Mr Cowper's own. To this work Cowper's name was prefixed, without the least mention of Bidloo, except on purpose to confute him. Bidloo immediately published a very ill-natured pamphlet, called *Gulielmus Cowperus citatus coram tribunali*; appealing to the Royal Society, how far Cowper ought to be punished as a plagiary of the worst kind, and endeavouring to prove him an ignorant deceitful fellow. Cowper answered him in his own style, in a pamphlet called his *Vindiciae*; endeavouring to prove, either that Bidloo did not understand his own tables, or that they were none of his. It was even alleged that those were the tables promised by Swammerdam, and which Bidloo had got from his widow. This, however, appears to have been only an invidious surmise, there being unquestionable evidence that they were really the performance of Bidloo.

Soon after, Isbrandus Diembroeck, professor of anatomy at Utrecht, began to appear as an author. His work contained very little original; but he was at great pains to collect from others whatever was valuable in their writings, and his system was the common standard among anatomical students for many years.

About the same time, Antonius Liewenhoeck of Delft, improved considerably on Malpighi's use of microscopes. These two authors took up anatomy where others had dropt it; and, by this new art, they brought a number of amazing things to light. They discovered the red globules of the blood; they were enabled to see the actual circulation of the blood in the transparent parts of living animals, and could measure the velocity of its motion; they discovered that the arteries and veins had no intermediate cells or spongy substance, as Harvey and all the preceding anatomists had supposed, but communicated one with the other by a continuation of the same tube.

Liewenhoeck was in great fame likewise for his discovery of the animalcula in the semen. Indeed there was scarcely a part of the body, solid or fluid, which escaped his examination; and he almost every where found, that what appeared to the naked eye to be rude undigested matter, was in reality a beautiful and regular compound.

After this period, Nuck added to our knowledge of the absorbent system already mentioned, by his injections of the lymphatic glands; Ruysch, by his description of the valves of the lymphatic vessels; and Dr Meckel, by his accurate account of the whole system, and by tracing those vessels in many parts where they had not before been described.

Besides these authors, Drs Hunter and Monro have called the attention of the public to this part of anatomy, in their controversy concerning the discovery of the office of the lymphatics.

When the lymphatic vessels were first seen and traced into the thoracic duct, it was natural for anatomists to suspect, that as the lacteals absorbed from the cavity of the intestines, the lymphatics, which are similar in figure and structure, might possibly do the same office with respect to other parts of the body: and accordingly, Dr Glisson, who wrote in 1654, supposes these vessels arose from cavities, and that their use was to absorb; and Frederic Hoffman has very explicitly laid down the doctrine of the lymphatic vessels being a system of absorbents. But anatomists in general have been of a contrary opinion; for, from experiments, particularly

ticularly such as were made by injections, they have been persuaded that the lymphatic vessels did not arise from cavities, and did not absorb, but were merely continuations from small arteries. The doctrine, therefore, that the lymphatics, like the lacteals, were absorbents, as had been suggested by Glisson and by Hoffman, has been revived by Dr Hunter and Dr Monro, who have controverted the experiments of their predecessors in anatomy, and have endeavoured to prove that the lymphatic vessels are not continued from arteries, but are absorbents.

To this doctrine, however, several objections have been started, particularly by Haller (Elm. Phys. l. 24. § 2, 3.); and it has been found, that before the doctrine of the lymphatics being a system of absorbents can be established, it must first be determined whether this system is to be found in other animals besides man and quadrupeds. Mr Hewson claims the merit of having proved the affirmative of this question, by discovering the lymphatic system in birds, fish, and amphibious animals. See *Phil. Transf.* vol. lviii. and lxix.—And latterly, Mr Cruikshank has traced the ramifications of that system in almost every part of the body; and from his dissections, figures have been made and lately published to the world. To Mr Sheldon also we are much indebted for his illustration of this system, which promises to give great satisfaction, but of which only a part has yet been published.

The gravid uterus is a subject likewise which has received considerable improvements, particularly relating to one very important discovery; viz. that the internal membrane of the uterus, which Dr Hunter has named *decidua*, constitutes the exterior part of the secundines or after-birth, and separates from the rest of the uterus every time that a woman either bears a child or suffers a miscarriage. This discovery includes another, to wit, that the placenta is partly made up of an excrescence or efflorescence from the uterus itself.

These discoveries are of the utmost consequence, both in the physiological question about the connection between the mother and child, and likewise in explaining the phenomena of births and abortions, as well as in regulating obstetrical practice.

The anatomists of this century have improved anatomy, and have made the study of it much more easy, by giving us more correct as well as more numerous figures. It is amazing to think of what has been done in that time. We have had four large folio books of figures of the bones, viz. Cheselden's, Albinus's, Sue's and Trew's. Of the muscles, we have had two large folios; one from Cowper, which is elegant; and one from Albinus, which, from the accuracy and labour of the work, we may suppose will never be outdone. Of the blood-vessels we have a large folio from Dr Haller. We have had one upon the nerves from Dr Meckel, and another by Dr Monro junior. We have had Albinus's, Roederer's, Jenty's, and Hunter's works upon the pregnant uterus; Weitbrecht and Leber on the joints and fresh bones; Soemerring on the brain; Zin on the eye; Cotunnus, Meckel junior, &c. on the ear; Walterus on the nerves of the thorax and abdomen; Dr Monro on the *burfæ mucosæ*, &c.

It would be endless to mention the anatomical figures that have been published in this century, of particular and

smaller parts of the body, by Morgagni, Ruysch, Val-salva, Sanctorini, Heister, Vater, Cant, Zimmerman, Walterus, and others.

Those elegant plates of the brain, however, just published by M. Vicq. d'Azyr, must not pass without notice, especially as they form part of an universal system of anatomy and physiology, both human and comparative, proposed to be executed in the same splendid style. Upon the brain alone 19 folio plates are employed; of which several are coloured. The figures are delineated with accuracy and clearness; but the colouring is rather beautiful than correct. Such parts of this work as may be published, cannot fail to be equally acceptable to the anatomist and the philosopher; but the entire design is apparently too extensive to be accomplished within the period of a single life. In Great Britain, also, a very great anatomical work is carrying on by Andrew Bell, F. S. A. S. engraver to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, with the approbation of Dr Monro, and under the inspection of his very ingenious assistant Mr Fyfe. It is to compose a complete illustration, both general and particular, of the human body, by a selection from the best plates of all the greatest anatomists, as well foreign as British, exhibiting the latest discoveries in the science, and accompanied with copious explanations. The whole number of plates mentioned in the Prospectus is 240, of which 152 are already done; all in royal folio.

To the foreign treatises already mentioned may be added those recently published by Sabbatier and Plenck on anatomy in general. In Great-Britain, the writings of Keil, Douglas, Cheselden, the first Monro, Winslow, &c. are too well known to need description. The last of these used to be recommended as a standard for the students of anatomy: but it has of late given place to a more accurate and comprehensive system, in three volumes, published by Mr Elliot of Edinburgh, upon a plan approved of by Dr Monro, and executed by Mr Fyfe. Dr Simmons of London has also obliged the world with an excellent system of anatomy; and another work, under the title of "Elements of Anatomy and the Animal Oeconomy: in which the subjects are treated with uncommon elegance and perspicuity.

In the latter part of the last century, anatomy made two great steps, by the invention of injections, and the method of making what we commonly call *preparations*. These two modern arts have really been of infinite use to anatomy; and besides have introduced an elegance into our administrations, which in former times could not have been supposed to be possible. They arose in Holland under Swammerdam and Ruysch, and afterwards in England under Cowper, St. André, and others, where they have been greatly improved.

The anatomists of former ages had no other knowledge of the blood-vessels, than what they were able to collect from laborious dissections, and from examining the smaller branches of them, upon some lucky occasion, when they were found more than commonly loaded with red blood. But filling the vascular system with a bright coloured wax, enables us to trace the large vessels with great ease, renders the smaller much more conspicuous, and makes thousands of the very minute ones

ones visible, which from their delicacy, and the transparency of their natural contents, are otherwise imperceptible.

The modern art of corroding the fleshy parts with a menstruum, and of leaving the moulded wax entire, is so exceedingly useful, and at the same time so ornamental, that it does great honour to the ingenious inventor Dr Nicholls.

The wax-work art of the moderns might deserve notice in any history of anatomy, if the masters in that way had not been so careless in their imitation. Many of the wax-figures are so tawdry with a show of unnatural colours, and so very incorrect in the circumstances of figure, situation, and the like, that though they strike a vulgar eye with admiration, they must appear ridiculous to an anatomist. But those figures which are cast in wax, plaster, or lead, from the real subject, and which of late years have been frequently made, are, of course, very correct in all the principal parts, and may be considered as no insignificant acquisition to modern anatomy. The proper, or principal use of this art is, to preserve a very perfect likeness of such subjects as we but seldom can meet with, or cannot well preserve in a natural state; a subject in pregnancy, for example.

The modern improved methods of preserving animal bodies, or parts of them, has been of the greatest service to anatomy; especially in saving the time and labour of the anatomist in the nicer dissections of the small parts of the body. For now, whatever he has prepared with care, he can preserve; and the object is ready to be seen at any time. And in the same manner he can preserve anatomical curiosities, or rarities of every kind; such as, parts that are uncommonly formed; parts that are diseased; the parts of the pregnant uterus and its contents. Large collections of such curiosities, which modern anatomists are striving almost every where to procure, are of infinite service to the art, especially in the hands of teachers. They give students clear ideas about many things which it is very essential to know, and yet which it is impossible that a teacher should be able to show otherwise, were he ever so well supplied with fresh subjects.

§ 2. *View of the Subject in general, and Plan of the following Treatise.*

THE etymology of the word *anatomy*, as above given, implies simply *dissection*; but by this term something more is usually understood.

It is every day made use of to express a knowledge of the human body; and a person who is said to understand anatomy, is supposed to be conversant with the structure and arrangement of the different solid parts of the body.

It is commonly divided into *Anatomy*, properly so called; and *Comparative Anatomy*: the first of these is confined solely to the human body; the latter includes all animals, so far as a knowledge of their structure may tend to perfect our ideas of the human body. See *COMPARATIVE Anatomy*.

The term *anatomy* may also have another and more extensive signification: it may be employed to express not only a knowledge of the structure and disposition of the parts but likewise of their œconomy and use. Considered in this light, it will seldom fail to excite the cu-

riosity of people of taste, as a branch of philosophy; since, if it is pleasing to be acquainted with the structure of the body, it is certainly more so to discover all the springs which give life and motion to the machine, and to observe the admirable mechanism by which so many different functions are executed.

Astronomy and anatomy, as Dr Hunter, after Fontenelle, observes, are the studies which present us with the most striking view of the two greatest attributes of the Supreme Being. The first of these fills the mind with the idea of his immensity, in the largeness, distances, and number of the heavenly bodies; the last, astonishes with his intelligence and art in the variety and delicacy of animal mechanism.

The human body has been commonly enough known by the name of *microcosmus*, or the little world; as if it did not differ so much from the universal system of nature in the symmetry and number of its parts as in their size.

Galen's excellent treatise *De usu partium*, was composed as a prose hymn to the Creator; and abounds with as irresistible proofs of a supreme Cause and governing Providence, as we find in modern physico-theology. And Cicero dwells more on the structure and œconomy of animals than on all the productions of nature besides, when he wants to prove the existence of the gods from the order and beauty of the universe. He there takes a survey of the body of man in a most elegant synopsis of anatomy, and concludes thus: "Quibus rebus expositis, factis docuisse videor, hominis natura, quanto omnes antecedit animantes. Ex quo debet intelligi, nec figuram situmque membrorum, nec ingenii mentisque vim talem effici potuisse fortuna."

The satisfaction of mind which arises from the study of anatomy, and the influence which it must naturally have upon our minds as philosophers, cannot be better conveyed than by the following passage from the same author: "Quæ contuens animus, accepit ab his cognitionem deorum, ex qua oritur pietas: cui conjuncta justitia est, reliquæque virtutes: ex quibus vita beata existit, par et similes deorum, nulla alia re nisi immortalitate, quæ nihil ad bene vivendum pertinet, cedens cœlestibus."

It would be endless to quote the animated passages of this sort which are to be found in the physicians, philosophers, and theologians, who have considered the structure and functions of animals with a view towards the Creator. It is a view which must strike one with a most awful conviction. Who can know and consider the thousand evident proofs of the astonishing art of the Creator, in forming and sustaining an animal body such as ours, without feeling the most pleasant enthusiasm? Can we seriously reflect upon this awful subject, without being almost lost in adoration? without longing for another life after this, in which we may be gratified with the highest enjoyment, which our faculties and nature seem capable of, the seeing and comprehending the whole plan of the Creator, in forming the universe and in directing all its operations?

But the more immediate purposes of anatomy concern those who are to be the guardians of health, as this study is necessary to lay a foundation for all the branches of medicine. The more we know of our fabric, the more reason we have to believe, that if our senses were more acute, and our judgment more enlarged,

ged, we should be able to trace many springs of life which are now hidden from us: by the same sagacity we should discover the true causes and nature of diseases; and thereby be enabled to restore the health of many, who are now, from our more confined knowledge, said to labour under incurable disorders. By such an intimate acquaintance with the œconomy of our bodies, we should discover even the seeds of diseases, and destroy them before they had taken root in the constitution.

That anatomy is the very basis of surgery every body allows. It is dissection alone that can teach us, where we may cut the living body with freedom and dispatch; and where we may venture with great circumspection and delicacy; and where we must not, upon any account, attempt it. This informs the *head*, gives dexterity to the *hand*, and familiarizes the *heart* with a sort of necessary inhumanity, the use of cutting-instruments upon our fellow-creatures.

Besides the knowledge of our body, through all the variety of its *structure* and *operations* in a *sound* state, it is by anatomy only that we can arrive at the knowledge of the true nature of most of the diseases which afflict humanity. The symptoms of many disorders are often equivocal; and diseases themselves are thence frequently mistaken, even by sensible, experienced, and attentive physicians. But by anatomical examination after death, we can with certainty find out the mistake, and learn to avoid it in any similar case.

This use of anatomy has been so generally adopted by the moderns, that the cases already published are almost innumerable: Mangetus, Morgagni, indeed many of the best modern writings in physic, are full of them. And if we look among the physicians of the best character, and observe those who have the *art* itself, rather than the *craft* of the profession at heart; we shall find them constantly taking pains to procure leave to examine the bodies of their patients after death.

After having considered the rise and progress of anatomy; the various discoveries that have been made in it, from time to time; the great number of diligent observers who have applied themselves to this art; and the importance of the study, not only for the prevention and cure of diseases, but in furnishing the liveliest proofs of divine wisdom; the following questions seem naturally to arise: For what purpose is there such a variety of parts in the human body? Why such a complication of nice and tender machinery? Why was there not rather a more simple, less delicate, and less expensive frame (A)?

In order to acquire a satisfactory general idea of this subject, and find a solution of all such questions, let us, in our imaginations, *make a man*: in other words let us suppose that the *mind*; or immaterial part, is to be placed in a corporeal fabric, in order to hold a correspondence with other material beings by the intervention of the body; and then consider, *a priori*, what will be wanted for her accommodation. In this inquiry, we shall plainly see the necessity or advantage, and therefore the final cause, of most of the parts which we ac-

tually find in the human body. And if we consider that, in order to answer some of the requisites, human wit and invention would be very insufficient; we need not be surpris'd if we meet with some parts of the body whose use we cannot yet perceive, and with some operations and functions which we cannot explain. We can see that the whole bears the most striking characters of excelling wisdom and ingenuity: but the imperfect senses and capacity of *man* cannot pretend to reach every part of a machine, which nothing less than the intelligence and power of the *Supreme Being* could contrive and execute.

First, then, the *mind*, the thinking, immaterial agent, must be provided with a place of immediate residence, which shall have all the requisites for the union of spirit and body; accordingly she is provided with the *brain*, where she dwells as governor and superintendent of the whole fabric.

In the next place, as she is to hold a correspondence with all the material beings around her, she must be supplied with organs fitted to receive the different kinds of impressions which they will make. In fact, therefore, we see that she is provided with the organs of sense, as we call them: the eye is adapted to light; the ear to sound; the nose to smell; the mouth to taste; and the skin to touch.

Further: She must be furnished with organs of communication between herself in the brain and those organs of sense, to give her information of all the impressions that are made upon them: and she must have organs between herself in the brain and every other part of the body, fitted to convey her commands and influence over the whole. For these purposes the nerves are actually given. They are chords, which rise from the brain, the immediate residence of the mind, and disperse themselves in branches through all parts of the body. They convey all the different kinds of sensations to the mind, in the brain; and likewise carry out from thence all her commands or influence to the other parts of the body. They are intended to be occasional monitors against all such impressions as might endanger the well-being of the whole, or of any particular part; which vindicates the Creator of all things, in having actually subjected us to those many disagreeable and painful sensations which we are exposed to from a thousand accidents in life.

Moreover, the mind, in this corporeal system, must be endued with the power of moving from place to place, that she may have intercourse with a variety of objects; that she may fly from such as are disagreeable, dangerous or hurtful, and pursue such as are pleasant or useful to her. And accordingly she is furnished with limbs, and with muscles and tendons, the instruments of motion, which are found in every part of the fabric where motion is necessary.

But to support, to give firmness and shape to the fabric; to keep the softer parts in their proper places; to give fixed points for, and the proper direction to its motions, as well as to protect some of the more important and tender organs from external injuries; there

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(A) The following beautiful representation is taken from the late Dr Hunter's *Introductory Lecture in Anatomy*.

there must be some firm prop-work interwoven through the whole. And, in fact, for such purposes the bones are given.

The prop-work must not be made into one rigid fabric, for that would prevent motion. Therefore there are a number of bones.

These pieces must all be firmly bound together, to prevent their dislocation. And this end is perfectly well answered by the ligaments.

The extremities of these bony pieces, where they move and rub upon one another, must have smooth and slippery surfaces for easy motion. This is most happily provided for, by the cartilages and mucus of the joints.

The interstices of all those parts must be filled up with some soft and ductile matter, which shall keep them in their places, unite them, and at the same time allow them to move a little upon one another. And these purposes are answered by the cellular membrane or adipose substance.

There must be an outward covering over the whole apparatus, both to give it compactness and to defend it from a thousand injuries: which, in fact, are the very purposes of the skin and other integuments.

Lastly, the mind being formed for society and intercourse with beings of her own kind, she must be endued with powers of expressing and communicating her thoughts by some sensible marks or signs; which shall be both easy to herself, and admit of great variety; and accordingly she is provided with the organs and faculty of speech, by which she can throw out signs with amazing facility, and vary them without end.

Thus we have built up an animal body which would seem to be pretty complete: but as it is the nature of matter to be altered and worked upon by matter; so in a very little time such a living creature must be destroyed, if there is no provision for repairing the injuries which she must commit upon herself, and those which she must be exposed to from without. Therefore a treasure of blood is actually provided in the heart and vascular system, full of nutritious and healing particles, fluid enough to penetrate into the minutest parts of the animal; impelled by the heart, and conveyed by the arteries, it washes every part, builds up what was broken down, and sweeps away the old and useless materials. Hence we see the necessity or advantage of the heart and arterial system.

What more there was of this blood than enough to repair the present damages of the machine, must not be lost, but should be returned again to the heart; and for this purpose the venous system is actually provided. These requisites in the animal explain, *a priori*, the circulation of the blood.

The old materials which were become useless, and are swept off by the current of blood, must be separated and thrown out of the system. Therefore glands, the organs of Secretion, are given for straining whatever is redundant, vapid, or noxious, from the mass of blood; and when strained, they are thrown out by emunctories, called organs of Excretion.

But now, as the machine must be constantly wearing, the reparation must be carried on without intermission, and the strainers must always be employed: Therefore there is actually a perpetual circulation of the blood, and the secretions are always going on.

Even all this provision, however, would not be sufficient; for that store of blood would soon be consumed, and the fabric would break down, if there were not a provision made for fresh supplies. These we observe, in fact, are profusely scattered round her in the animal and vegetable kingdoms; and she is furnished with hands, the fittest instruments that could have been contrived, for gathering them, and for preparing them in a variety of ways for the mouth.

But these supplies, which we call food, must be considerably changed; they must be converted into blood. Therefore she is provided with teeth for cutting and bruising the food, and with a stomach for melting it down: In short, with all the organs subservient to digestion.—The finer parts of the aliments only can be useful in the constitution: these must be taken up and conveyed into the blood, and the dregs must be thrown off. With this view the intestinal canal is actually given. It separates the nutritious part, which we call *chyle*, to be conveyed into the blood by the system of absorbent vessels; and the *fæces* pass downwards, to be conducted out of the body.

Now we have got our animal not only furnished with what is wanted for its immediate existence, but also with the powers of protracting that existence to an indefinite length of time. But its duration, we may presume, must necessarily be limited: for as it is nourished, grows, and is raised up to its full strength and utmost perfection; so it must, in time, in common with all material beings, begin to decay, and then hurry on to final ruin. Hence we see the necessity of a scheme for renovation. Accordingly wise Providence, to perpetuate, as well as preserve his work, besides giving a strong appetite for life and self-preservation, has made animals male and female, and given them such organs and passions as will secure the propagation of the species to the end of time.

Thus we see, that by the very imperfect survey which human reason is able to take of this subject, the animal man must necessarily be complex in his corporeal system, and in its operations.

He must have one great and general system, the vascular, branching through the whole for circulation: Another, the nervous, with its appendages the organs of sense, for every kind of feeling: And a third, for the union and connection of all those parts.

Besides these primary and general systems, he requires others which may be more local or confined: One for strength, support, and protection; the bony compages: Another for the requisite motions of the parts among themselves, as well as for moving from place to place; the muscular part of the body: Another to prepare nourishment for the daily recruit of the body; the digestive organs: And one for propagating the species; the organs of generation.

And in taking this general survey of what would appear, *a priori*, to be necessary for adapting an animal to the situations of life, we observe, with great satisfaction, that man is accordingly made of such systems, and for such purposes. He has them all; and he has nothing more, except the organs of respiration. Breathing it seemed difficult to account for *a priori*: we only knew it to be in fact essentially necessary to life. Notwithstanding this, when we saw all the other parts of the body, and their functions, so well ac-

counted for, and so wisely adapted to their several purposes, there could be no doubt that respiration was so likewise: And accordingly, the discoveries of Dr Priestley have lately thrown light upon this function also, as will be shown in its proper place.

Of all the different systems in the human body, the use and necessity are not more apparent, than the wisdom and contrivance which has been exerted in putting them all into the most compact and convenient form: in disposing them so, that they shall mutually receive, and give helps to one another; and that all, or many of the parts, shall not only answer their principal end or purpose, but operate successfully and usefully in a variety of secondary ways.

If we consider the whole animal machine in this light, and compare it with any machine in which human art has exerted its utmost; suppose the best constructed ship that ever was built, we shall be convinced beyond the possibility of doubt, that there are intelligence and power far surpassing what humanity can boast of.

One superiority in the natural machine is peculiarly striking.—In machines of human contrivance or art, there is no internal power, no principle in the machine itself, by which it can alter and accommodate itself to any injury which it may suffer, or make up any injury which admits of repair. But in the natural machine, the animal body, this is most wonderfully provided for, by internal powers in the machine itself; many of which are not more certain and obvious in their effects, than they are above all human comprehension as to the manner and means of their operation. Thus, a wound heals up of itself; a broken bone is made firm again by a callus; a dead part is separated and thrown off; noxious juices are driven out by some of the excretories; a redundancy is removed by some spontaneous bleeding; a bleeding naturally stops of itself; and a great loss of blood, from any cause, is in some measure compensated, by a contracting power in the vascular system, which accommodates the capacity of the vessels to the quantity contained. The stomach gives information when the supplies have been expended; represents, with great exactness, the quantity and the quality of what is wanted in the present state of the machine; and in proportion as she meets with neglect, rises in her demand, urges her petition in a louder tone, and with more forcible arguments. For its protection, an animal body resists heat and cold in a very wonderful manner, and preserves an equal temperature in a burning and in a freezing atmosphere.

A farther excellence or superiority in the natural machine, if possible, still more astonishing, more beyond all human comprehension, than what we have been speaking of, is the following. Besides those internal powers of self-preservation in each individual, when two of them co-operate, or act in concert, they are endued with powers of making other animals or machines like themselves, which again are possessed of the same powers of producing others, and so of multiplying the species without end.

These are powers which mock all human invention or imitation. They are characteristics of the divine Architect.

Having premised this general account of the subject,

we shall next consider the method to be observed in treating it.

The study of the *human* body, as already noticed, is commonly divided into two parts. The first, which is called *Anatomy*, relates to the matter and structure of its parts; the second, called *Physiology* and *Animal economy*, relates to the principles and laws of its internal operations and functions.

As the body is a compound of solids and fluids, *Anatomy* is divided into,

1. The Anatomy of the solids, and
2. The Anatomy of the fluids.

I. The SOLIDS, by which we mean all parts of our body, which are not fluid, are generally divided into two classes, viz.

1. The hard solids or bones. This part of anatomy is called *Osteology*; which signifies the doctrine of the bones.

2. The softer solids; which part is called *Sarcology*, viz. the doctrine of flesh.

This division of the solids, we may observe, has probably taken its origin from the vulgar observation, that the body is made of bone and flesh. And as there are many different kinds of what are called soft or fleshy parts, *Sarcology* is subdivided into,

- (1.) *Angeiology*, or the doctrine of vessels; by which is commonly understood *blood-vessels*:

- (2.) *Adenology*, of glands:

- (3.) *Neurology*, of nerves:

- (4.) *Myology*, of muscles: and,

- (5.) *Splanchnology*, of the viscera or bowels. There is, besides, that part which treats of the organs of sense and of the integuments.

This division of the solids has been here mentioned, rather for the sake of explaining so many words, which are constantly used by anatomists, than for its importance or accuracy. For besides many other objections that might be urged, there are in the body three species of solids, viz. gristle or cartilage, hair, and nails; which are of an intermediate nature between bone and flesh; and therefore cannot so properly be brought into the osteology or the sarcology. The cartilages were classed with the bones; because the greatest number of them are appendages to bones: and for the like reason the hair and the nails were classed with the integuments.

II. The FLUIDS of the human body may be divided into *three* kinds, which Dr Hunter calls the *crude*, the *general* or *perfect*, and the *local* or *secreted* fluid.

1. By the *crude* fluid is meant the chyle, and whatever is absorbed at the surfaces of the body; in other words, what is recently taken into the body, and is not yet mixed with or converted into blood.

2. The *general* or *perfect* fluid is the blood itself; to wit, what is contained in the heart, arteries, and veins, and is going on in the round of the circulation.

3. The *local* or *secreted*, are those fluids peculiar to particular parts of the body, which are strained off from the blood, and yet are very different in their properties from the blood. They are commonly called *secretions*; and some are useful, others excrementitious.

In treating of the *Physiology*, it is very difficult to say what plan should be followed; for every method which has been yet proposed, is attended with manifest inconvenience.



convenience. The powers and operations of the machine have such a dependence upon one another, such connections and reciprocal influence, that they cannot well be understood or explained separately. In this sense our body may be compared to a circular chain of powers, in which nothing is first or last; nothing solitary or independent; so that wherever we begin, we find that there is something preceding which we ought to have known. If we begin with the brain and the nerves, for example, we shall find that these cannot

exist, even in idea, without the heart: if we set out with the heart and vascular system, we shall presently be sensible, that the brain and nerves must be supposed: or, should we take up the mouth, and follow the course of the aliment, we should see that the very first organ which presents itself, supposed the existence of both the heart and brain: Wherefore we shall incorporate the Physiology with the Anatomy, by attempting to explain the functions after we have demonstrated the organs.

PART I. OSTEOLOGY.

WE begin with the bones, which may be considered as the great support of the body, tending to give it shape and firmness.—But before we enter into the detail of each particular bone, it will be necessary to describe their composition and connections, and to explain the nature of the different parts which have an immediate relation to them; as the cartilages, ligaments, periosteum, marrow, and synovial glands.

SECT. I. Of the Bones in general, with their Appendages, &c.

<sup>I</sup>  
Of the composition of the bones.

THE bones are of a firm and hard (B) substance, of a white colour, and perfectly insensible. They are the most compact and solid parts of the body, and serve for the attachment and support of all the other parts.

Three different substances are usually distinguished in them; their exterior or bony part, properly so called; their spongy cells; and their reticular substance. The first of these is formed of many laminæ or plates, composing a firm hard substance.—The spongy or cellular part is so called on account of its resemblance to a sponge, from the little cells which compose it. This substance forms almost the whole of the extremities of cylindrical bones. The reticular part is composed of fibres, which cross each other in different directions. This net-work forms the internal surface of those bones which have cavities.

The flat bones, as those of the head, are composed only of the laminæ and the cellular substance. This last is usually found in the middle of the bone dividing it into two plates, and is there called *diploë*.

Gagliardi, who pretended to have discovered an infinite number of clavicali (c), or bony processes, which he describes as traversing the laminæ to unite them together, has endeavoured to support this pretended discovery by the analogy of bones to the bark of trees; in which certain woody nails have been remarked; but this opinion seems to be altogether fanciful.

Some writers have supposed, that the bones are formed by layers of the periosteum, which gradually ossify, in the same manner as the timber is formed in trees by the hardening of the white substance that is found between the inner bark and the wood. M. Du-

hamel, who has adopted this opinion, fed different animals with madder and their ordinary food alternately during a certain time; and he asserts, that in dissecting their bones, he constantly observed distinct layers of red and white, which corresponded with the length of time they had lived on madder or their usual aliment. But it has since been proved by Delleff, that M. Duhamel's experiments were inaccurate, and that neither the periosteum nor the cartilages are tinged by the use of madder, which is known to affect the bones only.

We usually consider in a bone, its body and its extremities. The ancients gave the name of diaphysis to the body or middle part, and divided the extremities into apophysis and epiphysis. An apophysis, or process, as it is more commonly called, is an eminence continued from the body of the bone, whereas an epiphysis is at first a sort of appendage to the bone, by means of an intermediate cartilage. Many epiphyses, which appear as distinct bones in the foetus, afterwards become apophyses; for they are at length so completely united to the body of the bone as not to be distinguishable from it in the adult state. It is not unusual, however, at the age of 18 and even 20 years, to find the extremities of bones still in the state of epiphysis.

The names given to the processes of bones are expressive of their shape, size, or use; thus if a process is large and of a spherical form, it is called *caput*, or *head*; if the head is flatted, it is termed *condyle*. Some processes, from their resemblance to a stiletto, a breast, or the beak of a crow, are called *styloid*, *mastoid*, or *coracoid*: others are styled *ridges* or *spines*. The two processes of the os femoris derive their name of *trochanters* from their use.

A bone has its cavities as well as processes. These cavities either extend quite through its substance, or appear only as depressions. The former are called *foramina* or *holes*, and these foramina are sometimes termed *canals* or *conduits*, according to their form and extent. Of the depressions, some are useful in articulation. These are called *cotyloid* when they are deep, as is the case with the os innominatum, where it receives the head of the os femoris; or *glenoid* when they are superficial, as in the scapula, where it receives the os humeri. Of the depressions that are not designed for

(B) Mr Scheele has lately discovered that bones contain the phosphoric acid united with calcareous earth; and that to this combination they owe their firmness.

(c) In his *Anat. ossium nov. invent. illustrat.* he describes four kinds of these clavicali or nails, viz. the perpendicular, oblique, headed, and crooked.

**Osteology.** for articulation, those which have small apertures are called *sinuses*; others that are large, and not equally surrounded by high brims, are styled *fossæ*; such as are long and narrow, *furrows*; or if broad and superficial without brims, *sinuosities*. Some are called *digital impressions*, from their resemblance to the traces of a finger on soft bodies.

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Conne-  
tion of the  
bones.

We shall abridge this article, which is exceedingly diffuse in the generality of anatomical books, and will endeavour to describe it with all the clearness it will allow.

The bones composing the skeleton are so constructed, that the end of every bone is perfectly adapted to the extremity of that with which it is connected, and this connection forms what is called their *articulation*.

Articulation is divided into *diarthrosis*, *synarthrosis*, and *amphiarthrosis*, or moveable, immovable, and mixed articulation. Each of the two first has its subdivisions. Thus the *Diarthrosis*, or moveable articulation, includes, 1. The *enarthrosis*, as it is called, when a large head is admitted into a deep cavity, as in the articulation of the os femoris with the os innominatum. 2. *Arthrodia*, when a round head is articulated with a superficial cavity, as is the case of the os humeri and scapula. 3. *Ginglimus*, or hinge-like articulation, as in the connection of the thigh-bone with the tibia. The *enarthrosis* and *arthrodia* allow of motion to all sides; the *ginglimus* only of flexion and extension.

The *synarthrosis*, or immoveable articulation, includes, 1. The *suture*, when the two bones are indented into each other, as is the case with the parietal bones. 2. *Gomphosis*, when one bone is fixed into another, in the manner the teeth are placed in their sockets.

The term *amphiarthrosis* is applied to those articulations which partake both of the *synarthrosis* and *diarthrosis*, as is the case with the bones of the vertebræ, which are capable of motion in a certain degree, although they are firmly connected together by intermediate cartilages.

What is called *symphysis* is the union of two bones into one; as in the lower jaw, for instance, which in the fœtus consists of two distinct bones, but becomes one in a more advanced age, by the ossification of the uniting cartilage.

When bones are thus joined by the means of cartilages, the union is styled *synchondrosis*; when by ligaments, *syneurosis*.

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Of the Car-  
tilages.

Cartilages are white, solid, smooth, and elastic substances, between the hardness of bones and ligaments, and seemingly of a fibrous texture. We are not able to trace any vessels into their substance by injection, nor are they ever found tinged in animals that have been fed with madder.

They may be distinguished into, 1st, Those which are connected with the bones; and, 2dly, Those which belong to other parts of the body. The first serve either to cover the ends and cavities of bones intended for motion, as in the articulations, where by their smoothness they facilitate motions, which the bones alone could not execute with so much freedom; or they serve to unite bones together, as in the *symphysis pubis*, or to lengthen them, as in the ribs.

Many of them ossifying as we advance in life, their number is less in the adult than in the fœtus, and of

**Osteology.** course there are fewer bones in the old than in the young subject.

Of the second class of cartilages, or those belonging to the soft parts, we have instances in the larynx, where we find them useful in the formation of the voice, and for the attachment of muscles.

The periosteum is a fine membrane of a compact cellular texture, reflected from one joint to another, and serving as a common covering to the bones. It has sanguiferous and lymphatic vessels, and is supplied with nerves from the neighbouring parts. It adheres very firmly to their surface, and by its smoothness facilitates the motion of muscles. It likewise supports the vessels that go to be distributed through the substance of the bones, and may serve to strengthen the articulations. At the extremities of bones, where it is found covering a cartilage, it has by some been improperly considered as a distinct membrane, and named *perichondrium*. This, in its use and structure, resembles the periosteum. Where it covers the bones of the skull, it has gotten the name of *pericranium*.

The periosteum is not a production of the dura mater, as the ancients, and after them Havers, imagined; nor are the bones formed by the ossification of this membrane, at least when it is in a sound state, as some late writers have supposed.

The periosteum is deficient in the teeth above the sockets, and in those parts of bones to which ligaments or tendons are attached.

The marrow is a fat oily substance, filling the cavities of bones. In the great cavities of long bones it is of a much firmer consistence than in the cells of their spongy part. In the former it inclines somewhat to a yellowish tinge, and is of the consistence of fat; in the latter it is more fluid, and of a red colour. This difference in colour and consistence is owing to accidental causes; both kinds are of the same nature, and may both be described under the common name of marrow, though some writers give the name only to the fat-like substance, and call the other the medullary juice.

The marrow is contained in a very fine and transparent membrane, which is supplied with a great number of blood vessels, chiefly from the periosteum. This membrana medullaris adheres to the inner surface of the bones, and furnishes an infinite number of minute bags or vesicles for inclosing the marrow, which is likewise supported in the cavities of the bones by the long filaments of their reticular substance.

Besides the vessels from the periosteum, the membrana medullaris is furnished with others, which in the long bones may be seen passing in near the extremities of the bone, and sending off numerous branches that ramify through all the vesicles of this membrane.

The bones, and the cells containing the marrow, are likewise furnished with lymphatics. By their means, the marrow, like the fat, may be taken up in a greater quantity than it is secreted; and hence it is that so little are found in the bones of those who die of lingering diseases.

It is still a matter of controversy, Whether the marrow is sensible or not? We are certainly not able to trace any nerves to it; and from this circumstance, and its analogy to fat, Haller has ventured to consider it as insensible. On the other hand, Duverney asserts, that

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riosteum.

<sup>5</sup>  
Of the  
Marrow.

**Osteology.** that an injury done to this substance in a living animal was attended with great pain. In this dispute physiologists do not seem to have sufficiently discriminated between the marrow itself and the membranous cells in which it is contained. The former, like the fat, being nothing more than a secreted, and of course an inorganized, matter, may with propriety be ranked among the insensible parts, as much as inspissated mucus or any other secreted matter in the body; whereas the membrana medullaris being vascular, though it possesses but an obscure degree of feeling in a sound state, is not perfectly insensible.

The marrow was formerly supposed to be intended for the nourishment and renewal of the bones; but this doctrine is now pretty generally and deservedly exploded. It seems probable that the marrow is to the bones what fat is to the soft parts. They both serve for some important purposes in the animal economy; but their particular use has never yet been clearly ascertained. The marrow, from the transfusion of the oil through the bones of a skeleton, is supposed to diminish their brittleness; and Havers, who has written professedly on the bones, describes the canals by which the marrow is conveyed through every part of their substance, and divides them into longitudinal and transverse ones. He speaks of the first as extending through the whole length of the bone; and of the latter, as the passages by which the longitudinal ones communicate with each other. The similarity of these to the large cancelli in burnt bones, and the transfusion of the oil through the bones of the skeleton, seems to prove that some such passages do actually exist.

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glands.

The synovial glands are small bodies (D), supposed to be of a glandular structure, and exceedingly vascular, secreting a fluid of a clear mucilaginous nature, which serves to lubricate the joints. They are placed in small cavities in the articulations, so as to be capable of being gently compressed by the motion of the joint, which expresses their juice in proportion to the degree of friction. When the synovia is wanting, or is of too thick a consistence, the joint becomes stiff and incapable of flexion or extension. This is what is termed *anchylosis*.

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of the Li-  
aments.

Ligaments are white, glistening, inelastic bands, of a compact substance, more or less broad or thick, and serving to connect the bones together. They are distinguished by different names adapted to their different forms and uses. Those of the joints are called either round or bursal. The round ligaments are white, tendinous, and inelastic. They are strong and flexible, and are found only in the joint of the knee, and in the articulation of the os femoris with the os innominatum. The bursal, or capsular ligaments, surround the whole joint like a purse, and are to be found in the articulations which allow motion every way, as in the articulation of the arm with the scapula.

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of the  
bursæ mu-  
cosæ.

Of those sacs called *Bursæ mucosæ*, a few were known to former anatomists, but by much the greater number have been since discovered by Dr Monro (E), who observes, that they are to be met with in the ex-

tremities of the body only; that many of them are placed entirely on the inner sides of the tendons, between these and the bones. Many others cover not only the inner, but the outer sides of the tendons, or are interposed between the tendons and external parts, as well as between those and the bones.

Some are situated between the tendons and external parts only or chiefly, some between contiguous tendons, or between the tendons or the ligaments and the joints. A few such sacs are observed where the processes of bones play upon the ligaments, or where one bone plays upon another. Where two or more tendons are contiguous, and afterwards separate from each other, we generally find a common bursa divided into branches, with which it communicates; and a few bursæ of contiguous tendons communicate with each other.—Some, in healthy children, communicate with the cavities of the joints; and in many old people he has seen such communications formed by use or worn by friction, independent of disease.

Their proper membrane is thin and transparent, but very dense, and capable of confining air or any other fluid. It is joined to the neighbouring parts by the common cellular substance. Between the bursa and the hard substance of bone, a thin layer of cartilage or of tough membrane is very generally interposed. To the cellular substance on the outside of the bursa, the adipose substance is connected; except where the bursa covers a tendon, cartilage, or bone, much exposed to pressure or friction.

In several places a mass of fat, covered with the continuation of the membrane of the bursa, projects into its cavity. The edges of this are divided into fringes.

The inner side of the membrane is smooth, and is extremely slippery from the liquor secreted in it.

The structure of the bursæ bears a strong resemblance to the capsular ligaments of the joints. 1. The inner layer of the ligament, like that of the bursæ, is thin and dense. 2. It is connected to the external ligaments by the common cellular substance. 3. Between it and the bones, layers of cartilage, or the articular cartilages, are interposed. 4. At the sides of the joints, where it is not subjected to violent pressure and friction, the adipose substance is connected with the cellular membrane. 5. Within the cavities of the joints we observe masses of fat projecting, covered with similar blood-vessels, and with similar fimbriæ hanging from their edges. 6. In the knee the upper part of such a mass of fat forms what has been called the *mucilaginous gland of the joint*, and the under part projects into the bursa behind the ligament which ties the patella to the tibia. 7. The liquor which lubricates the bursæ has the same colour, consistence, and properties as that of the joints, and both are affected in the same manner by heat, mineral acids, and ardent spirits. 8. In some places the bursæ constantly communicate with the cavities of the joints, in others they generally do so; from which we may infer a sameness of structure.

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Their struc-  
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the joints.

When we examine the fimbriæ common to the fatty bodies of the joints and bursæ, and which have been supposed to be the ducts of glands lodged within the masses.

(D) It is now much doubted, however, whether the appearances in the joints, which are usually called *glands*, are any thing more than assemblages of fat.

(E) See *Description of the Bursæ Mucosæ, &c.*

**Osteology.** masses of fat, we are not able to discover any glandular appearance within them. And although we observe many vessels dispersed upon the membranes of the fatty bodies and fimbriæ; and that we cannot doubt that these fimbriæ consist of ducts which contain a lubricating liquor, and can even press such a liquor from them; yet their cavities and orifices are so minute, that they are not discoverable even by the assistance of magnifying-glasses. These fimbriæ appear, therefore, to be ducts like those of the urethra, which prepare a mucilaginous liquor without the assistance of any knotty or glandular organ.

Upon the whole, the synovia seems to be furnished by invisible exhalent arteries by the ducts of the fimbriæ, and by oil exuding from the adipose follicles by passages not yet discovered.

**10** Of the Skeleton. The word *skeleton*, which by its etymology implies simply a dry preparation, is usually applied to an assemblage of all the bones of an animal united together in their natural order. It is said to be a natural skeleton, when the bones are connected together by their own proper ligaments; and an artificial one, when they are joined by any other substance, as wire, &c.

The skeleton is generally divided into the head, trunk, and extremities. The first division includes the bones of the cranium and face. The bones of the trunk are the spine, ribs, sternum, and bones of the pelvis.

The upper extremity on each side consists of the two bones of the shoulder, viz. the scapula and clavicle; the bone of the arm, or os humeri; the bones of the fore-arm, and those of the hand.

The lower extremity on each side of the trunk consists of the thigh-bone and the bones of the leg and foot.

## SECT. II. Of the Bones of the Head.

THE head is of a roundish figure, and somewhat oval (F). Its greatest diameter is from the forehead to the occiput; its upper part is called *vertex*, or crown of the head; its anterior or fore-part the face; and the upper part of this *sinciput*, or forehead; its sides the temples; its posterior, or hind-part, the *occiput*; and its inferior part the *basis*.

The bones of the head may be divided into those of the cranium and face.

### § 1. Bones of the Cranium and Face.

THERE are eight bones of the cranium, viz. the coronal bone, or os frontis; the two parietal bones, or ossa bregmatis; the os occipitis; the two temporal bones; the sphenoid bone; and the os ethmoides, or cribriforme.

**11.** Of these, only the os occipitis and ossa bregmatis are considered as proper to the cranium; the rest being common both to the cranium and face.

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**Osteology.** These bones are all harder at their surface than in their middle; and on this account they are divided into two tables, and a middle spongy substance called *diploë*.

**12** Of the Os Frontis. In this, as in all the other bones, we shall consider its figure, structure, processes, depressions, and cavities; and the manner in which it is articulated with the other bones.

The os frontis has some resemblance in shape to the shell of the cockle. Externally it is convex, its concave side being turned towards the brain. This bone, in the places where it is united to the temporal bones, is very thin, and has there no *diploë*. It is likewise exceedingly thin in that part of the orbit of the eye which is nearest to the nose. Hence it is, that a wound in the eye, by a sword or any other pointed instrument, is sometimes productive of immediate death. In these cases, the sword passing through the weak part of the bone, penetrates the brain, and divides the nerves at their origin; or perhaps opens some blood-vessel, the consequences of which are soon fatal.

We observe on the exterior surface of this bone five apophyses or processes, which are easily to be distinguished. One of these is placed at the bottom and narrowest part of the bone, and is called the nasal process, from its supporting the upper end of the bones of the nose. The four others are called angular or orbital processes. They assist to form the orbits, which are the cavities on which the eyes are placed. In each of these orbits there are two processes, one at the interior or great angle, and the other at the exterior or little angle of the orbit. They are called the angular processes. Between these a ridge is extended in form of an arch, and on this the eye-brows are placed. It is called the orbital or superciliary ridge, and in some measure covers and defends the globe of the eye. There is a hole in this for the passage of the frontal vessels and nerves. This arch is interrupted near the nose by a small pit, in which the tendon of the musculus obliquus major of the eye is fixed. From the under part of each superciliary ridge a thin plate runs a considerable way backwards, and has the name of *orbital*; the external and fore-part of this plate forms a sinus for lodging the lacrymal gland. Between the orbital plates there is a large discontinuation of the bone, which is filled up by the cribriform part of the os ethmoides.

On examining the inner surface of this bone at its under and middle part, we observe an elevation in form of a ridge, which has been called the *spinous process*; it ascends for some way, dividing the bone into two considerable fossæ, in which the anterior lobes of the brain are placed. To a narrow furrow in this ridge is attached the extremity of the falx, as the membrane is called, which divides the brain into two hemispheres. The furrow becoming gradually wider, is continued to the upper and back part of the bone. It has the falx fixed

(F) The bones of the foetus being perfectly distinct, and the muscles in young persons not acting much, the shape of the head has been supposed to depend much on the management of children when very young. Vesalius, who has remarked the difference in people of different nations, observes, for instance, that the head of a Turk is conical, from the early use of the turban; whilst that of an Englishman is flattened by the chin-stay. Some of the latest physiologists suppose, with good reason, that this difference is chiefly owing to certain natural causes with which we are as yet unacquainted.

**Osteology.** fixed to it, and part of the longitudinal sinus lodged in it. Besides the two fossæ, there are many depressions, which appear like digital impressions, and owe their formation to the prominent circumvolutions of the brain.

In the fœtus, the forehead is composed of two distinct bones; so that in them the sagittal future reaches from the os occipitis to the nose. This bone is almost every where composed of two tables and a diplœe. These two tables separating from each other under the eyes, form two cavities, one on each side of the face, called the frontal sinuses. These sinuses are lined with a soft membrane, called *membrana pituitaria*. In these sinuses a mucus is secreted, which is constantly passing through two small holes into the nostrils, which it serves to moisten.

The os frontis is joined by future to many of the bones of the head, viz. to the parietal, maxillary, and temporal bones; to the os ethmoides; os sphenoides; os unguis; and ossa nasi. The future which connects it with the parietal bones is called the *coronal future*.

<sup>13</sup> The parietal bones are two in number; they are very thin, and even transparent in some places. The particular figure of each of these bones is that of an irregular square, bordered with indentations through its whole circumference, except at its lower part. It will be easily conceived, that these bones which compose the superior and lateral parts of the cranium, and cover the greatest part of the brain, form a kind of vault. On their inner surface we observe the marks of the vessels of the dura mater; and at their upper edge the groove for the superior longitudinal sinus.

The ossa parietalia are joined to each other by the sagittal future; to the os sphenoides and ossa temporum by the squamous future; to the os occipitis by the lambdoidal future (c), so called from its resemblance to the Greek letter lambda; and to the os frontis by the coronal future.

In the fœtus, the parietal bones are separated from the middle of the divided os frontis by a portion of the cranium then unossified.

<sup>14</sup> The occipital bone forms the posterior and inferior parts of the skull; it approaches nearly to the shape of a lozenge, and is indented throughout three parts of its circumference.

There is a considerable hole in the inferior portion of this bone, called the *foramen magnum*, through which the medulla oblongata passes into the spine.—The nervi accessorii, and vertebral arteries, likewise pass through it. Behind the condyles are two holes for the passage of cervical veins into the lateral sinuses; and above them are two others for the passage of the eighth pair and accessory nerves out of the head. At the sides, and a little on the anterior part of the foramen magnum, are two processes, called the condyles, one on each side; they are of an oval figure, and are covered with cartilage.

The external surface of this bone has a large transverse arched ridge, under which the bone is very irregular, where it affords attachment to several muscles. On examining its inner surface, we may observe two ridges in form of a cross; one ascending from near the foramen magnum to the top of the bone; the upper

end of this in which the falx is fixed, is hollow, for lodging the superior longitudinal sinus, and the under end has the third process of the dura mater fixed to it. The other ridge, which runs horizontally, is likewise hollow for containing the lateral sinuses. Four fossæ are formed by the cross, two above and two below. In the former are placed the posterior lobes of the brain, and in the latter the lobes of the cerebellum.

At the basis of the cranium, we observe the cuneiform process (which is the name given to the great apophysis at the fore part of this bone); it serves for the reception of the medulla oblongata.

The os occipitis is of greater strength and thickness than either of the other bones of the head, though irregularly so; at its inferior part, where it is thinnest, it is covered by a great number of muscles.

This bone, from its situation, being more liable to be injured by falls, than any other bone of the head, nature has wisely given it the greatest strength at its upper part, where it is most exposed to danger.

It is joined to the parietal bones by the lambdoidal future, and to the ossa temporum, by the additamentum of the temporal future. It is likewise connected to the os sphenoides by the cuneiform process. It is by means of the os occipitis that the head is united to the trunk, the two condyles of this bone being connected to the superior oblique processes of the first vertebra of the neck.

There are two temporal bones, one on each side.—<sup>15</sup> We may distinguish in them two parts; one of which is called the *squamous* or *scaly part*, and the other *pars petrosa* from its hardness. This last is shaped like a pyramid.

Each of these divisions affords processes and cavities: externally there are three processes; one anterior, called the *zygomatic process*; one posterior, called the *mastoid* or *mamillary process*, from its resemblance to a nipple; and one inferior, called the *styloid process*, because it is shaped like a filetto, or dagger.

The cavities are, 1. The meatus auditorius externus. 2. A large fossa which serves for the articulation of the lower jaw; it is before the meatus auditorius, and immediately under the zygomatic process. 3. The stylo-mastoid hole, so called from its situation between the styloid and mastoid processes; it is likewise styled the aquæduct of Fallopius, and affords a passage to the portio dura of the auditory, or seventh pair of nerves. 4. Below, and on the fore-part of the last foramen, we observe part of the jugular fossa, in which the beginning of the internal jugular vein is lodged. Anterior and superior to this fossa is the orifice of a foramen, through which passes the carotid artery. This foramen runs first upwards and then forwards, forming a kind of elbow, and terminates at the end of the os petrosum.—At this part of each temporal bone, we may observe the opening of the Eustachian tube, a canal which passes from the ear to the back part of the nose.

In examining the internal surface of these bones, we may remark the triangular figure of their petrous part which separates two fossæ; one superior and anterior; the other inferior and posterior: the latter of these composes part of the fossa, in which the cerebellum is

(c) The lambdoidal future is sometimes very irregular; being composed of many small futures, which surround so many little bones called *ossa triquetra*, though perhaps improperly, as they are not always triangular.

Osteology. placed; and the former, a portion of the least fossa for the basis of the brain. On the posterior side of the pars petrosa, we observe the meatus auditorus internus, into which enters the double nerve of the seventh pair. On the under side of this process, part of a hole appears, which is common to the temporal and occipital bones; through it the lateral sinus, the eighth pair, and accessory nerves, pass out of the head.

The pars petrosa contains several little bones called the bones of the ear; which, as they do not enter into the formation of the cranium, shall be described when we are treating of the organs of hearing.

The ossa temporum are joined to the ossa malarum, by the zygomatic sutures; to the parietal bones, by the squamous sutures; to the os occipitis, by the lambdoidal suture; and to the sphenoid bone, by the suture of that name.

<sup>16</sup> Of the os sphenoides. This bone, from its situation amidst the other bones of the head, has sometimes been called *cuneiforme*. It is of a very irregular figure, and has been compared to a bat with its wings extended.

It is commonly divided into its middle part or body, and its sides or wings.

The fore part of the body has a spine or ridge, which makes part of the septum narium. The upper part of each wing forms a share of the temple. The fore part of this belongs to the orbit; while the under and back part, termed *spinous process*, is lodged in the base of the skull at the point of the pars petrosa. But two of the most remarkable processes are the ptergoid or aliform, one on each side of the body of the bone, and at no great distance from it. Each of these processes is divided into two wings, and of these the exterior one is the widest. The other terminates in a hook-like process.

The internal surface of this bone affords three fossæ. Two of these are formed by the wings of the bone, and make a part of the lesser fossæ of the basis of the cranium. The third, which is smaller, is on the top of the body of the bone; and is called *fella turcica*, from its resemblance to a Turkish saddle. This fossa, in which the pituitary gland is placed, has posteriorly and anteriorly processes called the *clinoid processes*.

There are twelve holes in this bone, viz. six on each side. The first is the passage of the optic nerve and ocular artery; the second, or large slit, transmits the third, fourth, sixth, and first part of the fifth pair of nerves with the ocular vein; the third hole gives passage to the second branch of the fifth pair; and the fourth hole to the third branch of the fifth pair of nerves. The fifth hole is the passage of the artery of the dura mater. The sixth hole is situated above the ptergoid process of the sphenoid bone; through it a reflected branch of the second part of the fifth pair passes.

Within the substance of the os sphenoides there are two sinuses separated by a bony plate. They are lined with the pituitary membrane; and, like the frontal sinuses, separate a mucus which passes into the nostrils.

The os sphenoides is joined to all the bones of the cranium; and likewise to the ossa maxillaria, ossa malarum, ossa palati, and vomer.

This bone makes part of the basis of the skull, assists in forming the orbits, and affords attachment to several muscles.

The os ethmoides is situated at the fore part of the basis of the cranium, and is of a very irregular figure.

From the great number of holes with which it is pierced, it is sometimes called *os cribriforme* or sieve-like bone. Osteology.

<sup>17</sup> Of the os ethmoides or cribriforme. It consists of a middle part and two sides. The middle part is formed of a thin bony plate, in which are an infinite number of holes that afford a passage to filaments of the olfactory nerve. From the middle of this plate, both on the outside and from within, there rises up a process; which may be easily distinguished. The inner one is called *crista galli*, from its supposed resemblance to a cock's comb. To this process the falx of the dura mater is attached. The exterior process, which has the same common basis as the crista galli, is a fine lamella which is united to the vomer; and divides the cavity of the nostrils, though unequally, it being generally a little inclined to one side.

The lateral parts of this bone are composed of a cellular substance; and these cells are so very intricate, that their figure or number cannot be described. Many writers have on this account called this part of the bone the *labyrinth*. These cells are externally covered with a very thin bony lamella. This part of the bone is called the *os planum*, and forms part of the orbit.

The different cells of this bone, which are numerous, and which are every where lined with the pituitary membrane, evidently serve to enlarge the cavity of the nose, in which the organ of smelling resides.

This bone is joined to the os sphenoides, os frontis, ossa maxillaria, ossa palati, ossa nasi, ossa unguis, and vomer.

The ancients, who considered the brain as the seat of all the humours, imagined that this viscus discharged its redundant moisture through the holes of the ethmoid bone. And the vulgar still think, that abscesses of the brain discharge themselves through the mouth and ears, and that snuff is liable to get into the head; but neither snuff nor the matter of an abscess are more capable of passing through the cribriform bone, than the serosity which they supposed was discharged through it in a common cold.—All the holes of the ethmoid bone are filled up with the branches of the olfactory nerve. Its inner part is likewise covered with the dura mater, and its cells are every where lined with the pituitary membrane; so that neither matter nor any other fluid can possibly pass through this bone either externally or internally. Matter is indeed sometimes discharged through the nostrils; but the seat of the disease is in the sinuses of the nose, and not in the brain; and imposthumations are observed to take place in the ear, which suppurate and discharge themselves externally.

Before we leave the bones of the head, we wish to make some general observations on its structure and figure.—As the cranium might have been composed of a single bone, the articulation of its several bones being absolutely without motion, it may be asked perhaps, Why such a multiplicity of bones, and so great number of sutures? Many advantages may possibly arise from this plurality of bones and sutures, which may not yet have been observed. We are able, however, to point out many useful ends, which could only be accomplished by this peculiarity of structure.—In this, as in all the other works of nature, the great wisdom of the Creator is evinced, and cannot fail to excite our admiration and gratitude.

The cranium, by being divided into several bones, grows much faster and with greater facility, than if it

**Osteology.** was composed of one piece only. In the fœtus, the bones, as we have before observed, are perfectly distinct from each other. The ossification begins in the middle of each bone, and proceeds gradually to the circumference. Hence the ossification, and of course the increase of the head, is carried on from an infinite number of points at the same time, and the bones consequently approach each other in the same proportion. To illustrate this doctrine more clearly, if it can want further illustration, suppose it necessary for the parietal bones which compose the upper part of the head, to extend their ossification, and form the fore part of the head likewise.—Is it not evident, that this process would be much more tedious than it is now, when the os frontis and the parietal bones are both growing at the same time? Hence it happens, that the heads of young people, in which the bones begin to touch each other, increase slowly; and that the proportionate increase of the volume of the head is greater in three months in the fœtus, than it is perhaps in twenty-four months at the age of fourteen or fifteen years.

The sutures, exclusive of their advantage in suspending the processes of the dura mater, are evidently of great utility in preventing the too great extent of fractures of the skull.—Suppose, for instance, that by a fall or blow, one of the bones of the cranium becomes fractured. The fissure, which in a head composed of only one bone, would be liable to extend itself through the whole of it, is checked, and sometimes perhaps stopped by the first suture it meets, and the effects of the injury are confined to the bone on which the blow was received. Ruysch indeed, and some others, will not allow the sutures to be of any such use; but cases have been met with where they seemed to have had this effect, and in young subjects their utility in this respect must be still more obvious.

The spherical shape of the head seems likewise to render it more capable of resisting external violence than any other shape would do. In a vault, the parts mutually support and strengthen each other, and this happens in the cranium.

### § 2. Proper Bones of the Face.

18  
Of the  
bones of  
the face.

THE face, which consists of a great number of bones, is commonly divided into the upper and lower jaws. The upper jaw consists of thirteen bones, exclusive of the teeth. Of these, six are placed on each side of the maxilla superior, and one in the middle.

The bones, which are in pairs, are the ossa malarum, ossa maxillaria, ossa nasi, ossa unguis, ossa palati, and ossa spongiosa inferiora. The single bone is the vomer.

19  
Of the ossa  
malarum.

These are the prominent square bones which are placed under the eyes, forming part of the orbits and the upper part of the cheeks. Each of them affords three surfaces; one exterior and a little convex; a second superior and concave, forming the inferior part and sides of the orbit; and a third posterior, irregular, and hollowed for the lodgement of the lower part of the temporal muscle.

The angles of each bone form four processes, two of which may be called *orbital processes*; of these the upper one is joined by suture to the os frontis, and that below to the maxillary bone. The third is connected with the os sphenoides by means of the trans-

verse suture; and the fourth is joined to the zygomatic process of the temporal bone, with which it forms the zygoma.

These bones, which are of a very irregular figure, are so called because they form the most considerable portion of the upper jaw. They are two in number, and generally remain distinct through life.

Of the many processes which are to be seen on these bones, and which are connected with the bones of the face and skull, we shall describe only the most remarkable.

One of these processes is at the upper and fore part of the bone, making part of the side of the nose, and called the *nasal process*. Another forms a kind of circular sweep at the inferior part of the bone, in which are the alveoli or sockets for the teeth: this is called the *alveolar process*. A third process is united to the os malæ on each side. Between this and the nasal process there is a thin plate, which forms a share of the orbit, and lies over a passage for the superior maxillary vessels and nerves.—The alveolar process has posteriorly a considerable tuberosity on its internal surface, called the *maxillary tuberosity*.

Behind the alveolar process we observe two horizontal lamellæ, which uniting together, form a part of the roof of the mouth, and divide it from the nose. The hollowness of the roof of the mouth is owing to this partition's being seated somewhat higher than the alveolar process.—At the fore part of the horizontal lamellæ there is a hole called *foramen incisivum*, through which small blood-vessels and nerves go between the mouth and nose.

In viewing these bones internally, we observe a fossa in the inferior portion of the nasal process, which, with the os unguis and os spongiosum inferius, forms a passage for the lachrymal duct.

Where these two bones are united to each other, they project somewhat upwards and forwards, leaving between them a furrow, into which the lower portion of the septum nasi is admitted.

Each of these bones being hollow, a considerable sinus is formed under its orbital part. This cavity, which is usually named after Highmore, though it was described by Fallopius and others before his time, is lined with the pituitary membrane. It is intended for the same purposes as the other sinuses of the nose, and opens into the nostrils.

The ossa maxillaria are connected with the greater part of the bones of the face and cranium, and assist in forming not only the cheeks, but likewise the palate, nose, and orbits.

The ossa nasi form two irregular squares. They are thicker and narrower above than below. Externally they are somewhat convex, and internally slightly concave. These bones constitute the upper part of the nose. At their fore part they are united to each other, above to the os frontis, by their sides to the ossa maxillaria superiora, posteriorly and interiorly to the septum narium, and below to the cartilages that compose the rest of the nostrils.

These little transparent bones owe their name to their supposed resemblance to a finger-nail. Sometimes they are called *ossa lachrymalia*, from their concurring with the nasal process of each maxillary bone in forming a lodgement for the lachrymal sac and duct.

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20  
Of the ossa  
maxillaria  
superiora.

21  
Of the ossa  
nasi.

22  
Of the ossa  
unguis.

**Osteology.** The ossa unguis are of an irregular figure. Their external surface consists of two smooth parts, divided by a middle ridge. One of these parts, which is concave and nearest to the nose, serves to support the lachrymal sac and part of the lachrymal duct. The other, which is flat, forms a small part of the orbit.

Each of these bones is connected with the os frontis, os ethmoides, and os maxillare superius.

23  
Of the ossa palati. These bones, which are situated at the back part of the roof of the mouth, between the os sphenoides and the ossa maxillaria superiora, are of a very irregular shape, and serve to form the nasal and maxillary fossa, and a small portion of the orbit. Where they are united to each other, they rise up into a spine on their internal surface. This spine appears to be a continuation of that of the superior maxillary bones, and helps to form the septum narium.

These bones are joined to the ossa maxillaria superiora, os ethmoides, os sphenoides, and vomer.

24  
Of the vomer. This bone derives its name from its resemblance to a ploughshare. It is a long and flat bone, somewhat thicker at its back than at its fore part. At its upper part we observe a furrow extending through its whole length. The posterior and largest part of this furrow receives a process of the sphenoid bone. From this the furrow advances forwards, and becoming narrower and shallower, receives some part of the nasal lamella ethmoidea; the rest serves to support the middle cartilage of the nose.

The inferior portion of this bone is placed on the nasal spine of the maxillary and palate bones, which we mentioned in our description of the ossa palati.

The vomer is united to the os sphenoides, os ethmoides, ossa maxillaria superiora, and ossa palati. It forms part of the septum narium, by dividing the back part of the nose into two nostrils.

25  
Of the ossa spongiosa inferiora. The parts which are usually described by this name, do not seem to deserve to be distinguished as distinct bones, except in young subjects. They consist of a spongy lamella in each nostril, which is united to the spongy lamina of the ethmoid bone, of which they are by some considered as a part.

Each of these lamellæ is longest from behind forwards; with its convex surface turned towards the septum narium, and its concave part towards the maxillary bone, covering the opening of the lachrymal duct into the nose.

These bones are covered with the pituitary membrane; and, besides their connection with the ethmoid bone, are joined to the ossa maxillaria superiora, ossa palati, and ossa unguis.

26  
Of the maxilla inferior. The maxilla inferior, or lower jaw, which in its shape resembles a horse-shoe, consists of two distinct bones in the foetus; but these unite together soon after birth, so as to form only one bone. The upper edge of this bone, like the os maxillare superius, has an alveolar process, furnished with sockets for the teeth.

On each side, the posterior part of the bone rises almost perpendicularly into two processes. The highest of these, called the coronoid process, is pointed and thin, and serves for the insertion of the temporal muscle. The other, or condyloid process, as it is called, is shorter and thicker, and ends in an oblong rounded head, which is received into a fossa of the temporal bone, and is formed for a moveable articulation with

the cranium. This joint is furnished with a moveable cartilage. At the bottom of each coronoid process, on its inner part, we observe a foramen extending under the roots of all the teeth, and terminating at the outer surface of the bone near the chin. Each of these canals transmits an artery, vein, and nerve, from which branches are sent off to the teeth.

The lower jaw is capable of a great variety of motion. By sliding the condyles from the cavity towards the eminences on each side, we bring it horizontally forwards, as in biting; or we may bring the condyles only forward, and tilt the rest of the jaw backward, as in opening the mouth. We are likewise able to slide the condyles alternately backwards and forwards from the cavity to the eminence, and *vice versa*, as in grinding the teeth. The cartilages, by adapting themselves to the different inequalities in these several motions of the jaw, serve to secure the articulation, and to prevent any injuries from friction.

The alveolar processes are composed of an outer and inner bony plate, united together by thin partitions, which at the fore part of the jaw divide the processes into as many sockets as there are teeth. But at the back part of the jaw, where the teeth have more than one root, we find a distinct cell for each root. In both jaws these processes begin to be formed with the teeth; they likewise accompany them in their growth, and gradually disappear when the teeth are removed.

### § 3. Of the Teeth.

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THE teeth are bones of a particular structure, formed for the purposes of mastication and the articulation of the voice. It will be necessary to consider their composition and figure, their number and arrangement, and the time and order in which they appear.

In each tooth we may distinguish a body, a neck, and a root or fangs.

The body of the tooth is that part which appears above the gums. The root is fixed into the socket, and the neck is the middle part between the two.

The teeth are composed of two substances, viz. enamel and bone. The enamel, or the vitreous or cortical part of the tooth, is a white and very hard and compact substance peculiar to the teeth, and appears fibrous or striated when broken. This substance is thickest on the grinding surface, and becoming gradually thinner, terminates insensibly at the neck of the tooth. Ruysch\* affirmed, that he could trace the arteries into the hardest part of the teeth; Liewenhoeck † suspected the fibres of the enamel to be so many vessels; and Monro ‡ says, he has frequently injected the vessels of the teeth in children, so as to make the inside of the cortex appear perfectly red. But it is certain, that it is not tinged by a madder diet, and that no injection will ever reach it, so that it has no appearance of being vascular\*\*.

The bony part, which composes the inner substance of the body, neck, and root of the tooth, resembles other bones in its structure, but it is much harder than the most compact part of bones in general. As a tooth when once formed receives no tinge from a madder diet, and as the minutest injections do not penetrate into its substance, this part of the tooth has, like the enamel, been supposed not to be vascular. But when we consider that the fangs of a tooth are invested by



Osteology. by a periosteum, and that the swellings of these fangs are analogous to the swellings of other bones, we may reasonably conclude, that there is a similitude of structure; and that this bony part has a circulation through its substance, although from its hardness we are unable to demonstrate its vessels.

In each tooth we find an inner cavity, into which enter an artery, vein, and nerve. This cavity begins by a small opening, and becoming larger, terminates in the body of the tooth. In advanced life this hole sometimes closes, and the tooth is of course rendered insensible.

The periosteum surrounds the teeth from their fangs to a little beyond their bony sockets, where we find it adhering to the gums. This membrane, while it incloses the teeth, serves at the same time to line the sockets, so that it may be considered as common to both.

The teeth are likewise secured in their sockets by means of the gums; a red, vascular, firm, and elastic substance, that possesses but little sensibility. In the gums of infants we find a hard ridge extending through their whole length, but no such ridge is to be seen in old people who have lost their teeth.

The number of the teeth in both jaws at full maturity, usually varies from twenty-eight to thirty-two. They are commonly divided into three classes, viz. incisors, canini, and grinders or molares (H). The incisors are the four teeth in the fore part of each jaw. They have each of them two surfaces; one anterior and convex, the other posterior and slightly concave, both of which terminate in a sharp edge. They are called *incisores* from their use in dividing the food. They are usually broader and thicker in the upper than in the under jaw; and, by being placed somewhat obliquely, generally fall over the latter.

The canini derive their name from their resemblance to a dog's tusks, being the longest of all the teeth. We find one on each side of the incisors, so that there are two canini in each jaw. Their fang resembles that of the incisors, but is much larger; and in their shape they appear like an incisor with its edge worn off, so as to terminate in a narrow point.

These teeth not being calculated for cutting and dividing the food like the incisors, or for grinding it like the molares, seem to be intended for laying hold of substances (1).

The molares or grinders, of which there are ten in each jaw, are so called, because from their shape and size they are fitted for grinding the food. Each of the incisors and canini is furnished only with one fang; but in the molares of the under jaw we constantly find two fangs, and in those of the upper jaw three fangs. These fangs are sometimes separated into two points, and each of these points has sometimes been described as a distinct fang.

Osteology. The two first of the molares, or those nearest to the canine teeth on each side, differ from the other three, and are with great propriety named *bicuspidates* by Mr Hunter. They have sometimes only one root, and seem to be of a middle nature between the incisors and the larger molares. The two next are much larger. The fifth or last grinder on each side is smaller and shorter than the rest; and from its not cutting the gum till after the age of twenty, and sometimes not till much later in life, is called *dens sapientiae*.

There is in the structure and arrangement of all these teeth an art which cannot be sufficiently admired. To understand it properly, it will be necessary to consider the under jaw as a kind of lever, with its fixed points at its articulations with the temporal bones:—it will be right to observe, too, that its powers arise from its different muscles, but in elevation chiefly from the temporalis and masseter; and that the aliment constitutes the object of resistance. It will appear, then, that the molares, by being placed nearest the centre of motion, are calculated to press with a much greater force than the other teeth, independent of their grinding powers which they possess by means of the pterygoid muscles; and that it is for this reason we put between them any hard body we wish to break.

The canini and incisors are placed farther from this point, and of course cannot exert so much force; but they are made for cutting and tearing the food, and this form seems to make amends for their deficiency in strength.

There are examples of children who have come into the world with two, three, and even four teeth; but these examples are very rare; and it is seldom before the seventh, eighth, or ninth month after birth, that the incisors, which are the first formed, begin to pass through the gum. The symptoms of dentition, however, in consequence of irritation from the teeth, frequently take place in the fourth or fifth month.—About the twentieth or twenty-fourth month, the canini and two molares make their appearance.

The dangerous symptoms that sometimes accompany dentition, are owing to the pressure of the teeth on the gum, which they irritate so as to excite pain and inflammation. This irritation seems to occasion a gradual wasting of the gum at the part, till at length the tooth makes its appearance.

The symptoms are more or less alarming, in proportion to the resistance which the gum affords to the teeth, and according to the number of teeth which may chance to seek a passage at the same time. Were they all to appear at once, children would fall victims to the pain and excessive irritation; but Nature has so very wisely disposed them, that they usually appear one after the other, with some distance of time between each. The first incisor that appears is generally in the lower jaw, and is followed by one in the upper

(H) Mr Hunter has thought proper to vary this division. He retains the old name of *incisores* to the four fore teeth, but he distinguishes the canine teeth by the name of the *cuspidati*. The two teeth which are next to these, and which have been usually ranked with the molares, he calls the *bicuspidates*; and he gives the name of *grinders* only to the three last teeth on each side.

(1) Mr Hunter remarks of these teeth, that we may trace in them a similitude in shape, situation, and use, from the most imperfectly carnivorous animal, which we believe to be the human species, to the lion, which is the most perfectly carnivorous.

Osteology. per jaw. Sometimes the canini, but more commonly one of the molares, begins to pass through the gum first.

These 20 teeth, viz. eight incisores, four canini, and eight molares, are called *temporary* or *milk teeth*, because they are all shed between the age of seven and 14, and are succeeded by what are called the *permanent* or *adult teeth*. The latter are of a firmer texture, and have larger fangs.

These adult teeth being placed in a distinct set of alveoli, the upper sockets gradually disappear, as the under ones increase in size, till at length the temporary, or upper teeth, having no longer any support, consequently fall out.

To these 20 teeth, which succeed the temporary ones, 12 others are afterwards added, viz. three molares on each side in both jaws: and in order to make room for this addition, we find that the jaws gradually lengthen in proportion to the growth of the teeth; so that with 20 teeth, they seem to be as completely filled as they are afterwards with 32. This is the reason why the face is rounder and flatter in children than in adults.

With regard to the formation of the teeth, we may observe; that in a foetus of four months, the alveolar process appears only as a shallow longitudinal groove, divided by minute ridges into a number of intermediate depressions; in each of which we find a small pulpy substance, surrounded by a vascular membrane. This pulp gradually ossifies, and its lower part is lengthened out to form the fang. When the bony part of the tooth is formed, its surface begins to be incruusted with the enamel. How the latter is formed and deposited, we are not yet able to determine.

The rudiments of some of the adult teeth begin to be formed at a very early period, for the pulp of one of the incisores may generally be perceived in a foetus of eight months, and the ossification begins in it soon after birth. The first bicuspis begins to ossify about the fifth or sixth, and the second about the seventh year. The first adult grinder cuts the gum about the 12th, the second about the 18th, and the third, or *dens sapientiae*, usually between the 20th and 30th year.

The teeth, like other bones, are liable to be affected by disease. Their removal is likewise the natural consequences of old age; for as we advance in life, the alveoli fill up, and the teeth, especially the incisores, fall out. When this happens, the chin projects forward, and the face is much shortened.

#### § 4. Of the Os Hyoides. (κ)

28. THE os hyoides, which is placed at the root of the tongue, was so called by the ancients on account of its supposed resemblance to the Greek letter υ.

It will be necessary to distinguish in it, its body, horns, and appendices.

The body, which is the middle and broadest part of the bone, is so placed that it may be easily felt at the fore part of the throat. Anteriorly it is irregularly

Osteology. convex, and its inner surface is unequally concave. Its cornua, or horns, which are flat and a little bent, being much longer than the body part, may be described as forming the sides of the υ. The appendices, or little horns, as they are called by M. Winslow, and some other writers, are two processes which rise up from the articulations of the cornua with the body, and are usually connected with the styloid process on each side by means of a ligament.

The uses of this bone are to support the tongue, and afford attachment to a great number of muscles; some of which perform the motions of the tongue, while others act on the larynx and fauces.

### SECT. III. Of the Bones of the Trunk.

THE trunk of the skeleton consists of the spine, the thorax, and the pelvis. 29.

#### § 1. Of the Spine.

THE spine is composed of a great number of bones called *vertebrae*, forming a long bony column, in figure not much unlike the letter *s*. This column, which extends from the head to the lower part of the body, may be said to consist of two irregular and unequal pyramids, united to each other in that part of the loins where the last lumbar vertebra joins the os sacrum. 30.

The vertebrae of the upper and longest pyramid are called *true vertebrae*, in contradistinction to those of the lowermost pyramid, which, from their being immovable in the adult, are styled *false vertebrae*. It is upon the bones of the spine that the body turns; and it is to this circumstance they owe their name, which is derived from the Latin verb *vertere*, to return.

The true vertebrae are divided into three classes of cervical, dorsal, and lumbar vertebrae.—The false vertebrae consist of the os sacrum and os coccygis.

In each vertebra, as in other bones, it will be necessary to remark the body of the bone, its processes, and cavities.

The body, which is convex before, and concave behind, where it assists in forming the cavity of the spine, may be compared to part of a cylinder cut off transversely.

Each vertebra affords seven processes. The first is at the back part of the vertebra, and from its shape and direction is named the *spinous process*. On each side of this are two others, which, from their situation with respect to the spine, are called *transverse processes*. The four others are styled *oblique* or *articular processes*. They are much smaller than the spinous or transverse ones. Two of them are placed on the upper, and two on the lower part of each vertebra, rising from near the basis of each transverse process. They have gotten the name of *oblique processes*, from their situation with respect to the processes with which they are articulated; and they are sometimes styled *articular processes*, from the manner in which they are articulated with each other; the two superior processes of one vertebra being articulated with

(κ) This bone is very seldom preserved with the skeleton, and cannot be included among the bones of the head, or any other division of the skeleton. Thomas Bartholin has perhaps very properly described it among parts contained in the mouth; but the generality of anatomical writers have placed it, as it is here, after the bones of the face.

**Osteology.** with the two inferior processes of the vertebra above it. Each of these processes is covered with cartilage at its articulation, and their articulations with each other are by a species of ginglymus.

In each vertebra, between its body and its processes, we find a hole large enough to admit a finger. These holes or foramina, correspond with each other through all the vertebrae, and form the long bony channel in which the spinal marrow is placed. We may likewise observe four notches in each vertebra. Two of these notches are at the upper, and two at the lower part of the bone, between the oblique processes and the body of the vertebra. Each of these notches meeting with a similar opening in the vertebra above or below it, forms a foramen for the passage of blood-vessels, and of the nerves out of the spine.

The bones of the spine are united together by means of a substance, which in young subjects appears to be of a ligamentous, but in adults more of a cartilaginous nature. This intervertebral substance, which forms a kind of partition between the several vertebrae, is thicker and more flexible between the lumbar vertebrae than in the other parts of the spine, the most considerable motions of the trunk being performed on those vertebrae. This substance being very elastic, the extension and flexion of the body, and its motion backwards and forwards, or to either side, are performed with great facility. This elasticity seems to be the reason why people who have been long standing, or have carried a considerable weight, are found to be shorter than when they have been long in bed. In the two first instances the intervertebral cartilages (as they are usually called) are evidently more exposed to compression than when we are in bed in an horizontal posture.

In advanced life these cartilages become shrivelled, and of course lose much of their elasticity. This may serve to account for the decrease in stature and the stooping forward which are usually to be observed in old people.

Besides the connection of the several vertebrae by means of this intervertebral substance, there are likewise many strong ligaments, both external and internal, which unite the bones of the spine to each other. Their union is also strengthened by a variety of strong muscles that cover and surround the spine.

The bones of the spine are found to diminish in density, and to be less firm in their texture in proportion as they increase in bulk; so that the lowermost vertebrae, though the largest, are not so heavy in proportion as the upper ones. By this means the size of these bones is increased without adding to their weight: a circumstance of no little importance in a part like the spine, which, besides flexibility and suppleness, seems to require lightness as one of its essential properties.

In very young children, each vertebra consists of three bony pieces united by cartilages which afterwards ossify.

<sup>31</sup> There are seven vertebrae of the neck—they are of a firmer texture than the other bones of the spine. Their transverse processes are forked for the lodgment of muscles, and at the bottom of each we observe a foramen, through which pass the cervical artery and vein. The first and second of these vertebrae must be described more particularly. The first approaches almost to an oval shape—On its superior surface it has two cavi-

ties which admit the condyles of the occipital bone with which it is articulated. This vertebra, which is called *atlas* from its supporting the head, cannot well be described as having either body or spinous process, being a kind of bony ring. Anteriorly, where it is articulated to the odontoid process of the second vertebra, it is very thin. On its upper surface it has two cavities which admit the condyles of the occipital bone. By this connection the head is allowed to move forwards and backwards, but has very little motion in any other direction.

The second vertebra has gotten the name of *dentata*, from its having, at its upper and anterior part, a process called the *odontoid* or *tooth-like process*, which is articulated with the atlas, to which this second vertebra may be said to serve as an axis. This odontoid process is of a cylindrical shape, somewhat flattened, however, anteriorly and posteriorly. At its fore-part where it is received by the atlas, we may observe a smooth, convex, articulating surface. It is by means of this articulation that the head performs its rotatory motion, the atlas in that case moving upon this odontoid process as upon a pivot. But when this motion is in any considerable degree, or, in other words, when the head moves much either to the right or left, all the cervical vertebrae seem to assist, otherwise the spinal marrow would be in danger of being divided transversely by the first vertebra.

The spinous process of each of the cervical vertebrae is shorter, and their articular processes more oblique, than in the other bones of the spine.

These 12 vertebrae are of a middle size between those of the neck and loins. At their sides we may observe two depressions, one at the upper and the other at the lower part of the body of each vertebrae; which uniting with similar depressions in the vertebrae above and below, form articulating surfaces, covered with cartilages, for receiving the heads of the ribs; and at the fore-part of their transverse process (excepting the two last) we find an articulating surface for receiving the tuberosity of the ribs.

These five vertebrae differ only from those of the back in their being larger, and in having their spinous processes at a greater distance from each other. The most considerable motions of the trunk are made on these vertebrae; and these motions could not be performed with so much ease, were the processes placed nearer to each other.

The os sacrum, which is composed of five or six pieces in young subjects, becomes one bone in more advanced age.

It is nearly of a triangular figure, its inferior portion being bent a little forwards. Its superior part has two oblique processes which are articulated with the last of the lumbar vertebrae; and it has likewise commonly three small spinous processes, which gradually become shorter, so that the lowermost is not so long as the second, nor the second as the uppermost. Its transverse processes are formed into one oblong process, which becomes gradually smaller as it descends. Its concave or anterior side is usually smooth, but its posterior convex side has many prominences (the most remarkable of which are the spinous processes just now mentioned), which are filled up and covered with the muscular and tendinous parts behind.

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<sup>32</sup> Vertebrae of the back.

<sup>33</sup> Lumbar vertebrae

<sup>34</sup> Os sacrum.

**Osteology.** This bone has five pair of holes, which afford a passage to blood-vessels, and likewise to the nerves that are derived from the spinal marrow, which is continued even here, being lodged in a triangular cavity, that becomes smaller as it descends, and at length terminates obliquely at the lower part of this bone. Below the third division of the os sacrum, this canal is not completely bony as in the rest of the spine, being secured at its back part only by a very strong membrane, so that a wound at this part must be extremely dangerous.

The os sacrum is united laterally to the ossa innominata or hip-bones, and below to the coccyx.

<sup>35</sup> **Os coccyx.** The coccyx, which, like the os sacrum, is in young people made up of three or four distinct parts, usually becomes one bone in the adult state.

It serves to support the intestinum rectum; and, by its being capable of some degree of motion at its articulation with the sacrum, and being like that bone bent forwards, we are enabled to sit with ease.

This bone is nearly of a triangular shape, being broadest at its upper part, and from thence growing narrower to its apex, where it is not bigger than the little finger.

It has got its name from its supposed resemblance to a cuckow's beak. It differs greatly from the vertebræ, being commonly without any processes, and having no cavity for the spinal marrow, or foramina for the transmission of nerves.

The spine, of which we have now finished the anatomical description, is destined for many great and important uses. The medulla spinalis is lodged in its bony canal secure from external injury. It serves as a defence to the abdominal and thoracic viscera, and at the same time supports the head, and gives a general firmness to the whole trunk.

We have before compared it to the letter *s*, and its different turns will be found to render it not very unlike the figure of that letter.—In the neck we see it projecting somewhat forward to support the head, which without this assistance would require a great number of muscles.—Lower down, in the thorax, we find it taking a curved direction backwards, and of course increasing the cavity of the chest. After this, in the loins, it again projects forwards in a direction with the centre of gravity, by which means we are easily enabled to keep the body in an erect posture, for otherwise we should be liable to fall forward. Towards its inferior extremity, however, it again recedes backward, and thus assists in forming the pelvis, the name given to the cavity in which the urinary bladder, intestinum rectum, and other viscera are placed.

If this bony column had been formed only of one piece, it would have been much more easily fractured than it is now: and by confining the trunk to a stiff situation, a variety of motions would have been altogether prevented, which are now performed with ease by the great number of bones of which it is composed.

It is firm, and yet to this firmness there is added a perfect flexibility. If it be required to carry a load upon the head, the neck becomes stiff with the assistance of its muscles, and accommodates itself to the load, as if it was composed only of one bone.—In stooping likewise, or in turning to either side, the spine

turns itself in every direction, as if all its bones were separated from each other. **Osteology.**

In a part of the body, like the spine, that is made up of so great a number of bones, and intended for such a variety of motion, there must be a greater danger of dislocation than fracture; but we shall find, that this is very wisely guarded against in every direction by the processes belonging to each vertebra, and by the ligaments, cartilages, &c. by which these bones are connected with each other.

### § 2. Of the Bones of the Thorax.

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THE thorax, or chest, is composed of many bones, viz. the sternum which is placed at its anterior part, twelve ribs on each side which make up its lateral parts, and the dorsal vertebræ which constitute its posterior part. These last have been already described.

The sternum is the long bone which extends itself from the upper to the lower part of the breast anteriorly, and to which the ribs and the clavicles are articulated. <sup>37</sup> Of the sternum.

In children it is composed of several bones united by cartilages; but as we advance in life, most of these cartilages ossify, and the sternum in the adult state is found to consist only of three pieces, and sometimes become one bone. It is however generally described as being composed of three parts—one superior, which is broad, thick, and short; and one in the middle, which is thinner, narrower, and longer than the other.

It terminates at its lower part by a third piece, which is called the *xiphoid*, or *sword-like cartilage*, from its supposed resemblance to the blade of a sword, and because in young subjects it is commonly in a cartilaginous state.

We have already observed, that this bone is articulated with the clavicle on each side. It is likewise joined to the fourteen true ribs, viz. seven on its right and seven on its left side.

The ribs are bones shaped like a bow, forming the sides of the chest. There are twelve on each side. <sup>38</sup> Of the ribs. They are distinguished into true and false ribs: The seven upper ribs which are articulated to the sternum are called *true ribs*, and the five lower ones that are not immediately attached to that bone are called *false ribs*.

On the inferior and interior surface of each rib, we observe a sinuosity for the lodgment of an artery, vein, and nerve.

The ribs are not bony through their whole length, their anterior part being cartilaginous. They are articulated with the vertebræ and sternum. Every rib (or at least the greater number of them) has at its posterior part two processes; one at its extremity called the head of the rib, by means of which it is articulated with the body of two vertebræ; and another, called its tuberosity, by which it is articulated with the transverse process of the lowest of these two vertebræ. The first rib is not articulated by its extremity to two vertebræ, being simply attached to the upper part of the first vertebra of the back. The seven superior or true ribs are articulated anteriorly with the sternum by their cartilages; but the false ribs are supported in a different manner—the eighth, which is the first of these ribs, being

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The two lowermost ribs differ likewise from all the rest in the following particulars: They are articulated only with the body of the vertebra, and not with a transverse process; and anteriorly, their cartilage is loose, not being attached to the cartilages of the other ribs; and this seems to be, because the most considerable motions of the trunk are not performed on the lumbar vertebræ alone, but likewise on the two last vertebræ of the back; so that if these two ribs had been confined at the fore part like the other ribs, and had been likewise articulated with the bodies of two vertebræ, and with the transverse processes, the motion of the two last vertebræ, and consequently of the whole trunk, would have been impeded.

The ribs help to form the cavity of the thorax; they afford attachment to different muscles; they are useful in respiration; and they serve as a security to the heart and lungs.

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### § 3. Of the Bones of the Pelvis.

THE pelvis is composed of the os sacrum, os coccygis, and two ossa innominata. The two first of these bones were included in the account of the spine, to which they more properly belong.

In children, each os innominatum is composed of three distinct bones; but as we advance in life the intermediate cartilages gradually ossify, and the marks of the original separation disappear, so that they become one irregular bone; still however continuing to retain the names of ilium, ischium, and pubis, by which their divisions were originally distinguished, and to be described as three different bones by the generality of anatomists. The os ilium forms the upper and most considerable part of the bone, the os ischium its lower and posterior portion, and the os pubis its fore part.

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Os ilium.

The os ilium or haunch bone, is articulated posteriorly to the os sacrum by a firm cartilaginous substance, and is united to the os pubis before and to the os ischium below. Its superior portion is thin, and terminates in a ridge called the crista or spine of the ilium, and more commonly known by the name of the haunch. This crista rises up like an arch; being turned somewhat outwards, so as to resemble the wings of a phaeton.

Externally this bone is unequally prominent and hollowed for the lodgement of muscles; internally we find it smooth and concave. At its lower part there is a considerable ridge on its inner surface. This ridge extends from the os sacrum, and corresponds with a similar prominence both on that bone and the ischium; forms with the inner part of the ossa pubis what in midwifery is termed the brim of the pelvis.

The crista, or spine, which at first is an epiphysis, has two considerable tuberosities; one anteriorly, and the other posteriorly, which is the largest of the two: These, from their projecting more than the parts of the bone below them, have gotten the name of spinal processes. From the anterior spinous process, the sartorius and tensor vagina femoris muscles have their origin; and below the posterior process we observe a considerable niche in the bone, which, in the recent subject, is formed into a large foramen, by means of a strong ligament that is stretched over its lower part

from the os sacrum to the sharp-pointed process of the ischium. This hole affords a passage to the great sciatic nerve, and to the posterior crural vessels under the pyriform muscle, part of which likewise passes out here.

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The os ischium, or hip-bone, which is of a very irregular figure, constitutes the lower lateral parts of the pelvis, and is commonly divided into its body, tuberosity, and ramus. The body forms the lower and most considerable portion of the acetabulum, and sends a sharp-pointed process backwards, called the spine of the ischium. To this process the ligament adheres, which was just now spoken of, as forming a foramen for the passage of the sciatic nerve.—The tuberosity, which is the lowest part of the trunk, and supports us when we sit, is large and irregular, affording origin to several muscles. From this tuberosity we find the bone becoming thinner and narrower. This part, which has the name of ramus or branch, passes forwards and upwards, and concurs with the ramus of the os pubis, to form a large hole called the *foramen magnum ischii*, or *thyroideum*, as it is sometimes named, from its resemblance to a door or shield. This hole, which in the recent subject is closed by a strong membrane called the obturator ligament, affords through its whole circumference attachment to muscles. At its upper part where we observe a niche in the bone, it gives passage to the obturator vessels and nerves, which go to the inner part of the thigh. Nature seems every where to avoid an unnecessary weight of bone, and this foramen, no doubt, serves to lighten the bones of the pelvis.

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Os ischium.

The os pubis or share-bone, which with its fellow forms the fore-part of the pelvis, is the smallest division of the os innominatum. It is united to its fellow by means of a strong cartilage, which forms what is called the symphysis pubis.

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Os pubis.

In each os pubis we may distinguish the body of the bone, its angle, and ramus. The body or outer part is united to the os ilium. The angle comes forward to form the symphysis, and the ramus is a thin process which unites with the ramus of the ischium, to form the foramen thyroideum.

The three bones we have described as composing each os innominatum, all assist in forming the acetabulum, in which the head of the os femoris is received.

This cavity is every where lined with a smooth cartilage, excepting at its inner part, where we may observe a little fossa, in which are lodged the mucilaginous glands of the joint. We may likewise notice the pit or depression made by the round ligament, as it is improperly called, which, by adhering to this cavity and to the head of the thigh-bone, helps to secure the latter in the socket.

These bones, which are united to each other and to the spine by many very strong ligaments, serve to support the trunk, and to connect it with the lower extremities; and at the same time to form the pelvis or basin, in which are lodged the intestines and urinary bladder, and in women the uterus; so that the study of this part of osteology is of the utmost importance in midwifery.

It is worthy of observation, that in women the os sacrum is usually shorter, broader, and more hollowed, the ossa ilia more expanded, and the inferior opening of the pelvis larger than in men.

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SECT. IV. *Of the Extremities.*

43. THESE parts of the skeleton consist of the upper extremity and the lower.

§ I. *Of the UPPER EXTREMITY.*

44. THIS consists of the shoulder, the arm, and the hand.

I. *Of the Shoulder.*

45. The shoulder consists of two bones, the clavicle and the scapula.

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Of the clavicle.

The former, which is so named from its resemblance to the key in use amongst the ancients, is a little curved at both its extremities like an italic *f*. It is likewise called *jugulum*, or collar-bone, from its situation. It is about the size of the little finger, but longer, and being of a very spongy substance is very liable to be fractured. In this, as in other long bones, we may distinguish a body and two extremities. The body is rather flattened than rounded. The anterior extremity is formed into a slightly convex head, which is nearly of a triangular shape. The inferior surface of the head is articulated with the sternum. The posterior extremity, which is flatter and broader than the other, is connected to a process of the scapula, called *acromion*. Both these articulations are secured by ligaments, and in that with the sternum we meet with a moveable cartilage, to prevent any injury from friction.

The clavicle serves to regulate the motions of the scapula, by preventing it from being brought too much forwards, or carried too far backwards. It affords origin to several muscles, and helps to cover and protect the subclavian vessels, which derive their name from their situation under this bone.

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Of the scapula.

The scapula, or shoulder-blade, which is nearly of a triangular shape, is fixed to the posterior part of the true ribs, somewhat in the manner of a buckler. It is of a very unequal thickness, and, like all other broad, flat bones, is somewhat cellular. Externally it is convex, and interiorly concave, to accommodate itself to the convexity of the ribs. We observe in this bone three unequal sides, which are thicker and stronger than the body of the bone, and are therefore termed its *costæ*. The largest of the three, called also the basis, is turned towards the vertebræ. Another, which is less than the former, is below this; and the third, which is the least of the three, is at the upper part of the bone. Externally the bone is elevated into a considerable spine, which rising small at the basis of the scapula, becomes gradually higher and broader, and divides the outer surface of the bone into two fossæ. The superior of these, which is the smallest, serves to lodge the supra spinatus muscle; and the inferior fossa, which is much larger than the other, gives origin to the infra spinatus. This spine terminates in a broad and flat process at the top of the shoulder, called the *processus acromion*, to which the clavicle is articulated. This process is hollowed at its lower part to allow a passage to the supra and infra spinati muscles. The scapula has likewise another considerable process at its upper part, which, from its resemblance to the beak of a bird, is called the *coracoid process*. From the ou-

ter side of this coracoid process, a strong ligament passes to the *processus acromion*, which prevents a luxation of the os humeri upwards. A third process begins by a narrow neck, and ends in a cavity called *glenoid*, for the connection of the os humeri.

The scapula is articulated with the clavicle and os humeri, to which last it serves as a fulcrum; and by varying its position it affords a greater scope to the bones of the arm in their different motions. It likewise gives origin to several muscles, and posteriorly serves as a defence to the trunk.

2. *Bones of the Arm.*

The arm is commonly divided into two parts, which are articulated to each other at the elbow. The upper part retains the name of arm, properly so called, and the lower part is usually called the fore arm.

The arm is composed of a single bone called *os humeri*. This bone, which is almost of a cylindrical shape, may be divided into its body and its extremities.

The upper extremity begins by a large, round smooth head, which is admitted into the *glenoid cavity* of the scapula. On the upper and fore part of the bone there is a groove for lodging the long head of the biceps muscle of the arm; and on each side of the groove, at the upper end of the bone, there is a tubercle, to which the *spinata* muscles are fixed.

The lower extremity has several processes and cavities. The principal processes are its two condyles, one exterior and the other interior, and of these the last is the largest. Between these two we observe two lateral protuberances, which, together with a middle cavity, form as it were a kind of pulley upon which the motions of the fore-arm are chiefly performed. At each side of the condyles, as well exteriorly as interiorly, there is another eminence which gives origin to several muscles of the hand and fingers. Posteriorly and superiorly, speaking with respect to the condyles, we observe a deep fossa which receives a considerable process of the ulna; and anteriorly and opposite to this fossa, we observe another, which is much less and receives another process of the same bone.

The body of the bone has at its upper and anterior part a furrow which begins from behind the head of the bone, and serves to lodge the tendon of a muscle. The body of the os humeri is hollow through its whole length, and, like all other long bones, has its marrow.

This bone is articulated at its upper part to the scapula. This articulation, which allows motion every way, is surrounded by a capsular ligament; that is sometimes torn in luxation, and becomes an obstacle to the easy reduction of the bone. Its lower extremity is articulated with the bones of the fore-arm.

The fore-arm is composed of two bones, the ulna and radius.

The ulna or elbow-bone is much less than the os humeri, and becomes gradually smaller as it descends to the wrist. At its upper part it has two processes and two cavities. Of the two processes, the largest, which is situated posteriorly, and called the *olecranon*, is admitted into the posterior fossa of the os humeri. The other process is placed anteriorly, and is called the *coronoid process*. In bending the arm it enters into the anterior fossa of the os humeri. This process being

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Of the fore-arm.51  
Of the ulna.

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Between the two processes we have described, there is a considerable cavity called the sygmoid cavity, divided into two fossæ by a small eminence, which passes from one process to the other; it is by means of this cavity and the two processes, that the ulna is articulated with the os humeri by ginglymus.

At the bottom of the coronoid process interiorly, there is a small sygmoid cavity, which serves for the articulation of the ulna with the radius.

The body of the ulna is of a triangular shape: Its lower extremity terminates by a small head and a little styloid process. The ulna is articulated above to the os humeri—both above and below to the radius, and to the wrist at its lower extremity. All these articulations are secured by means of ligaments. The chief use of this bone seems to be to support and regulate the motions of the radius.

<sup>52</sup> Of the radius. The radius, which is so named from its supposed resemblance to the spoke of a wheel, is placed at the inside of the fore-arm. It is somewhat larger than the ulna, but not quite so long as that bone. Its upper part is cylindrical, hollowed superiorly to receive the outer condyle of the os humeri. Laterally it is admitted into the little sygmoid cavity of the ulna, and the cylindrical part of the bone turns in this cavity in the motions of pronation and supination (1). This bone follows the ulna in flexion and extension, and may likewise be moved round its axis in any direction. The lower extremity of the radius is much larger and stronger than its upper part; the ulna, on the contrary, is smaller and weaker below than above; so that they serve to supply each others deficiencies in both those parts.

On the external side of this bone, we observe a small cavity which is destined to receive the lower end of the ulna; and its lower extremity is formed into a large cavity, by means of which it is articulated with the bones of the wrist, and on this account it is sometimes called *manubrium manus*. It supports the two first bones of the wrist on the side of the thumb, whereas the ulna is articulated with that bone of the wrist which corresponds with the little finger.

Through the whole length both of this bone and the ulna, a ridge is observed, which affords attachment to an interosseous ligament. This ligament fills up the space between the two bones.

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### 3. Bones of the Hand.

<sup>54</sup> Of the carpus. The carpus or wrist consists of eight small bones of an irregular shape, and disposed in two unequal rows. Those of the upper row are articulated with the bones of the fore-arm, and those of the lower one with the metacarpus.

The ancient anatomists described these bones numerically; Lyserus seems to have been the first who gave

to each of them a particular name. The names he adopted are founded on the figure of the bones, and are now pretty generally received, except the first, which instead of *καρποειδης* (the name given to it by Lyserus, on account of its sinus that admits a part of the os magnum); has by later writers been named *Scaphoides* or *Naviculare*. This, which is the outermost of the upper row (considering the thumb as the outer side of the hand), is articulated with the radius; on its inner side it is connected with the os lunare, and below to the trapezium and trapezoides. Next to this is a smaller bone; called the *os lunare*: because its outer side, which is connected with the scaphoides, is shaped like a crescent. This is likewise articulated with the radius. On its inner side it joins the os cuneiforme, and anteriorly, the os magnum and os unciforme.

The os cuneiform, which is the third bone in the upper row, is compared to a wedge, from its being broader above, at the back of the hand, than it is below. Posteriorly it is articulated with the ulna, and anteriorly with the os unciforme.

These three bones form an oblong articulating surface, covered by cartilage, by which the hand is connected with the fore-arm.

The os pisiforme, or pea-like bone, which is smaller than the three just now described, though generally classed with the bones of the upper row, does not properly belong to either series, being placed on the under surface of the os cuneiforme, so as to project into the palm of the hand. The four bones of the second row correspond with the bones of the thumb and fingers; the first, second, and fourth, are from their shapes named *trapezium*, *trapezoides*, and *unciforme*; the third, from its being the largest bone of the carpus, is styled *os magnum*.

All these bones are convex towards the back, and slightly concave towards the palm of the hand; their articulating surfaces are covered with cartilages, and secured by many strong ligaments, particularly by two ligamentous expansions, called the external and internal annular ligaments of the wrist. The former extends in an oblique direction from the os pisiforme to the styloid process of the radius, and is an inch and an half in breadth; the latter or internal annular ligament is stretched from the os pisiforme and os unciforme, to the os scaphoides and trapezium. These annular ligaments likewise serve to bind down the tendons of the wrist and fingers.

The metacarpus consists of four bones, which support the fingers; externally they are a little convex, and internally somewhat concave, where they form the palm of the hand. They are hollow, and of a cylindrical shape. <sup>55</sup> Of the metacarpus.

At each extremity they are a little hollowed for their articulation; superiorly with the bones of the carpus, and inferiorly with the first phalanx of the fingers, in the same manner as the several phalanges of the fingers are articulated with each other.

The five fingers of each hand are composed of fifteen bones, disposed in three ranks called phalanges: The bones of the first phalanx, which are articulated with the <sup>56</sup> Of the fingers.   
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(1) The motions of pronation and supination may be easily described. If the palm of the hand, for instance, is placed on the surface of a table, the hand may be said to be in a state of pronation; but if the back part of the hand is turned towards the table, the hand will be then in a state of supination.

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We observe at the extremities of the bones of the carpus, metacarpus, and fingers, several inequalities that serve for their articulation with each other; and these articulations are strengthened by means of the ligaments which surround them.

It will be easily understood that this multiplicity of bones in the hand (for there are 27 in each hand) is essential to the different motions we wish to perform. If each finger was composed only of one bone instead of three, it would be impossible for us to grasp any thing.

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## § 2. Of the LOWER EXTREMITIES.

Each lower extremity is divided into four parts, viz. the os femoris, or thigh bone: the rotula, or kneepan; the leg and the foot.

### 1. Of the Thigh.

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Of the os femoris.

The thigh is composed only of this bone, which is the largest and strongest we have. It will be necessary to distinguish its body and extremities: Its body, which is of a cylindrical shape, is convex before and concave behind, where it serves to lodge several muscles.

Throughout two-thirds of its length we observe a ridge called *linea aspera*, which originates from the trochanters, and after running for some way downwards, divides into two branches, that terminate in the tuberosities at the lower extremity of the bone.

At its upper extremity we must describe the neck and smooth head of the bone, and likewise two considerable processes: The head, which forms the greater portion of a sphere unequally divided, is turned inwards, and received into the great cotyloid cavity of the os innominatum. At this part of the bone there is a little fossa to be observed, to which the round ligament is attached, and which we have already described as tending to secure the head of this bone in the great acetabulum. The neck is almost horizontal, considered with respect to its situation with the body of the bone. Of the two processes, the external one, which is the largest, is called trochanter major; and the other, which is placed on the inside of the bone, trochanter minor. They both afford attachment to muscles. The articulation of the os femoris with the trunk is strengthened by means of a capsular ligament, which adheres every where round the edge of the great cotyloid cavity of the os innominatum, and surrounds the head of the bone.

The os femoris moves upon the trunk in every direction.

At the lower extremity of the bone are two processes called the condyles, and an intermediate smooth cavity, by means of which it is articulated with the leg by ginglymus.

All round the under end of the bone there is an irregular surface where the capsular ligament of the joint has its origin, and where blood-vessels go into the substance of the bone.

Between the condyles there is a cavity posteriorly, in which the blood-vessels and nerves are placed, secure from the compression to which they would otherwise be exposed in the action of bending the leg, and which would not fail to be hurtful.

At the side of each condyle externally, there is a tuberosity, from whence the lateral ligaments originate, which are extended down to the tibia. Osteology.

A ligament likewise arises from each condyle posteriorly. One of these ligaments passes from the right to the left, and the other from the left to the right, so that they intersect each other, and for that reason are called the *cross ligaments*.

The lateral ligaments prevent the motion of the leg upon the thigh to the right or left; and the cross ligaments, which are also attached to the tibia, prevent the latter from being brought forwards.

In new-born children all the processes of this bone are cartilaginous.

### 2. The Rotula, or Kneepan.

The rotula, patella, or kneepan, as it is differently called, is a flat bone about four or five inches in circumference, and is placed at the fore-part of the joint of the knee. In its shape it is somewhat like the common figure of the heart, with its point downwards. <sup>59</sup> Of the ro-

It is thinner at its edge than in its middle part; at its fore-part it is smooth and somewhat convex; its posterior surface, which is more unequal, affords an elevation in the middle which is admitted between the two condyles of the os femoris.

This bone is retained in its proper situation by a strong ligament which every where surrounds it, and adheres both to the tibia and os femoris; it is likewise firmly connected with the tibia by means of a strong tendinous ligament of an inch in breadth, and upwards of two inches in length, which adheres to the lower part of the patella, and to the tuberosity at the upper end of the tibia. On account of this connection, it is very properly considered as an appendage to the tibia, which it follows in all its motions, so as to be to it what the olecranon is to the ulna. There is this difference, however, that the olecranon is a fixed process; whereas the patella is moveable, being capable of sliding from above downwards and from below upwards. This mobility is essential to the rotatory motion of the leg.

In very young children this bone is entirely cartilaginous.

The principal use of the patella seems to be to defend the articulation of the knee from external injury; it likewise tends to increase the power of the extensor muscles of the leg, by removing their direction farther from the centre of motion in the manner of a pulley.

### 3. Of the Leg.

The leg is composed of two bones: Of these the inner one, which is the largest, is called tibia; the other is much smaller, and named fibula. <sup>60</sup>

The tibia, which is so called from its resemblance to the musical pipe of the ancients, has three surfaces, and is not very unlike a triangular prism. Its posterior surface is the broadest; anteriorly it has a considerable ridge called the shin, between which and the skin there are no muscles. At the upper extremity of this bone are two surfaces, a little concave, and separated from each other by an intermediate elevation. The two little cavities receive the condyles of the os femoris, and the eminence between them is admitted into the cavity which we spoke of as being between the two condyles; so that this articulation affords a specimen of the complete <sup>61</sup> Of the tibia



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plete ginglymus. Under the external edge of the upper end of this bone is a circular flat surface, which receives the head of the fibula.

At the lower and inner portion of the tibia, we observe a considerable process called *malleolus internus*. The basis of the bone terminates in a large transverse cavity, by which it is articulated with the uppermost bone of the foot. It has likewise another cavity at its lower end and outer side, which is somewhat oblong, and receives the lower end of the fibula.

The tibia is hollow through its whole length.

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Of the fibula.

The fibula is a small long bone situated on the outside of the tibia. Its superior extremity does not reach quite so high as the upper part of the tibia, but its lower end descends somewhat lower. Both above and below, it is articulated with the tibia by means of the lateral cavities we noticed in our description of that bone.

Its lower extremity is stretched out into a coronoid process, which is flattened at its inside, and is convex externally, forming what is called the *malleolus externus*, or *outer angle*. This is rather lower than the *malleolus internus* of the tibia.

The body of this bone, which is irregularly triangular, is a little hollow at its internal surface, which is turned towards the tibia; and it affords like that bone, through its whole length, attachment to a ligament, which from its situation is called the interosseous ligament.

## 4. Of the Foot.

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The foot consists of the tarsus, metatarsus, and toes.

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Of the tarsus.

The tarsus is composed of seven bones, viz. the astragalus, os calcis, os naviculare, os cuboides, and three others called cuneiform bones.

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Of the astragalus.

The astragalus is a large bone with which both the tibia and fibula are articulated. It is the uppermost bone of the foot; it has several surfaces to be considered; its upper, and somewhat posterior part, which is smooth and convex, is admitted into the cavity of the tibia. Its lateral parts are connected with the malleoli of the two bones of the leg; below, it is articulated with the os calcis, and its anterior surface is received by the os naviculare. All these articulations are secured by means of ligaments.

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Of the os calcis.

The os calcis, or calcaneum, which is of a very irregular figure, is the largest bone of the foot. Behind, it is formed into a considerable tuberosity called the heel; without this tuberosity, which supports us in an erect posture, and when we walk, we should be liable to fall backwards.

On the internal surface of this bone, we observe a considerable sinuosity, which affords a passage to the tendon of a muscle: and to the posterior part of the os calcis, a strong tendinous cord called *tendo achillis* (M) is attached, which is formed by the tendons of several muscles united together. The articulation of this with the other bones is secured by means of ligaments.

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Of the os naviculare.

The os naviculare, or scaphoides, (for these two terms have the same signification), is so called on account of its resemblance to a little bark. At its posterior part, which is concave, it receives the astragalus; anteriorly

it is articulated with the cuneiform bones, and laterally is connected with the os cuboides.

The os cuboides forms an irregular cube. Posteriorly it is articulated with the os calcis; anteriorly it supports the two last bones of the metatarsus, and laterally it joins the third cuneiform bone and the os naviculare.

Each of the ossa cuneiformia, which are three in number, resembles a wedge, and from this similitude their name is derived. They are placed next to the metatarsus by the sides of each other, and are usually distinguished into *os cuneiforme externum*, *medium* or *minimum*, and *internum* or *maximum*. The superior surface of these bones, from their wedge-like shape, is broader than that which is below, where they help to form the sole of the foot; posteriorly they are united to the os naviculare, and anteriorly they support the three first metatarsal bones.

When these seven bones composing the tarsus are viewed together in the skeleton, they appear convex above, where they help to form the upper part of the foot; and concave underneath, where they form the hollow of the foot, in which the vessels, tendons, and nerves of the foot are placed secure from pressure.

They are united to each other by very strong ligaments, and their articulation with the foot is secured by a capsular and two lateral ligaments; each of the latter is covered by an annular ligament of considerable breadth and thickness, which serves to bind down the tendons of the foot, and at the same time to strengthen the articulation.

The os cuneiforme externum is joined laterally to the os cuboides.

These bones complete our account of the tarsus. Though what we have said of this part of the osteology has been very simple and concise, yet many readers may not clearly understand it: but if they will be pleased to view these bones in their proper situation in the skeleton, all that we have said of them will be easily understood.

The metatarsus is made up of five bones, whereas the metacarpus consists only of four. The cause of this difference is, that in the hand the last bone of the thumb is not included among the metacarpal bones; whereas in the foot the great toe has only two bones. The first of these bones supports the great toe and is much larger than the rest, which nearly resemble each other in size.

These bones are articulated by one extremity with the cuneiform bones and the os cuboides, and by their other end with the toes.

Each of the toes, like the fingers, consists of three bones, except the great toe, which is formed of two bones. Those of the other four are distinguished into three phalanges. Although the toes are more confined in their motion than the fingers, yet they appear to be perfectly fitted for the purposes they are designed for. In walking, the toes bring the centre of gravity perpendicular to the advanced foot; and as the soles of the foot are naturally concave, we can at pleasure increase this concavity, and form a kind of vault, which adjusts itself to the different inequalities that occur

(11) This tendon is sometimes ruptured by jumping, dancing, or other violent efforts.

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§ 4. *Of the Offa SESAMOIDEA.*

BESIDES the bones we have already described, there are several small ones that are met with only in the adult skeleton, and in persons who are advanced in life; which, from their supposed general resemblance to the seeds of the sesamum, are called *ossa sesamoidea*. They are commonly to be seen at the first joint of the great toe, and sometimes at the joints of the thumb; they are likewise now and then to be found at the lower extremity of the fibula, upon the condyles of the thigh-bone, under the os cuboides of the tarsus,

and in other parts of the body. Their size and number seem constantly to be increased by age and hard labour; and as they are generally found in situations where tendons and ligaments are most exposed to the action of muscles, they are now generally considered as ossified portions of ligaments or tendons.

The upper surface of these bones is usually convex, and adherent to the tendon that covers it; the side which is next to the joint is smooth and flat. Though their formation is accidental, yet they seem to be of some use, by raising the tendons farther from the centre of motion, and consequently increasing the power of the muscles. In the great toe and thumb they are likewise useful, by forming a groove for the flexor tendons.

EXPLANATION OF THE PLATES OF OSTEOLOGY.

PLATE XIX.

FIG. 1. A Front-view of the MALE SKELETON.

A, The os frontis. B, The os parietale. C, The coronal suture. D, The squamous part of the temporal bones. E, The squamous suture. F, The zygoma. G, The mastoid process. H, The temporal process of the sphenoid bone. I, The orbit. K, The os malæ. L, The os maxillare superius. M, Its nasal process. N, The ossa nasi. O, The os unguis. P, The maxilla inferior. Q, The teeth, which are sixteen in number in each jaw. R, The seven cervical vertebræ, with their intermediate cartilages. S, Their transverse processes. T, The twelve dorsal vertebræ, with their intermediate cartilages. U, The five lumbar vertebræ. V, Their transverse processes. W, The upper part of the os sacrum. X, Its lateral parts. The holes seen on its fore part are the passages of the undermost spinal nerves and small vessels. Opposite to the holes, the marks of the original divisions of the bone are seen. Y, The os ilium. Z, Its crest or spine. a, The anterior spinous processes. b, The brim of the pelvis. c, The ischiatic niche. d, The os ischium. e, Its tuberosity. f, Its spinous process. g, Its crus. h, The foramen thyroideum. i, The os pubis. k, The symphysis pubis. l, The crus pubis. m, The acetabulum. n, The seventh or last true rib. o, The twelfth or last false rib. p, The upper end of the sternum. q, The middle piece. r, The under end, or cartilage ensiformis. s, The clavicle. t, The internal surface of the scapula. u, Its acromion. v, Its coracoid process. w, Its cervix. x, The glenoid cavity. y, The os humeri. z, Its head, which is connected to the glenoid cavity. 1, Its external tubercle. 2, Its internal tubercle. 3, The groove for lodging the long head of the biceps muscle of the arm. 4, The internal condyle. 5, The external condyle. Between 4 and 5, the trochlea. 6, The radius. 7, Its head. 8, Its tubercle. 9, The ulna. 10, Its coronoid process. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, The carpus; composed of os naviculare, os lunare, os cuneiforme, os pisiforme, os trapezium, os trapezoides, os magnum, os unciforme. 19, The five bones of the metacarpus. 20, The two bones of the thumb. 21, The three bones of each of the fingers. 22, The os femoris. 23, Its head. 24, Its cervix. 25, The trochanter major. 26, The trochanter minor. 27, The inter-

nal condyle. 28, The external condyle. 29, The rotula. 30, The tibia. 31, Its head. 32, Its tubercle. 33, Its spine. 34, The malleolus internus. 35, The fibula. 36, Its head. 37, The malleolus externus. The tarsus is composed of, 38, The astragalus; 39, The os calcis; 40, The os naviculare; 41, Three ossa cuneiformia, and the os cuboides, which is not seen in this figure. 42, The five bones of the metatarsus. 43, The two bones of the great toe. 44, The three bones of each of the small toes.

FIG. 2. A Front-view of the SKULL.

A, The os frontis. B, The lateral part of the os frontis, which gives origin to part of the temporal muscle. C, The superciliary ridge. D, The superciliary hole through which the frontal vessels and nerves pass. EE, The orbital processes. F, The middle of the transverse suture. G, The upper part of the orbit. H, The foramen opticum. I, The foramen lacerum. K, The inferior orbital fissure. L, The os unguis. M, The ossa nasi. N, The os maxillare superius. O, Its nasal process. P, The external orbital hole through which the superior maxillary vessels and nerves pass. Q, The os malæ. R, A passage for small vessels into, or out of, the orbit. S, The under part of the left nostril. T, The septum narium. U, The os spongiosum superius. V, The os spongiosum inferius. W, The edge of the alveoli, or spongy sockets, for the teeth. X, The maxilla inferior. Y, The passage for the inferior maxillary vessels and nerves.

FIG. 3. A Side-view of the SKULL.

A, The os frontis. B, The coronal suture. C, The os parietale. D, An arched ridge which gives origin to the temporal muscle. E, The squamous suture. F, The squamous part of the temporal bone; and, farther forwards, the temporal process of the sphenoid bone. G, The zygomatic process of the temporal bone. H, The zygomatic suture. I, The mastoid process of the temporal bone. K, The meatus auditorius externus. L, The orbital plate of the frontal bone, under which is seen the transverse suture. M, The pars plana of the ethmoid bone. N, The os unguis. O, The right os nasi. P, The superior maxillary bone. Q, Its nasal process. R, The two dentes incisores. S, The dens caninus. T, The two small molares. U, The three large molares. V, The os malæ. W, The lower jaw. X, Its angle. Y, The coronoid

Osteology. coronoid process. Z, The condyloid process, by which the jaw is articulated with the temporal bone.

FIG. 4. The posterior and right Side of the SKULL.

A, The os frontis. B B, The ossa parietalia. C, The sagittal suture. D, The parietal hole, through which a small vein runs to the superior longitudinal sinus. E, The lambdoid suture. FF, Ossa triquetra. G, The os occipitis. H, The squamous part of the temporal bone. I, The mastoid process. K, The zygoma. L, The os malæ. M, The temporal part of the sphenoid bone. N, The superior maxillary bone and teeth.

FIG. 5. The external Surface of the OS FRONTIS.

A, The convex part. B, Part of the temporal fossa. C, The external angular process. D, The internal angular process. E, The nasal process. F, The superciliary arch. G, The superciliary hole. H, The orbital plate.

FIG. 6. The Interior Surface of the OS FRONTIS.

AA, The serrated edge which assists to form the coronal suture. B, The external angular process. C, The internal angular process. D, The nasal process. E, The orbital plate. F, The cells which correspond with those of the ethmoid bone. G, The passage from the frontal sinus. H, The opening which receives the cribriform plate of the ethmoid bone. I, The cavity which lodges the fore part of the brain. K, The spine to which the falx is fixed. L, The groove which lodges the superior longitudinal sinus.

#### PLATE XX.

FIG. 1. A Back-view of the SKELETON.

AA, The ossa parietalia. B, The sagittal suture. C, The lambdoid suture. D, The occipital bone. E, The squamous suture. F, The mastoid process of the temporal bone. G, The os malæ. H, The palate plates of the superior maxillary bones. I, The maxilla inferior. K, The teeth of both jaws. L, The seven cervical vertebræ. M, Their spinous processes. N, Their transverse and oblique processes. O, The last of the twelve dorsal vertebræ. P, The fifth or last lumbar vertebra. Q, The transverse processes. R, The oblique processes. S, The spinous processes. T, The upper part of the os sacrum. U, The posterior holes which transmit small blood-vessels and nerves. V, The under part of the os sacrum which is covered by a membrane. W, The os coccygis. X, The os ilium. Y, Its spine or crest. Z, The ischiatic niche. a, The os ischium. b, Its tuberosity. c, Its spine. d, The os pubis. e, The foramen hydroideum. f, The seventh or last true rib. g, The twelfth or last false rib. h, The clavicle. i, the scapula. k, Its spine. l, Its acromion. m, Its cervix. n, Its superior costa. o, Its posterior costa. p, Its inferior costa. q, The os humeri. r, The radius. s, The ulna. t, Its olecranon. u, All the bones of the carpus, excepting the os pisiforme, which is seen in Plate XIX. (fig. 1. v, The five bones of the metacarpus. w, The two bones of the thumb. x, The three bones of each of the fingers. y, The two sesamoid bones at the root of the left thumb. z, The os femoris. 1, The trochanter major. 2, The trochanter minor. 3, The linea aspera. 4, The internal condyle. 5, The external

Osteology. condyle. 6 6, The simular cartilages. 7, The tibia. 8, The malleolus internus. 9, The fibula. 10, The malleolus externus. 11, The tarsus. 12, The metatarsus. 13, The toes.

FIG. 2. The External Surface of the Left OS PARIETALE.

A, The convex smooth surface. B, The parietal hole. C, An arch made by the beginning of the temporal muscle.

FIG. 3. The Internal Surface of the same bone.

A, Its superior edge, which, joined with the other, forms the sagittal suture. B, The anterior edge, which assists in the formation of the coronal suture. C, The inferior edge for the squamous suture. D, The posterior edge for the lambdoid suture. E, A depression made by the lateral sinus. FF, The prints of the arteries of the dura mater.

FIG. 4. The External Surface of the Left OS TEMPORUM.

A, The squamous part. B, The mastoid process. C, The zygomatic process. D, The styloid process. E, The petrosal process. F, The meatus auditorius externus. G, The glenoid cavity for the articulation of the lower jaw. H, The foramen stylo-mastoideum for the portio dura of the seventh pair of nerves. I, Passages for blood-vessels into the bone. K, The foramen mastoideum through which a vein goes to the lateral sinus.

FIG. 5. The Internal Surface of the Left OS TEMPORUM.

A, The squamous part; the upper edge of which assists in forming the squamous suture. B, The mastoid process. C, The styloid process. D, The pars petrosa. E, The entry of the seventh pair, or auditory nerve. F, The fossa, which lodges a part of the lateral sinus. G, The foramen mastoideum.

FIG. 6. The External Surface of the OSSEOUS CIRCLE, which terminates the meatus auditorius externus.

A, The anterior part. B, A small part of the groove in which the membrana tympani is fixed.

N. B. This, with the subsequent bones of the ear, are here delineated as large as the life.

FIG. 7. The Internal Surface of the OSSEOUS CIRCLE.

A, The anterior part. B, The groove in which the membrana tympani is fixed.

FIG. 8. The Situation and Connection of the Small Bones of the EAR.

A, The malleus. B, The incus. C, The os orbiculare. D, The stapes.

FIG. 9. The MALLEUS, with its Head, Handle, and Small Processes.

FIG. 10. The INCUS, with its Body, Superior and Inferior Branches.

FIG. 11. The OS ORBICULARE.

FIG. 12. The STAPES, with its Head, Base, and two Crura.

FIG. 13. An Internal View of the LABYRINTH of the EAR.

A, The hollow part of the cochlea, which forms a share

Osteology. share of the meatus auditorius internus. B, The vestibulum. CCC, The femicircular canals.

FIG. 14. An External View of the LABYRINTH.

A, the femicircular canals. B, The fenestra ovalis which leads into the vestibulum. C, The fenestra rotunda which opens into the cochlea. D, The different turns of the cochlea.

FIG. 15. The Internal Surface of the Os SPHENOIDES.

AA, The temporal processes. BB, The pterygoid processes. CC, The spinous processes. DD, The anterior clinoid processes. E, The posterior clinoid process. F, The anterior process which joins the ethmoid bone. G, The sella turcica for lodging the glandula pituitaria. H, The foramen opticum. K, The foramen lacerum. L, The foramen rotundum. M, The foramen ovale. N, The foramen spinale.

FIG. 16. The External Surface of the Os SPHENOIDES.

AA, The temporal processes. BB, The pterygoid processes. CC, The spinous processes. D, The processus azygos. E, The small triangular processes which grow from the body of the bone. FF, The orifices of the sphenoidal sinuses. G, The foramen lacerum. H, The foramen rotundum. I, The foramen ovale. K, The foramen pterygoideum.

FIG. 17. The External View of the Os ETHMOIDES.

A, The nasal lamella. BB, The grooves between the nasal lamella and ossa spongiosa superiora. CC, The ossa spongiosa superiora. DD, The sphenoidal cornua. See Fig. 16. E.

FIG. 18. The Internal View of the Os ETHMOIDES.

A, The crista galli. B, The cribriform plate, with the different passages of the olfactory nerves. CC, Some of the ethmoidal cells. D, The right os planum. E E, The sphenoidal cornua.

FIG. 19. The right SPHENOIDAL CORNU.

FIG. 20. The left SPHENOIDAL CORNU.

FIG. 21. The External Surface of the Os OCCIPITIS.

A, The upper part of the bone. B, The superior arched ridge. C, The inferior arched ridge. Under the arches are prints made by the muscles of the neck. DD, The two condyloid processes which articulate the head with the spine. E, The cuneiform process. F, The foramen magnum through which the spinal marrow passes. GG, The posterior condyloid foramina which transmit veins into the lateral sinuses. HH, The foramina lingualia for the passage of the nine pair of nerves.

FIG. 22. The internal Surface of the Os OCCIPITIS.

AA, The two sides which assist to form the lambdoid suture. B, The point of the cuneiform process, where it joins the sphenoid bone. CC, The prints made by the posterior lobes of the brain. DD, Prints made by the lobes of the cerebellum. E, The cruciform ridge for the attachment of the processes of the dura mater. F, The course of the superior longitudinal sinuses. GG, The course of the two lateral sinuses. H, The foramen magnum. II, The posterior condyloid foramina.

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FIG. 1. A Side-view of the SKELETON.

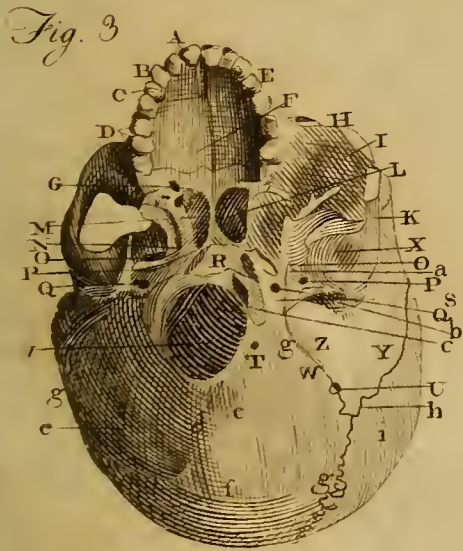
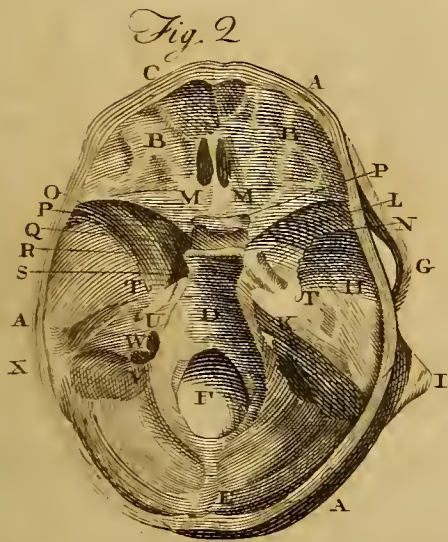
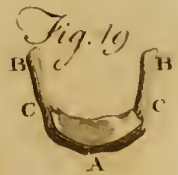
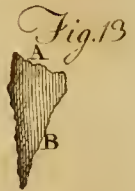
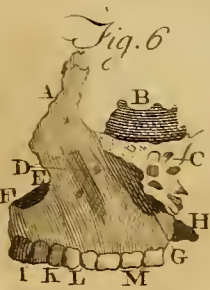
AA, The ossa parietalia. B, The sagittal suture. C, The os occipitis. DD, The lambdoid suture. E, The squamous part of the temporal bone. F, The mastoid process. G, The meatus auditorius externus. H, The os frontis. I, The os malæ. K, The os maxillare superius. L, The maxilla inferior. M, The teeth of both jaws. N, The seventh, or last cervical vertebra. O, The spinous processes. P, Their transverse and oblique processes. Q, The twelfth or last dorsal vertebra. R, The fifth, or last lumbar vertebra. S, The spinous processes. T, Openings between the vertebræ for the passage of the spinal nerves. U, The under end of the os sacrum. V, The os coccygis. W, The os ilium. X, The anterior spinous processes. Y, The posterior spinous processes. Z, The ischiatic niche. a, The right os ilium. b, The ossa pubis. c, The tuberosity of the left os ischium. d, The scapula. e, Its spine. f, The os humeri. g, The radius. h, The ulna. i, The carpus. k, The metacarpal bone of the thumb. l, The metacarpal bones of the fingers. m, The two bones of the thumb. n, The three bones of each of the fingers. o, The os femoris. p, Its head. q, The trochanter major. r, The external condyle. s, The rotula. t, The tibia, u, The fibula. v, The malleolus externus. w, The astragalus. x, The os calcis. y, The os naviculare, z, The three ossa cuneiformia. 1, The os cuboides. 2, The five metatarsal bones. 3, The two bones of the great toe. 4, The three bones of each of the small toes.

FIG. 2. A View of the Internal Surface of the Base of the SKULL.

AAA, The two tables of the skull with the diploe. BB, The orbital plates of the frontal bone. C, The crista galli, with cribriform plate of the ethmoidal bone on each side of it, through which the first pair of nerves pass. D, The cuneiform process of the occipital bone. E, The cruciform ridge. F, The foramen magnum for the passage of the spinal marrow. G, The zygoma, made by the joining of the zygomatic processes of the os temporum and os malæ. H, The pars squamosa of the os temporum. I, The pars mammillaris. K, The pars petrosa. L, The temporal process of the sphenoid bone. MM, The anterior clinoid processes. N, The posterior clinoid process. O, The sella turcica. P, The foramen opticum, for the passage of the optic nerve and ocular artery of the left side. Q, The foramen lacerum, for the third, fourth, sixth, and first of the fifth pair of nerves and ocular vein. R, The foramen rotundum, for the second of the fifth pair. S, The foramen ovale, for the third of the fifth pair. T, The foramen spinale, for the principal artery of the dura mater. U, The entry of the auditory nerve. V, The passage for the lateral sinus. W, The passage of the eighth pair of nerves. X, The passage of the ninth pair.

FIG. 3. A View of the External Surface of the Base of the SKULL.

A, The two dentes incisores of the right side. B, The dens caninus. C, The two small molares. D, The three large molares. E, The foramen incisivum, which gives passage to small blood-vessels and nerves. F, The palat-





**Osteology.** palate-plates of the ossa maxillaria and palati, joined by the longitudinal and transverse palate sutures. G, The foramen palatinum posterius, for the palatine vessels and nerves. H, The os maxillare superius of the right side. I, The os malæ. K, The zygomatic process of the temporal bone. L, The posterior extremity of the ossa spongiosa. M, The posterior extremity of the vomer, which forms the back-part of the septum nasi. N, The pterygoid process of the right side of the sphenoid bone. OO, The foramina ovalia. PP, The foramina spinaia. QQ, The passages of the internal carotid arteries. R, A hole between the point of each pars petrosa and cuneiform process of the occipital bone, which is filled up with a ligamentous substance in the recent subject. S, The passage of the left lateral sinus. T, The posterior condyloid foramen of the left side. U, The foramen mastoideum. V, The foramen magnum. W, The inferior orbital fissure. X, The glenoid cavity, for the articulation of the lower jaw. Y, The squamous part of the temporal bone. Z, The mastoid process, at the inner side of which is a fossa for the posterior belly of the digastric muscle. a, The styloid process. b, The meatus auditorius externus. c, The left condyle of the occipital bone. d, The perpendicular occipital spine. ee, The inferior horizontal ridge of the occipital bone. ff, The superior horizontal ridge, which is opposite to the crucial ridge where the longitudinal sinus divides to form the lateral sinuses. ggg, The lambdoid suture. h, The left squamous suture. i, The parietal bone.

FIG. 4. The anterior surface of the *Ossa Nasi*.

A, The upper part, which joins the os frontis. B, The under end, which joins the cartilage of the nose. C, The inner edge, where they join each other.

FIG. 5. The posterior surface of the *Ossa Nasi*.

AA, Their cavity, which forms part of the arch of the nose. BB, Their ridge or spine, which projects a little to be fixed to the fore-part of the septum narium.

FIG. 6. The external surface of the *Os Maxillare Superius* of the left side.

A, The nasal process. B, The orbital plate. C, The unequal surface which joins the os malæ. D, The external orbital hole. E, The opening into the nostril. F, The palate-plate. G, The maxillary tuberosity. H, part of the os palati. I, The two dentes incisores. K, The dens caninus. L, The two small dentes molares. M, The three large dentes molares.

FIG. 7. The internal surface of the *Os Maxillare Superius* and *Os Palati*.

A, The nasal process. BB, Eminences for the connection of the os spongiosum inferius. D, The under end of the lachrymal groove. E, The antrum maxillare. F, The nasal spine, between which and B is the cavity of the nostril. G, The palate-plate. H, The orbital part of the os palati. I, The nasal plate. K, The suture which unites the maxillary and palate bones. L, The pterygoid process of the palate bones.

FIG. 8. The external surface of the right *Os Unguis*.

A, The orbital part. B, The lachrymal part. C, The ridge between them.

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FIG. 9. The internal surface of the right *Os Unguis*. **Osteology.**

This side of the bone has a furrow opposite to the external ridge; all behind that is irregular, where it covers part of the ethmoidal cells.

FIG. 10. The external surface of the left *Os Malæ*.

A, The superior orbital process. B, The inferior orbital process. C, The malar process. D, The zygomatic process. E, The orbital plate. F, A passage for small vessels into or out of the orbit.

FIG. 11. The internal surface of the left *Os Malæ*.

A, The superior orbital process. B, The inferior orbital process. C, The malar process. D, The zygomatic process. E, The internal orbital plate or process.

FIG. 12. The external surface of the right *Os Spongiosum Inferius*.

A, The anterior part. B, The hook-like process for covering part of the antrum maxillare. C, A small process which covers part of the under end of the lachrymal groove. D, The inferior edge turned a little outwards.

FIG. 13. The internal surface of the *Os Spongiosum Inferius*.

A, The anterior extremity. B, The upper edge which joins the superior maxillary and palate bones.

FIG. 14. The posterior and external surface of the right *Os Palati*.

A, The orbital process. B, The nasal lamella. C, The pterygoid process. D, The palate process.

FIG. 15. The anterior and external surface of the right *Os Palati*.

A, The orbital process. B, An opening through which the lateral nasal vessels and nerves pass. C, The nasal lamella. D, The pterygoid process. E, The posterior edge of the palate process for the connection of the velum palati. F, The inner edge by which the two ossa palati are connected.

FIG. 16. The right side of the *Vomer*.

A, The upper edge which joins the nasal lamella of the ethmoid bone and the middle cartilage of the nose. B, The inferior edge, which is connected to the superior maxillary and palate bones. C, The superior and posterior part which receives the processus azygos of the sphenoid bone.

FIG. 17. The *Maxilla Inferior*.

A, The chin. B, The base and left side. C, The angle. D, The coronoid process. E, The condyloid process. F, The beginning of the inferior maxillary canal of the right side, for the entry of the nerve and blood-vessels. G, The termination of the left canal. H, The two dentes incisores. I, The dens caninus. K, The two small molares. L, The three large molares.

FIG. 18. The different classes of the *Teeth*.

1, 2, A fore and back view of the two anterior dentes incisores of the lower jaw. 3, 4, Similar teeth of the upper jaw. 5, 6, A fore and back view of the dentes canini. 7, 8, The anterior dentes molares. 9, 10, 11, The posterior dentes molares. 12, 13, 14,

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Osteology. 15, 16, Unusual appearances in the shape and size of the teeth.

FIG. 19. The external surface of the Os HYOIDES.  
A, The body. BB, The cornua. CC, The appendices.

PLATE XXII.

FIG. 1. A Posterior View of the STERNUM and CLAVICLES, with the ligament connecting the clavicles to each other.

a, The posterior surface of the sternum. bb, The broken ends of the clavicles. ccc, The tubercles near the extremity of each clavicle. d, The ligament connecting the clavicles.

FIG. 2. A Fore-view of the LEFT SCAPULA, and of a half of the CLAVICLE, with their Ligaments.

a, The spine of the scapula. b, The acromion. e, The inferior angle. d, Inferior costa. c, Cervix. f, Glenoid cavity, covered with cartilage for the arm-bone. gg, The capsular ligament of the joint. h, Coracoid process. i, The broken end of the clavicle. k, Its extremity joined to the acromion. l, A ligament coming out single from the acromion to the coracoid process. m, A ligament coming out single from the acromion, and dividing into two, which are fixed to the coracoid process.

FIG. 3. The Joint of the Elbow of the LEFT ARM, with the Ligaments.

a, The os humeri. b, Its internal condyle. cc, The two prominent parts of its trochlea appearing through the capsular ligament. d, The ulna. e, The radius, f, The part of the ligament including the head of the radius.

FIG. 4. The Bones of the RIGHT-HAND, with the PALM in view.

a, The radius. b, The ulna. c, The scaphoid bone of the carpus. d, The os lunare. e, The os cuneiforme. f, The os pisiforme. g, Trapezium. h, Trapezoides. i, Capitulatum. k, Unciforme. l, The four metacarpal bones of the fingers. m, The first phalanx. n, The second phalanx. o, The third phalanx. p, The metacarpal bone of the thumb. q, The first joint. r, The second joint.

FIG. 5. The Posterior View of the Bones of the LEFT HAND.

The explication of Fig. 4. serves for this figure; the same letters pointing out the same bones, though in a different view.

FIG. 6. The Upper Extremity of the TIBIA, with the Semilunar Cartilages of the Joint of the Knee, and some Ligaments.

a, The strong ligament which connects the rotula to the tubercle of the tibia. bb, The parts of the extremity of the tibia, covered with cartilage, which appear within the semilunar cartilages. cc, The semilunar cartilages. d, The two parts of what is called the cross ligament.

FIG. 7. The Posterior View of the Joint of the RIGHT KNEE.

a, The os femoris cut. b, Its internal condyle. e, Its external condyle. d, The back-part of the tibia.

e, The superior extremity of the fibula. f, The edge of the internal semilunar cartilage. g, An oblique ligament. h, A larger perpendicular ligament. i, A ligament connecting the femur and fibula.

FIG. 8. The Anterior-View of the Joint of the RIGHT KNEE.

b, The internal condyle. c, Its external condyle. d, The part of the os femoris, on which the patella moves. e, A perpendicular ligament. ff, The two parts of the crucial ligaments. gg, The edges of the two moveable semilunar cartilages. h, The tibia. i, The strong ligament of the patella. k, The back part of it where the fat has been dissected away. l, The external depression. m, The internal one. n, The cut tibia.

FIG. 9. A View of the inferior part of the Bones of the RIGHT FOOT.

a, The great knob of the os calcis. b, A prominence on its outside. c, The hollow for the tendons, nerves, and blood-vessels. d, The anterior extremity of the os calcis. e, Part of the astragalus. f, Its head covered with cartilage. g, The internal prominence of the os naviculare. h, The os cuboides. i, The os cuneiforme internum; k,—Medium; l,—Externum. m, The metatarsal bones of the four lesser toes. n, The first—o, The second—p, The third phalanx of the four lesser toes. q, The metatarsal bones of the great toe. r, Its first—s, Its second joint.

FIG. 10. The Inferior Surface of the two large SESAMOID BONES, at the first Joint of the Great Toe.

FIG. 11. The Superior View of the Bones of the RIGHT FOOT.

a, b, as in Fig. 9. c, The superior head of the astragalus. d, &c. as in Fig. 9.

FIG. 12. The View of the SOLE of the FOOT, with its Ligaments.

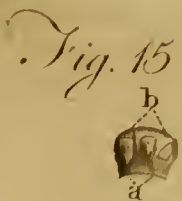
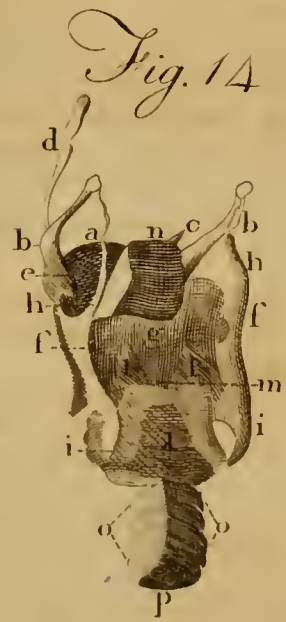
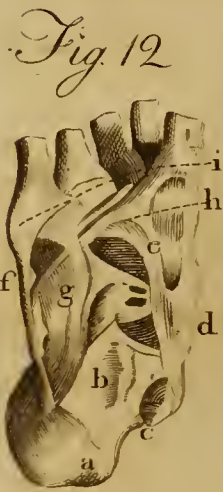
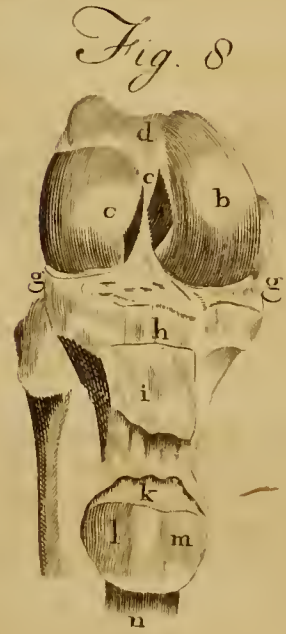
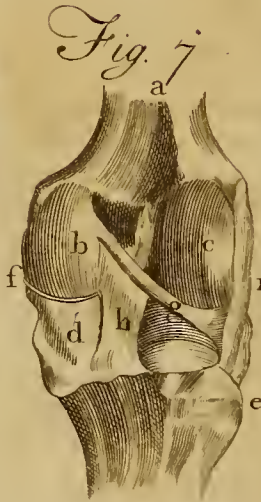
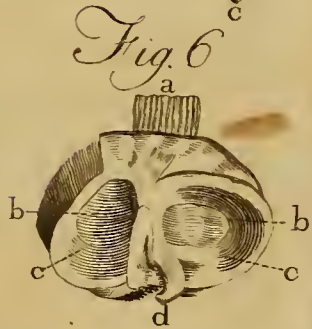
a, The great knob of the os calcis. b, The hollow for the tendons, nerves, and blood-vessels. c, The sheaths of the flexores pollicis and digitorum longi opened. d, The strong cartilaginous ligament supporting the head of the astragalus. e, h, Two ligaments which unite into one, and are fixed to the metatarsal bone of the great toe. f, A ligament from the knob of the os calcis to the metatarsal bone of the little toe. g, A strong triangular ligament, which supports the bones of the tarsus. i, The ligaments of the joints of the five metatarsal bones.

FIG. 13. a, The head of the thigh bone of a child. b, The ligamentum rotundum connecting it to the acetabulum. c, The capsular ligament of the joint with its arteries injected. d, The numerous vessels of the mucilaginous gland injected.

FIG. 14. The Back-view of the Cartilages of the LARYNX, with the Os HYOIDES.

a, The posterior part of the base of the os hyoides. bb, Its cornua. c, The appendix of the right side. d, A ligament sent out from the appendix of the left side, to the styloid process of the temporal bone. e, The union of the base with the left cornu. ff, The posterior sides of (g) the thyroid cartilage. hh, Its superior







Osteology. Superior cornua. i i, Its inferior cornua. k, The cricoid cartilage. ll, The arytenoid cartilages. m, The entry into the lungs, named *glottis*. n, The epiglottis. oo, The superior cartilages of the trachea. p, Its ligamentous back-part.

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PART II. OF THE SOFT PARTS IN GENERAL;  
OF THE COMMON INTEGUMENTS, WITH THEIR APPENDAGES;  
AND OF THE MUSCLES,

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**A**NATOMICAL writers usually proceed to a description of the muscles after having finished the osteology; but we shall deviate a little from the common method, with a view to describe every thing clearly and distinctly, and to avoid a tautology which would otherwise be unavoidable. All the parts of the body are so intimately connected with each other, that it seems impossible to convey a just idea of any one of them, without being in some measure obliged to say something of others; and on this account we wish to mention in this place the names and situation of the principal viscera of the body, that when mention is hereafter made of any one of them in the course of the work, the reader may at least know where they are placed.

After this little digression, the common integuments, and after them the muscles will be described; we then propose to enter into an examination of the several viscera and their different functions. In describing the brain, occasion will be taken to speak of the nerves and animal spirits. The circulation of the blood will follow the anatomy of the heart, and the secretions and other matters will be introduced in their proper places.

The body is divided into three great cavities. Of these the uppermost is formed by the bones of the cranium, and incloses the brain and cerebellum.

The second is composed of the vertebræ of the back, the sternum, and true ribs, with the additional assistance of muscles, membranes, and common integuments, and is called the *thorax*—It contains the heart and lungs.

The third, and inferior cavity, is the abdomen. It is separated from the thorax by means of the diaphragm, and is formed by the lumbar vertebræ, the os sacrum, the ossa innominata, and the false ribs, to which we may add the peritonæum, and a variety of muscles. This cavity incloses the stomach, intestines, omentum or cawl, liver, pancreas, spleen, kidneys, urinary bladder, and parts of generation.

Under the division of common integuments are usually included the epidermis, or scarf-skin, the reticulum mucosum of Malpighi, the cutis or true skin, and the membrana adiposa.—The hair and nails, as well as the sebaceous glands may be considered as appendages to the skin.

SECT. I. *Of the SKIN.*

§ I. *Of the SCARF-skin.*

**C**UTICULA. **T**HE epidermis, cuticula, or scarf-skin, is a fine, transparent, and insensible pellicle, destitute of nerves and blood-vessels, which invests the body, and every-

where covers the true skin. This scarf-skin, which seems to be very simple, appears, when examined with a microscope, to be composed of several laminæ or scales which are increased by pressure, as we may observe in the hands and feet, where it is frequently much thickened, and becomes perfectly callous. It seems to adhere to the cutis by a number of very minute filaments, but may easily be separated from it by heat, or by maceration in water. Some anatomical writers have supposed that it is formed by a moisture exhaled from the whole surface of the body, which gradually hardens when it comes into contact with the air. They were perhaps induced to adopt this opinion, by observing the speedy regeneration of this part of the body when it has been by any means destroyed, it appearing to be renewed on all parts of the surface at the same time; whereas other parts which have been injured, are found to direct their growth from their circumference only towards their centre. But a demonstrative proof that the epidermis is not a fluid hardened by means of the external air, is that the fœtus in utero is found to have this covering. Lieuwenhoeck supposed its formation to be owing to the expansion of the extremities of the excretory vessels which are found everywhere upon the surface of the true skin. Ruysch attributed its origin to the nervous papillæ of the skin; and Heister thinks it probable, that it may be owing both to the papillæ and the excretory vessels. The celebrated Morgagni, on the other hand, contends\*, that it is nothing more than the surface of the cutis, hardened and rendered insensible by the liquor amnii in utero, and by the pressure of the air. This is a subject, however, on which we can advance nothing with certainty.

The cuticle is pierced with an infinite number of pores or little holes, which afford a passage to the hairs, sweat, and insensible perspiration, and likewise to warm water, mercury, and whatever else is capable of being taken in by the absorbents of the skin. The lines which we observe on the epidermis belong to the true skin. The cuticle adjusts itself to them, but does not form them.

§ 2. *Of the Rete Mucosum.*

**B**ETWEEN the epidermis and cutis we meet with an appearance to which Malpighi, who first described it, gave the name of *rete mucosum*, supposing it to be of a membranous structure, and pierced with an infinite number of pores; but the fact is, that it seems to be nothing more than a mucous substance which may be dissolved by macerating it in water, while the cuticle and cutis preserve their texture.

\* *Adversus Anat. II. Animad- ver. 2.*

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Of the In- teguments, &c. The colour of the body is found to depend on the colour of this rete mucosum; for in negroes it is observed to be perfectly black, whilst the true skin is of the ordinary colour.

The blisters which raise the skin when burnt or scalded, have been supposed by some to be owing to a rarefaction of this mucus; but they are more probably occasioned by an increased action of the vessels of the part, together with an afflux and effusion of the thinner parts of the blood.

### § 3. Of the CUTIS, or True Skin.

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Cutis.

THE cutis is composed of fibres closely compacted together, as we may observe in leather, which is the prepared skin of animals. These fibres form a thick network, which everywhere admits the filaments of nerves, and an infinite number of blood-vessels and lymphatics.

The cutis, when the epidermis is taken off, is found to have, throughout its whole surface, innumerable papillæ, which appear like very minute granulations, and seem to be calculated to receive the impressions of the touch, being the most easily observed where the sense of feeling is the most delicate, as in the palms of the hands and on the fingers.

These papillæ are supposed by many anatomical writers to be continuations of the pulpy substance of nerves, whose coats have terminated in the cellular texture of the skin. The great sensibility of these papillæ evidently proves them to be exceedingly nervous; but surely the nervous fibrillæ of the skin are of themselves scarcely equal to the formation of these papillæ, and it seems to be more probable that they are formed like the rest of the cutis.

These papillæ being described, the uses of the epidermis and the rete mucosum will be more easily understood; the latter serving to keep them constantly moist, while the former protects them from the external air, and modifies their too great sensibility.

### § 4. Of the GLANDS of the Skin.

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The sebaceous glands.

In different parts of the body we meet, within the substance of the skin, with certain glands or follicles, which discharge a fat and oily humour that serves to lubricate and soften the skin. When the fluid they secrete has acquired a certain degree of thickness, it approaches to the colour and consistence of suet; and from this appearance they have derived their name of *sebaceous glands*. They are found in the greatest number in the nose, ear, nipple, axilla, groin, scrotum, vagina, and prepuce.

Besides these sebaceous glands, we read, in anatomical books, of others that are described as small spherical bodies placed in all parts of the skin, in much greater abundance than those just now mentioned, and named *miliary*, from their supposed resemblance to millet-seed. Steno, who first described these glands, and Mal-

pighi, Ruyfch, Verheyen, Winslow, and others, who have adopted his opinions on this subject, speak of them as having excretory ducts, that open on the surface of the cuticle, and distil the sweat and matter of insensible perspiration; and yet, notwithstanding the positive manner in which these pretended glands have been spoken of, we are now sufficiently convinced that their existence is altogether imaginary.

### § 5. Of the INSENSIBLE Perspiration and SWEAT.

THE matter of insensible perspiration, or in other words, the subtilè vapour that is continually exhaling from the surface of the body, is not secreted by any particular glands, but seems to be derived wholly from the extremities of the minute arteries that are everywhere dispersed through the skin. These exhaling vessels are easily demonstrated in the dead subject, by throwing water into the arteries; for then small drops exude from all parts of the skin, and raise up the cuticle, the pores of which are closed by death; and in the living subject, a looking-glass placed against the skin, is soon obscured by the vapour. Bidloo fancied he had discovered ducts leading from the cutis to the cuticle, and transmitting this fluid; but in this he was mistaken.

When the perspiration is by any means increased, and several drops that were insensible when separate, are united together and condensed by the external air, they form upon the skin small, but visible, drops called *sweat* (N). This particularly happens after much exercise, or whatever occasions an increased determination of fluids to the surface of the body; a greater quantity of perspirable matter being in such cases carried through the passages that are destined to convey it off.

It has been disputed, indeed, whether the insensible perspiration and sweat are to be considered as one and the same excretion, differing only in degree; or whether they are two distinct excretions derived from different sources. In support of the latter opinion, it has been alleged, that the insensible perspiration is agreeable to nature, and essential to health, whereas sweat may be considered as a species of disease. But this argument proves nothing; and it seems probable, that both the insensible vapour and the sweat are exhaled in a similar manner, though they differ in quantity, and probably in their qualities; the former being more limpid, and seemingly less impregnated with salts than the latter: at any rate we may consider the skin as an emunctory through which the redundant water, and sometimes the other more saline parts of the blood, are carried off. But the insensible perspiration is not confined to the skin only—a great part of what we are constantly throwing off in this way is from the lungs. The quantity of fluid exhaled from the human body by this insensible perspiration is very considerable. Sanctorius (O) an Italian physician, who indefatigably passed a great many

(N) Licuwenhoeck asserts that one drop of sweat is formed by the conflux of fifteen drops of perspirable vapour.

(O) The insensible perspiration is sometimes distinguished by the name of this physician, who was born in the territories of Venice, and was afterwards a professor in the university of Padua. After estimating the aliment he took in, and the sensible secretions and discharges, he was enabled to ascertain with great accuracy the weight or quantity of insensible perspiration by means of a statical chair which he contrived for this purpose; and

Of the Integuments, &amp;c.

many years in a series of statical experiments, demonstrated long ago what has been confirmed by later observations, that the quantity of vapour exhaled from the skin and from the surface of the lungs, amounts nearly to 5-8ths of the aliment we take in. So that if in the warm climate of Italy a person eats and drinks the quantity of eight pounds in the course of a day, five pounds of it will pass off by insensible perspiration, while three pounds only will be evacuated by stool, urine, saliva, &c. But in countries where the degree of cold is greater than in Italy, the quantity of perspired matter is less; in some of the more northern climates, it being found not to equal the discharge by urine. It is likewise observed to vary according to the season of the year, and according to the constitution, age, sex, diseases, diet, exercise, passions, &c. of different people.

From what has been said on this subject, it will be easily conceived, that this evacuation cannot be either much increased or diminished in quantity without affecting the health.

The perspirable matter and the sweat are in some measure analogous to the urine, as appears from their taste and saline nature (P). And it is worthy of observation, that when either of these secretions is increased in quantity, the other is diminished; so that they who perspire the least, usually pass the greatest quantity of urine, and vice versa.

#### § 6. Of the NAILS.

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The nails.

THE nails are of a compact texture, hard and transparent like horn. Their origin is still a subject of dispute. Malpighi supposed them to be formed by a continuation of the papillæ of the skin: Ludwig, on the other hand, maintained, that they were composed of the extremities of blood-vessels and nerves; both these opinions are now deservedly rejected.

They seem to possess many properties in common with the cuticle; like it they are neither vascular nor sensible, and when the cuticle is separated from the true skin by maceration or other means, the nails come away with it.

They appear to be composed of different layers, of unequal size, applied one over the other. Each layer seems to be formed of longitudinal fibres.

In each nail we may distinguish three parts, viz. the root, the body or middle, and the extremity. The root is a soft, thin, and white substance, terminating in the form of a crescent; the epidermis adheres very

strongly to this part; the body of the nail is broader, redder, and thicker, and the extremity is of still greater firmness.

The nails increase from their roots, and not from their upper extremity.

Their principal use is to cover and defend the ends of the fingers and toes from external injury.

#### § 7. Of the HAIR.

THE hairs, which from their being generally known do not seem to require any definition, arise from distinct capsules or bulbs seated in the cellular membrane under the skin (Q). Some of these bulbs inclose several hairs. They may be observed at the roots of the hairs which form the beard or whiskers of a cat.

The hairs, like the nails, grow only from below by a regular propulsion from their root, where they receive their nourishment. Their bulbs, when viewed with a microscope, are found to be of various shapes. In the head and scrotum they are roundish; in the eye-brows they are oval; in the other parts of the body they are nearly of a cylindrical shape. Each bulb seems to consist of two membranes, between which there is a certain quantity of moisture. Within the bulb the hair separates into three or four fibrillæ; the bodies of the hairs, which are the parts without the skin, vary in softness and colour according to the difference of climate, age, or temperament of body (R).

Their general use in the body does not seem to be absolutely determined; but hairs in particular parts, as on the eye-brows and eye-lids, are destined for particular uses, which will be mentioned when those parts are described.

#### § 8. Of the CELLULAR MEMBRANE and FAT.

THE cellular membrane is found to invest the most minute fibres we are able to trace; so that by modern physiologists, it is very properly considered as the universal connecting medium of every part of the body.

It is composed of an infinite number of minute cells united together, and communicating with each other. The two diseases peculiar to this membrane are proofs of such a communication; for in the *emphysema* all its cells are filled with air, and in the *anasarca* they are universally distended with water. Besides these proofs of communication from disease, a familiar instance of it may be observed amongst butchers, who usually puncture this membrane, and by inflating it with air add to the good appearance of their meat.

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and from his experiments, which were conducted with great industry and patience, he was led to determine what kinds of solid or liquid aliment increased or diminished it. From these experiments he formed a system, which he published at Venice in 1614, in the form of aphorisms, under the title of "Ars de Medicina Statica."

(P) Minute crystals have been observed to shoot upon the cloaths of men who work in glass-houses. *Haller Elem. Phys.*

(Q) Malpighi, and after him the celebrated Ruysch, supposed the hairs to be continuations of nerves, being of opinion that they originated from the papillæ of the skin, which they considered as nervous; and as a corroborating proof of what they advanced, they argued the pain we feel in plucking them out; but later anatomists seem to have rejected this doctrine, and consider the hairs as particular bodies, not arising from the papillæ (for in the parts where the papillæ abound most there are no hairs), but from bulbs or capsules, which are peculiar to them.

(R) The hairs differ likewise from each other, and may not be improperly divided into two classes; one of which may include the hair of the head, chin, pubes, and axillæ; and the other, the softer hairs, which are to be observed almost every where on the surface of the body.

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The cells of this membrane serve as reservoirs to the oily part of the blood or *Fat*, which seems to be deposited in them, either by transfusion through the coats of the arteries, that ramify through these cells, or by particular vessels, continued from the end of arteries. These cells are not of a glandular structure, as Malpighi and others after him have supposed. The fat is absorbed and carried back into the system by the lymphatics. The great waste of it in many diseases, particularly in the consumption, is a sufficient proof that such an absorption takes place.

The fulness and size of the body are in a great measure proportioned to the quantity of fat contained in the cells of this membrane.

In the living body it seems to be a fluid oil, which concretes after death. In graminivorous animals, it is found to be of a firmer consistence than in man.

The fat is not confined to the skin alone, being met with every where in the interstices of muscles, in the omentum, about the kidneys, at the basis of the heart, in the orbits, &c.

The chief uses of the fat seems to be to afford moisture to all the parts with which it is connected; to facilitate the action of the muscles; and to add to the beauty of the body, by making it every where smooth and equal.

#### SECT. II. *Of the MUSCLES.*

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THE muscles are the organs of motion. The parts that are usually included under this name consist of distinct portions of flesh, susceptible of contraction and relaxation; the motions of which, in a natural and healthy state, are subject to the will, and for this reason they are called *voluntary* muscles. But besides these, there are other parts of the body that owe their power of contraction to their muscular fibres; thus the heart is of a muscular texture, forming what is called a *hollow* muscle; and the urinary bladder, stomach, intestines, &c. are enabled to act upon their contents, merely because they are provided with muscular fibres. These are called *involuntary* muscles, because their motions are not dependent on the will. The muscles of respiration, being in some measure influenced by the will, are said to have a *mixed* motion.

The names by which the voluntary muscles are distinguished, are founded on their size, figure, situation, use, or the arrangement of their fibres, or their origin and insertion. But besides these particular distinctions, there are certain general ones that require to be noticed. Thus, if the fibres of a muscle are placed parallel to each other in a straight direction, they form what is styled a *rectilinear* muscle; if the fibres cross and intersect each other, they constitute a *compound* muscle; a *radiated* one, if the fibres are disposed in the manner of rays; or a *penniform* muscle, if, like the plume of a pen, they are placed obliquely with respect to the tendon.

Muscles that act in opposition to each other, are called *antagonistæ*; thus every extensor or muscle has a flexor for its antagonist, and *vice versa*. Muscles that concur in the same action are styled *congeneres*.

The muscles being attached to the bones, the latter may be considered as levers that are moved in different directions by the contraction of those organs.

The end of a muscle which adheres to the most fixed part is usually called the *origin*, and that which adheres to the more moveable part, the *insertion*, of the muscle. Of the  
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In every muscle we may distinguish two kinds of fibres; the one soft, of a red colour, sensible, and irritable, called *fleshy* fibres; the other of a firmer texture, of a white glistening colour, insensible, without irritability or the power of contracting, and named *tendinous* fibres. They are occasionally intermixed; but the fleshy fibres generally prevail in the belly or middle part of a muscle, and the tendinous ones in the extremities. If these tendinous fibres are formed into a round slender chord, they form what is called the *tendon* of the muscle; on the other hand, if they are spread into a broad flat surface, the extremity of the muscle is styled *aponeurosis*.

The tendons of many muscles, especially when they are long and exposed to pressure or friction in the grooves formed for them in the bones, are surrounded by a tendinous sheath or *fascia*, in which we sometimes find a small mucous sac or *bursa mucosa*, which obviates any inconvenience from friction. Sometimes we find whole muscles, and even several muscles, covered by a fascia of the same kind, that affords origin to many of their fibres, dipping down between them, adhering to the ridges of bones, and thus preventing them from swelling too much when in action. The most remarkable instance of such a covering is the *fascia lata* of the thigh.

Each muscle is inclosed by a thin covering of cellular membrane, which has been sometimes improperly considered as peculiar to the muscles, and described under the name of *propria membrana musculosa*. This cellular covering dips down into the substance of the muscle, connecting and surrounding the most minute fibres we are able to demonstrate, and affording a support to their vessels and nerves.

Lienwhenhoeck fancied he had discovered, by means of his microscope, the ultimate division of a muscle, and that he could point out the simple fibre, which appeared to him to be an hundred times less than a hair; but he was afterwards convinced how much he was mistaken on this subject, and candidly acknowledged, that what he had taken for a simple fibre was in fact a bundle of fibres.

It is easy to observe several of these fasciculi or bundles in a piece of beef, in which, from the coarseness of its texture, they are very evident.

The red colour which so particularly distinguishes the muscular or fleshy parts of animals, is owing to an infinite number of blood-vessels that are dispersed through their substance. When we macerate the fibres of a muscle in water, it becomes of a white colour like all other parts of the body divested of their blood. The blood-vessels are accompanied by nerves, and they are both distributed in such abundance to these parts, that in endeavouring to trace the course of the blood-vessels in a muscle, it would appear to be formed altogether by their ramifications; and in an attempt to follow the branches of its nerves, they would be found to be equal in proportion.

If a muscle is pricked or irritated, it immediately contracts. This is called its irritable principle; and this

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this irritability is to be considered as the characteristic of muscular fibres, and may serve to prove their existence in parts that are too minute to be examined by the eye. This power, which disposes the muscles to contract when stimulated, independent of the will, is supposed to be inherent in them; and is therefore named *vis insita*. This property is not to be confounded with elasticity, which the membranes and other parts of the body possess in a greater or less degree in common with the muscles; nor with sensibility, for the heart, though the most irritable, seems to be the least sensible of any of the muscular parts of the body.

After a muscular fibre has contracted, it soon returns to a state of relaxation, till it is excited afresh, and then it contracts and relaxes again. We may likewise produce such a contraction, by irritating the nerve leading to a muscle, although the nerve itself is not affected.

This principle is found to be greater in small than in large, and in young than in old, animals.

In the voluntary muscles these effects of contraction and relaxation of the fleshy fibres are produced in obedience to the will, by what may be called the *vis nervosa*, a property that is not to be confounded with the *vis insita*. As the existence of a *vis insita* different from a *vis nervosa*, was the doctrine taught by Doctor Haller in his *Elem. Phys.* but is at present called in question by several, particularly Doctor Monro, we think it necessary to give a few objections, as stated in his *Observations on the Nervous System*:

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"The chief experiment (says the Doctor) which seems to have led Dr Haller to this opinion, is the well-known one, that the heart and other muscles, after being detached from the brain, continue to act spontaneously, or by stimuli may be roused into action for a considerable length of time; and when it cannot be alleged, says Dr Haller, that the nervous fluid is by the mind, or otherwise, impelled into the muscle.

"That in this instance, we cannot comprehend by what power the nervous fluid or energy can be put in motion, must perhaps be granted: But has Dr Haller given a better explanation of the manner in which his supposed *vis insita* becomes active?

"If it be as difficult to point out the cause of the action of the *vis insita* as that of the action of the *vis nervosa*, the admission of that new power, instead of relieving, would add to our perplexity.

"We should then have admitted, that two causes of a different nature were capable of producing exactly the same effect; which is not in general agreeable to the laws of nature.

"We should find other consequences arise from such an hypothesis, which tend to weaken the credibility of it. For instance, if in a sound animal the *vis nervosa* alone produces the contraction of the muscles, we will ask what purpose the *vis insita* serves? If both operate, are we to suppose that the *vis nervosa*, impelled by the mind or living principle, gives the order, which the *vis insita* executes, and that the nerves are the inter-nuntii; and so admit two wise agents employed in every the most simple action? But instead of speculating farther, let us learn the effect of experiments, and endeavour from these to draw plain conclusions.

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"1. When I poured a solution of opium in water under the skin of the leg of a frog, the muscles, to the surface of which it was applied, were very soon deprived of the power of contraction. In like manner, when I poured this solution into the cavity of the heart, by opening the vena cava, the heart was almost instantly deprived of its power of motion, whether the experiment was performed on it fixed in its place, or cut out of the body.

"2. I opened the thorax of a living frog; and then tied or cut its aorta, so as to put a stop to the circulation of its blood.

"I then opened the vena cava, and poured the solution of opium into the heart; and found, not only that this organ was instantly deprived of its powers of action, but that in a few minutes the most distant muscles of the limbs were extremely weakened. Yet this weakness was not owing to the want of circulation, for the frog could jump about for more than an hour after the heart was cut out.

"In the first of these two experiments, we observed the supposed *vis insita* destroyed by the opium; in the latter, the *vis nervosa*; for it is evident that the limbs were affected by the sympathy of the brain, and of the nervous system in general, with the nerves of the heart.

"3. When the nerve of any muscle is first divided by a transverse section, and then burnt with a hot iron, or punctured with a needle, the muscle in which it terminates contracts violently, exactly in the same manner as when the irritation is applied to the fibres of the muscle. But when the hot iron, or needle, is confined to the nerve, Dr Haller himself must have admitted, that the *vis nervosa*, and not the *vis insita*, was excited. But here I would ask two questions.

"First, Whether we do not as well understand how the *vis nervosa* is excited when irritation is applied to the muscle as when it is applied to the trunk of the nerve, the impelling power of the mind seeming to be equally wanting in both cases?

"Secondly, If it appears that irritation applied to the trunk of a nerve excites the *vis nervosa*, why should we doubt that it can equally well excite it when applied to the small and very sensible branches and terminations of the nerve in the muscle?

"As, therefore, it appears that the supposed *vis insita* is destroyed or excited by the same means as the *vis nervosa*; nay, that when, by the application of opium to the heart of a frog, after the aorta is cut and the circulation interrupted, we have destroyed the *vis insita*, the *vis nervosa* is so much extinguished, that the animal cannot act with the distant muscles of the limb; and that these afterward grow very torpid, or lose much of their supposed *vis insita*; it seems clearly to follow, that there is no just ground for supposing that any other principle produces the contraction of a muscle."

The *vis nervosa*, or operation of the mind, if we may so call it, by which a muscle is brought into contraction, is not inherent in the muscle like the *vis insita*; neither is it perpetual, like this latter property. After long continued or violent exercise, for example, the

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the voluntary muscles become painful, and at length incapable of further action; whereas the heart and other involuntary muscles, the motions of which depend solely on the *vis insita*, continue through life in a constant state of action, without any inconvenience or waste of this inherent principle.

The action of the *vis nervosa* on the voluntary muscles, constitutes what is called *muscular motion*; a subject that has given rise to a variety of hypotheses, many of them ingenious, but none of them satisfactory.

Borelli and some others have undertaken to explain the cause of contraction, by supposing that every muscular fibre forms as it were a chain of very minute bladders, while the nerves which are distributed through the muscle, bring with them a supply of animal spirits, which at our will fill these bladders, and by increasing their diameter in width, shorten them, and of course the whole fibre.

Borelli supposes these bladders to be of a rhomboidal shape; Bernouilli on the other hand contends that they are oval. Our countryman, Cowper, fancied he had filled them with mercury; the cause of this mistake was probably owing to the mercury's insinuating itself into some of the lymphatic vessels. The late ingenious Mr Elliot undertook to account for the phenomena of muscular motion on principles very different from those just now mentioned. He supposed that a dephlogisticated state of the blood is requisite for muscular action,

and that a communication of phlogiston to the blood is a necessary effect of such action.

We know that the muscular fibre is shortened, and that the muscle itself swells when in action; but how these phenomena are produced, we are unable to determine. We likewise know that the nerves are essential to muscular motion; for upon dividing or making a ligature round the nerve leading to a muscle, the latter becomes incapable of motion. A ligature made on the artery of a muscle produces a similar effect; a proof this, that a regular supply of blood is also equally necessary to muscular motion. The cause of palsy is usually not to be sought for in the muscle affected, but in the nerve leading to that muscle, or in that part of the brain of spinal marrow from which the nerve derives its origin.

*Of the particular Muscles.*

As the enumeration and description of the particular muscles must be dry and unentertaining to the generality of readers, yet cannot be altogether omitted in a work of this nature, it appeared eligible to throw this part of the subject into the form of a table; in which the name, origin, insertion, and principal use of each muscle, will be found described in few words, and occasionally its etymology when it is of Greek derivation or difficult to be understood.

**A TABLE of the MUSCLES, arranged according to their SITUATION.**

[N. B. This table does not include all the muscles of the body; those belonging to the eyes, internal ear, intestinum rectum, and the male and female organs of generation, being described in other parts of the work. The reader will be pleased to observe likewise, that although all the muscles (a few only excepted) are in pairs, mention is here made only of the muscles of one side.]

MUSCLES situated under the integuments of the cranium - - -	Name.	Origin.	Insertion.	Use.
	1. Occipito frontalis.	From the transverse ridge of the os occipitis.	Into the skin of the eye-brows.	To pull the skin of the head backwards, and to raise the eye-brows and skin of the forehead.
	2. Corrugator supercilii.	From above the joining of the os frontis, os nasi, and os maxillare.	Into the inner part of the occipito-frontalis.	To draw the eye-brows towards each other, and to wrinkle the forehead.
_____ of the eye-lids - -	1. Orbicularis palpebrarum.	From around the edge of the orbit.	Into the nasal process of the os maxillare.	To shut the eye.
	2. Levator palpebræ superioris.	From the bottom of the orbit, near the optic foramen.	Into the cartilage of the upper eye-lid.	To open the eye.
_____ of the external ear -	1. Attolens auriculam.	From the tendon of the occipito frontalis near the os temporis.	Into the upper part of the ear.	To raise the ear.
	2. Anterior auriculæ.	From near the back part of the zygoma.	Into an eminence behind the helix.	To raise this eminence, and to pull it forwards.



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	3. Retrahentes (s) auriculæ.	From the outer and back part of the root of the mastoid process.	Into the convex part of the concha.	To stretch the concha, and pull the ear backwards.	
MUSCLES of the cartilages of the ear	1. Tragicus.	From the outer and middle part of the concha, near the tragus.	Into the upper part of the tragus.	To depress the concha, and pull the point of the tragus a little outwards.	
	2. Anti-tragicus.	From the root of the inner part of the helix.	Into the upper part of the anti-tragus.	To dilate the mouth of the concha.	
	3. Transversus-auriculæ.	From the upper part of the concha.	Into the inner part of the helix.	To stretch the concha and scapha, and likewise to pull the parts it is connected with towards each other.	
	4. Helicis major.	From the upper, anterior, and acute part of the helix.	Into the cartilage of the helix, a little above the tragus.	To depress the upper part of the helix.	
	5. Helicis minor.	From the lower and fore part of the helix.	Into the helix, near the fissure in its cartilage.	To contract the fissure.	
—————of the nose,	1. Compressor (τ) naris.	From the outer part of the root of the ala nasi.	Into the nasal process of the os maxillare, and anterior extremity of the os nasi.	To straighten the nostrils, and likewise to corrugate the skin of the nose.	
—————of the mouth and lips,	1. Levator labii superioris, alæque nasi.	From the outer part of the orbital process of the os maxillare, and from the nasal process of that bone, where it joins the os frontis.	Into the upper lip and ala of the nose.	To draw the upper lip and skin of the nose upwards and outwards.	
	2. Levator anguli oris.	From the os maxillare superius, between the orbital foramen and the first dens molares.	Into the orbicularis oris at the angle of the mouth.	To raise the corner of the mouth	
	3. Zygomaticus major.	From the os malæ near the zygomatic suture.	Into the angle of the mouth.	To raise the angle of the mouth, and make the cheek prominent, as in laughing.	
	4. Zygomaticus minor.	Immediately above the origin of the zyg. major.	Into the angle of the mouth.	To raise the angle of the mouth obliquely outwards.	
	5. Buccinator.	From the alveoli of the dentes molares in the upper and lower jaws.	Into the angle of the mouth.	To contract the mouth and draw the angle of it outwards and backwards.	
	6. Depressor labii superioris, alæque nasi.	From the os maxill. super. immediately above the gums of the dentes incisores.	Into the root of the ala nasi and upper lip.	To draw the ala nasi and upper lip downwards.	
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(s) These are three small slender muscles. The inferior one is sometimes wanting.

(τ) The nose is affected by fibres of the occipito frontalis, and by several muscles of the face; but this pair, the compressores, is the only one that is proper to it.

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	7. Depressor anguli oris.	At the side of the chin from the lower edge of the maxilla inferior.	Into the angle of the mouth.	To draw the corner of the mouth downwards.	
	8. Depressor labii inferioris.	From the lower and anterior part of the maxilla inferior.	Into the under lip.	To draw the under lip downwards and somewhat outwards.	
	9. Levator labii inferioris.	From near the gums of the incisores and caninus of the maxilla inferior.	Into the under lip and skin of the chin.	To raise the under lip and skin of the chin.	
	10. Orbicularis Oris (v).			To shut the mouth by constraining the lips.	
MUSCLES of the lower jaw,	1. Temporalis.	From part of the os bregmatis and os frontis; squamous part of the os temporis; back part of the os malæ, and the temporal process of the os sphenoides (v)	Into the coronoid process of the lower jaw.	To move the lower jaw upwards.	
	2. Masseter (w).	From the malar process of the os maxillare, and the lower edges of the os malæ, and of the zygomatic process of the os temporis.	Into the basis of the coronoid process, and that part of the jaw which supports that and the condyloid process.	To raise and likewise to move the jaw a little forwards and backwards.	
	3. Pterygoideus internus.	From the inner surface of the outer wing of the pterygoid process of the os sphenoides, and from the process of the os palati that helps to form the pterygoid fossa	Into the lower jaw on its inner side and near its angle.	To raise the lower jaw and draw it a little to one side.	
	4. Pterygoideus externus.	From the external ala of the pterygoid process, a small part of the adjacent os maxillare, and a ridge in the temporal process of the os sphenoides.	Into the fore part of the condyloid process of the lower jaw, and likewise of the capsular ligament.	To move the jaw forwards and to the opposite side (x); and at the same time to prevent the ligament of the joint from being pinched.	
— situated at the fore part of the neck.	1. Latissimus colli (γ).	From the cellular membrane covering	Into the side of the chin and integu-	To draw the cheeks and skin of the face	

(v) This muscle is, in a great measure, if not wholly, formed by the buccinator, zygomatici, depressores, and other muscles that move the lips. Its fibres surround the mouth like a ring.

(v) Some of its fibres likewise have their origin from a strong fascia that covers the muscle and adheres to the bone round the whole circumference of its origin. When we remove this covering, we find the muscle of a semicircular shape with its fibres, converging and forming a strong middle tendon.

(w) So called from its use in chewing, its derivation being from *μασισαομαι*, *manduco*, "to eat."

(x) This happens when the muscle acts singly. When both act, the jaw is brought horizontally forwards.

(γ) This broad and thin muscular expansion, which is situated immediately under the common integuments, is by Winslow named *musculus cutaneus*. Galen gave it the name of *πλατυσμα μυωδης* (*Platysma-myoides*); the etymology of which is from *πλατυσμος*, *dilatatio*, and *μυς*, *musculus*, and *ειδος*, *forma*.

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		the pectoral, deltoid, and trapezius muscles.	ments of the cheek.	downwards; and when the mouth is shut, to draw all that part of the skin to which it is connected below the lower jaw upwards.	
	2. Mastoideus (z).	From the upper part of the sternum, and from the upper and fore part of the clavicle.	Into the mastoid process, and as far back as the lambdoidal future.	To move the head to one side, or when both muscles act, to bend it forwards.	
MUSCLES situated between the trunk and the os hyoides.					
	1. Omo-hyoideus (A).	From the upper costa of the scapula near its niche; from part of a ligament that extends across this niche, and sometimes by a few fibres, from the coracoid process.	Into the basis of the os hyoides.	To draw the os hyoides in an oblique direction downwards.	
	2. Sterno-hyoideus.	From the cartilage of the first rib, the inner and upper part of the sternum, and a small part of the clavicle.	Into the basis of the os hyoides.	To draw the os hyoides downwards.	
	3. Hyo-thyroideus.	From part of the basis and horn of the os hyoides.	Into a rough oblique line at the side of the thyroid cartilage.	To raise the thyroid cartilage, or depress the os hyoides	
	4. Sterno-thyroideus.	From between the cartilages of the 1st and 2d ribs at the upper and inner part of the sternum.	Immediately under the hyo-thyroideus.	To pull the thyroid cartilage downwards.	
	5. Crico-thyroideus.	From the anterior part and side of the cricoid cartilage.	Into the lower part and inferior horn of the thyroid cartilage.	To pull the cricoid cartilage upwards and backwards, or the thyroid forwards and downwards.	
—situated between the os hyoides and lower jaw,					
	1. Diagrafficus (B).	From a fossa at the root of the mastoid process, and likewise from the os hyoides.	Into the lower and anterior part of the chin.	To draw the lower jaw downwards.	
	2. Stylo-hyoideus (C).	From the basis of the styloid process.	Into the side and fore part of the os hyoides near its base.	To draw the os hyoides obliquely upwards.	
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(z) This, on account of its two origins, is by Albinus described as two distinct muscles, which he names *sterno-mastoideus* and *cleido-mastoideus*.

(A) This muscle does not always arise from the coracoid process, it seems to have been improperly named *coraco-hyoides* by Douglas and Albinus. Winslow calls it *omo-hyoideus*, on account of its general origin from the scapula.

(B) From *dis* and *γαστρ* (*biventer*), because it has two fleshy bellies with a middle tendon. This tendon passes through the stylo-hyoideus.

(C) In some subjects we meet with another muscle, which from its having nearly the same origin, insertion, and use as this, has been named *stylo-hyoideus alter*.

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Name.	Origin.	Insertion.	Use.	Of the Muscles.
3. Mylo-hyoidcus (D).	From the inside of the lower jaw, between the last dens molaris and the chin.	Into the basis of the os hyoides.	To move the os hyoides to either side, forwards or upwards.	Of the Muscles.
4. (E) Geno-hyoideus.	From the inside of the chin.	Into the base of the os hyoides.	To move the os hyoides forwards or upwards.	
5. Genio-glossus.	From the inside of the chin.	Into the tongue and basis of the os hyoides.	To move the tongue in various directions.	
6. Hyo-glossus (F).	From the horn, basis, and appendix of the os hyoides.	Into the tongue laterally.	To draw the tongue downwards and inwards.	
7. Lingualis.	Laterally from the root of the tongue.	Into the extremity of the tongue.	To shorten the tongue and draw it backwards.	
8. Stylo-glossus.	From the styloid process, and sometimes also from a ligament that extends from thence to the angle of the lower jaw.	Into the side of the tongue from the root to near its tip.	To move the tongue backwards and to one side.	
9. Stylo-pharyngæus.	From the basis of the styloid process.	Into the side of the pharynx and posterior part of the thyroid cartilage.	To raise the thyroid cartilage and pharynx, and likewise to dilate the latter.	
10. Circumflexus-palati.	From near the bony part of the Eustachian tube, and from the spinous process of the os sphenoides.	Into the semilunar edge of the os palati and the velum pendulum palati (G).	To dilate and draw the velum obliquely downwards.	
11. Levator palati.	From the membranous part of the Eustachian tube, and the extremity of the os petrosum.	Into the velum pendulum palati.	To pull the velum backwards.	
1. Palato-pharyngæus.	From the lower and anterior part of the cartilaginous extremity of the Eustachian tube (H); the tendinous expansion of the circumflexus palati; and the velum pendulum palati near the basis and back part of the uvula.	Into the upper and posterior part of the thyroid cartilage.	To raise the pharynx and thyroid cartilage, or to pull the velum and uvula backwards and downwards.	

MUSCLES. situated about the fauces,

2. Constrictor

(D) So named from its arising near the dentes molares (*μυλοι*), and its being inserted into the os hyoides.(E) From *γενειον*, *mentum*, the "chin."(F) From *κερας*, *cornu*, and *γλωσσα*, *lingua*, "the tongue."

(G) This muscle in its course forms a round tendon, which, after crossing over a kind of hook formed by the inner plate of the pterygoid process of the sphenoid bone, expands into a tendinous membrane.

(H) The few fibres that arise from the Eustachian tube are described as a distinct muscle by Albinus, under the name of *salpingo pharyngæus*. They serve to dilate the mouth of the tube.

Of the  
Muscles.Of the  
Muscles.

Name.	Origin.	Insertion.	Use.
2. Constrictor isthmi faucium.	From near the basis of the tongue laterally.	Into the velum pendulum palati, near the basis and fore part of the uvula.	To raise the tongue and draw the velum towards it (I).
3. Azygos uvulæ.	From the end of the future that unites the ossa palati.	Into the extremity of the uvula.	To shorten the uvula, and bring it forwards and upwards.

MUSCLES at the back  
part of the pharynx

1. Constrictor pharyngis superior.	From the cuneiform process of the occipital bone; the pterygoid process of the os sphenoides, and from each jaw near the last dens molares (κ).	Into the middle of the pharynx.	To move the pharynx upwards and forwards, and to compress its upper part.
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2. Constrictor pharyngis medius (L).	From the horn and appendix of the os hyoides, and from the ligament that unites it with the thyroid cartilage.	Into the middle of the processus cuneiformis of the occipital bone, about its middle and before the great foramen.	To draw the os hyoides and pharynx upwards, and to compress the latter.
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3. Constrictor pharyngis inferior (M).	From the cricoid and thyroid cartilages.	Into the middle of the pharynx.	To compress part of the pharynx.
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about the  
glottis

1. Crico-arytænoideus lateralis.	From the side of the cricoid cartilage.	Into the basis of the arytenoid cartilage laterally.	To open the glottis.
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2. Crico-arytænoideus posticus.	From the cricoid cartilage posteriorly.	Into the basis of the arytenoid cartilage posteriorly.	To open the glottis.
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3. Arytænoideus obliquus.	From the basis of one of the arytenoid cartilages.	Near the extremity of the other arytenoid cartilage.	To draw the parts it is connected with towards each other.
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4. Arytænoideus transversus.	From one of the arytenoid cartilages laterally.	Into the other arytenoid cartilage laterally.	To shut the glottis.
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5. Thyro-arytænoideus.	From the posterior and under part of the thyroid cartilage.	Into the arytenoid cartilage.	To draw the arytenoid cartilage forwards.
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6. Arytæno-epiglottideus.	From the upper part of the arytenoid cartilage laterally.	Into the side of the epiglottis.	To move the epiglottis outwards.
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7. Thyreo-epiglottideus.	From the thyroid cartilage.	Into the side of the epiglottis.	To pull the epiglottis obliquely downwards (N.)
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Muscles

(I) This muscle, and the palato-pharyngæus, likewise serve to close the passage into the fauces, and to carry the food into the pharynx.

(κ) The three orders of fibres here mentioned, with a few others derived from the tongue, have given occasion to Douglas to describe them as four distinct muscles, under the names of *cephalo-pharyngæus*, *mylo-pharyngæus*, *ptery-pharyngæus*, and *glossopharyngæus*.

(L) Douglas makes two muscles of this, the *hyo-pharyngæus* and *syndesmo-pharyngæus*.

(M) The crico-pharyngæus and thyro-pharyngæus of Douglas.

(N) When either this or the preceding muscle acts with its fellow, the epiglottis is drawn directly downwards upon the glottis.

Of the  
Muscles.MUSCLES at the fore  
part of the neck,  
close to the verte-  
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Muscles.

Name.	Origin.	Insertion.	Use.
1. Rectus capitis in- ternus major.	From the anterior ex- tremities of the transverse processes of the five lower- most cervical ver- tebræ.	Into the fore part of the cuneiform pro- cess of the os occi- pitis.	To bend the head forwards.
2. Rectus capitis in- ternus minor.	From the anterior and upper part of the first cervical vertebra.	Near the basis of the condyloid process of the os occipitis.	To assist the last de- scribed muscle.
3. Rectus capitis la- teralis.	From the anterior and upper part of the transverse pro- cess of the first cer- vical vertebra.	Into the os occipi- tis, opposite to the stylo-mastoid fora- men.	To move the head to one side.
4. Longus colli.	Within the thorax, laterally from the bodies of the three uppermost dorsal vertebræ; from the basis and fore part of the transverse processes of the first and second dorsal vertebræ, and of the last cervical ver- tebra; and lastly, from the anterior extremities of the transverse processes of the 6th, 5th, 4th, and 3d cervical ver- tebræ.	Into the second cer- vical vertebra ante- riorly.	To pull the neck to one side (o).

—at the fore  
part of the abdo-  
men - - - -

1. Obliquus externus.	From the lower edges of the eight infe- rior ribs, near their cartilages.	Into the linea alba (p), ossa pubis (q), and spine of the ilium (r).	To compress and sup- port the viscera, as- sist in evacuating the fæces and urine, draw down the ribs, and bend the trunk forwards, or ob- liquely to one side.
2. Obliquus internus.	From the spinous pro- cesses of the three lowermost lumbar	Into the cartilages of all the false ribs, linea alba (s), and	To assist the obliquus externus.

(o) When both muscles act, the neck is drawn directly forwards.

(p) The linea alba is that tendinous expansion which reaches from the cartilago ensiformis to the os pubis. It is formed by the interlacement of the tendinous fibres of the oblique and transverse muscles, and on this account some anatomists have considered these as three digastric muscles.

(q) A little above the pubis the tendinous fibres of this muscle separate from each other, so as to form an opening called the *ring* of the obliquus externus, and commonly, though improperly, the ring of the abdominal muscles, there being no such aperture either in the transversalis or obliquus internus. This ring in the male subject affords a passage to the spermatic vessels, and in the female to the round ligament of the uterus.(r) From the anterior and upper spinous process of the ilium, this muscle is stretched tendinous to the os pubis, and thus forms what is called by some *Fallopian's*, and by others *Poupart's ligament*. The blood-vessels pass under it to the thigh.

(s) The tendon formed by the upper part of this muscle in its way to the linea alba is divided into two layers. The posterior layer runs under, and the anterior one over, the rectus muscle.

Of the  
Muscles.

Name.

Origin.

Insertion.

Use.

Of the  
Muscles.

3. *Transversalis*. From the cartilages of the seven inferior ribs; the transverse processes of the last dorsal, and four upper lumbar vertebræ; the inner part of Fallopius's ligament and the spine of the ilium. Into the linea alba and cartilago ensiformis. To compress the abdominal viscera.
4. *Rectus abdominis*. From the upper edge of the pubis and the symphysis pubis. Into the cartilages of the 5th, 6th, and 7th ribs, and the edge of the cartilago ensiformis (v). To compress the fore part of the abdomen, and to bend the trunk forwards.
5. *Pyramidalis* (v). From the anterior and upper part of the pubis. Into the linea alba and inner edge of the rectus, commonly about two inches above the pubis. To assist the lower portion of the rectus.

MUSCLES at the fore  
part of the thorax -

1. *Pectoralis Major*. From the cartilaginous ends of the 5th and 6th ribs; the sternum, and anterior part of the clavicle. Into the upper and inner part of the os humeri (w). To draw the arm forwards, or obliquely forwards.
2. *Subclavius*. From the cartilage of the first rib. Into the under surface of the clavicle. To move the clavicle forwards and downwards, and to assist in raising the first rib.
3. *Pectoralis minor* (x). From the upper edges of the 3d, 4th, and 5th ribs. Into the coracoid process of the scapula. To move the scapula forwards and downwards, or to elevate the ribs.
4. *Serratus Magnus*. From the eight superior ribs. Into the basis of the scapula. To bring the scapula forwards.

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(r) From this part it detaches some fibres which extend downwards upon the spermatic chord, and form what is described as the cremaster muscle.

(v) The fibres of the rectus are generally divided by three tendinous interfections. The two upper thirds of this muscle passing between the tendinous layers of the obliquus internus, are inclosed as it were in a sheath; but at its lower part we find it immediately contiguous to the peritonæum, the inferior portion of the tendon of the transversalis passing over the rectus, and adhering to the anterior layer of the obliquus internus.

(v) This muscle is sometimes wanting.

(w) The fibres of this muscle pass towards the axilla in a felding manner, and with those of the latissimus dorsi from the arm-pit.

(x) This and some other muscles derive their name of *serratus*, from their arising by a number of tendinous or fleshy digitations, resembling the teeth of a saw (*serra*).

Of the Muscles.	MUSCLES that concur in forming the thorax,	Name.	Origin.	Insertion.	Use.	Of the Muscles.
		1. Diaphragma (γ).				
		2. Levatores costarum.	From the transverse processes of the last cervical and the eleven upper dorsal vertebræ.	Into the upper side of each rib, near its tuberosity.	To move the ribs upwards and outwards.	
		3. Intercostales externi.	From the lower edge of each upper rib.	Into the superior edge of each lower rib.	To elevate the ribs.	
		4. Intercostales interni (A).				
		5. Sterno-costales (B).	From the cartilago eniformis, and lower and middle part of the sternum.	Into the cartilages of the 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, and 6th ribs.	To depress the cartilages of the ribs.	
	at the back part of the neck and trunk,	1. Trapezius (c), or cucullaris.	From the middle of the os occipitis, and the spinous processes of the two inferior cervical, and of all the dorsal, vertebræ (D).	Into the posterior half of the clavicle, part of the acromion, and the spine of the scapula.	To move the scapula.	
		2. Rhomboideus (E).	From the spinous processes of the three lowermost cervical, and of all the dorsal vertebræ.	Into the basis of the scapula.	To move the scapula upwards and backwards.	
		3. Latissimus dorsi.	From part of the spine of the os ilium, the spinous processes of the os sacrum and lumbar vertebræ, and of six or eight of the dorsal	Into the os humeri, at the inner edge of the groove for lodging the long head of the biceps muscle.	To draw the os humeri downwards and backwards, and to roll it upon its axis.	

(γ) For a description of the diaphragm, see Part IV. Sect. IV.

(A) The origin, insertion, and use of the internal intercostals, are similar to those of the external. The reader, however, will be pleased to observe, that the intercostales externi occupy the spaces between the ribs only from the spine to their cartilages; from thence to the sternum, there being only a thin membrane, which is spread over the intercostales interni; and the latter, on the contrary, extend only from the sternum to the angles of each rib.

The fibres of the external muscles run obliquely forwards; those of the internal obliquely backwards. This difference in the direction of their fibres induced Galen to suppose that they were intended for different uses; that the external intercostals, for instance, serve to elevate, and the internal ones to depress the ribs. Fallopius seems to have been the first who ventured to dispute the truth of this doctrine, which has since been revived by Boyle, and more lately still by Hamberger, whose theoretical arguments on this subject have been clearly refuted by the experiments of Haller.

(B) These consist of four, and sometimes five distinct muscles on each side. Vesalius, and after him Douglas and Albinus, consider them as forming a single muscle, which, on account of its shape, they name *triangularis*. Verheyen, Winslow, and Haller, more properly describe them as so many separate muscles, which, on account of their origin and insertion, they name *sterno-costales*.

(C) So named by Riolanus, from *τραπέζα*, on account of its quadrilateral shape. Columbus and others gave it the name of *cucullaris*, from its resemblance to a monk's hood.

(D) The tendinous fibres of this muscle, united with those of its fellow in the nape of the neck, form what is called the *ligamentum colli*.

(E) This muscle consists of two distinct portions, which are described as separate muscles by Albinus, under the names of *rhomboideus minor* and *rhomboideus major*.



Name.	Origin.	Insertion.	Use
	sal vertebræ; also from the four inferior false ribs near their cartilages.		
4. Serratus inferior posticus.	From the spinous processes of the two lowermost dorsal, and of three of the lumbar vertebræ.	Into the lower edges of the three or four lowermost ribs near their cartilages.	To draw the ribs outwards, downwards, and backwards.
5. Levator scapulæ.	From the transverse processes of the four uppermost vertebræ colli.	Into the upper angle of the scapula.	To move the scapula forwards and upwards.
6. Serratus superior posticus.	From the lower part of the ligamentum colli, the spinous process of the lowermost cervical vertebra, and of the two superior dorsal vertebræ.	Into the 2d, 3d, and 4th ribs.	To expand the thorax.
7. Splenius (F).	From the spinous processes of the four or five uppermost vertebræ of the back, and of the lowermost cervical vertebra.	Into the transverse processes of the two first cervical vertebræ, the upper and back part of the mastoid process, and a ridge on the os occipitis.	To move the head backwards.
8. Complexus (G).	From the transverse processes of the four or five uppermost dorsal, and of the six lowermost cervical vertebræ.	Into the os occipitis.	To draw the head backwards.
9. Trachelo-mastoides (H).	From the transverse processes of the first dorsal vertebra, and four or five of the lowermost, cervical vertebræ.	Into the mastoid process.	To draw the head backwards.
10. Rectus capitis posticus major.	From the spinous process of the second cervical vertebra.	Into the os occipitis.	To extend the head and draw it backwards.
11. Rectus capitis posticus minor.	From the first vertebra of the neck.	Into the os occipitis.	To assist the rectus major.
12. Obliquus superior capitis.	From the transverse process of the first cervical vertebra.	Into the os occipitis.	To draw the head backwards.
13. Obliquus inferior capitis.	From the spinous process of the second cervical vertebra.	Into the transverse process of the first cervical vertebra.	To draw the face towards the shoulder, and to move the first vertebra upon the second.

(F) According to some writers, this muscle has gotten its name from its resemblance to the spleen; others derive it from *splenium splint*.

(G) So named on account of its complicated structure.

(H) So named from its origin from the neck (*τραχιλλοεις*) and its insertion into the mastoid process.

Name.	Origin.	Insertion.	Use.	Of the Muscles.
14. Sacro-lumbalis (I).	From the back part of the os sacrum, spine of the ilium, spinous processes and roots of the transverse processes of the vertebræ of the loins.	Into the lower edge of each rib.	To draw the ribs downwards, move the body upon its axis, assist in erecting the trunk, and turn the neck backwards, or to one side.	
15. Longissimus dorsi (K).	The same as that of the sacro-lumbalis.	Into the transverse processes of the dorsal vertebræ.	To stretch the vertebræ of the back, and keep the trunk erect.	
16. Spinalis dorsi.	From the spinous processes of the uppermost lumbar and lowermost dorsal vertebræ.	Into the spinous processes of the nine superior dorsal vertebræ.	To extend the vertebræ.	
17. Semi-spinalis dorsi.	From the transverse processes of the 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th vertebræ of the back.	Into the spinous processes of the four uppermost dorsal, and lowermost of the cervical vertebræ.	To extend the spine obliquely backwards.	
18. Multifidus Spinae (L).	From the os sacrum, ilium, oblique and transverse processes of the lumbar vertebræ, transverse processes of the dorsal, and four of the cervical vertebræ.	Into the spinous processes of the lumbar, dorsal, and six of the cervical vertebræ.	To extend the back and draw it backwards, or to one side.	
19. Semi-spinalis colli.	From the transverse processes of the five or six uppermost dorsal vertebræ.	Into the spinous processes of the 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, and 6th cervical vertebræ.	To stretch the neck obliquely backwards.	
20. Scalenus (M).	From the transverse processes of the five inferior cervical vertebræ.	Into the upper and outer part of the first and second ribs.	To move the neck forwards, or to one side.	

## 21. Inter-

(I) Several thin fasciculi of fleshy fibres arise from the lower ribs, and terminate in the inner side of this muscle. Steno names them *masculi ad sacro lumbalem accessorii*. The sacro-lumbalis likewise sends off a fleshy slip from its upper part, which by Douglas and Albinus is described as a distinct muscle, under the name of *cervicalis descendens*. Morgagni has very properly considered it as a part of the sacro-lumbalis.

(K) At the upper part of this muscle a broad thin layer of fleshy fibres is found crossing, and intimately adhering to it. This portion, which is described by Albinus, under the name of *transversalis cervicis*, may very properly be considered as an appendage to the longissimus dorsi. It arises from the transverse processes of the five or six superior dorsal vertebræ, and is inserted into the transverse processes of the six inferior cervical vertebræ. By means of this appendage the longissimus dorsi may serve to move the neck to one side, or obliquely backwards.

(L) Anatomists in general have unnecessarily multiplied the muscles of the spine. Albinus has the merit of having introduced greater simplicity into this part of myology. Under the name of *multifidus spinae*, he has very properly included those portions of muscular flesh intermixed with tendinous fibres, situated close to the back part of the spine, and which are described by Douglas under the names of *transversales colli, dorsi, & lumborum*.

(M) The ancients gave it this name from its resemblance to an irregular triangle (*σκαληνος*). It consists of three fleshy portions. The anterior one affords a passage to the axillary artery, and between this and the middle portion we find the nerves going to the upper extremities. The middle is in part covered by the posterior portion, which is the longest and thinnest of the three.

Of the  
Muscles.Of the  
Muscles.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Origin.</i>	<i>Insertion.</i>	<i>Use.</i>
21. Inter-spinalis (N).	From the upper part of each of the spinous processes of the six inferior cervical vertebræ.	Into the under part of each of the spinous processes of the vertebræ above.	To draw the spinous processes towards each other.
22. Inter-transversales (o).	From the upper part of each of the transverse processes of the vertebræ.	Into the under part of each of the transverse processes of the vertebræ above.	To draw the transverse processes towards each other.

MUSCLES within the cavity of the abdomen, on the anterior and lateral parts of the spine,

1. Psoas parvus (P).	From the sides and transverse processes of the uppermost lumbar vertebra, and sometimes of the lowermost dorsal vertebra.	Into the brim of the pelvis, at the junction of the os pubis with the ilium.	To bend the loins forwards.
2. Psoas-magnus.	From the bodies and transverse processes of the last dorsal, and all the lumbar vertebræ.	Into the os femoris, a little below the trochanter minor.	To bend the thigh forwards.
3. Iliacus internus.	From the inner lip, hollow part, and edge of the os ilium.	In common with the psoas magnus.	To assist the psoas magnus.
4. Quadratus lumborum (Q).	From the posterior part of the spine of the ilium.	Into the transverse processes of the four uppermost lumbar vertebræ, the inferior edge of the last rib, and the side of the lowermost dorsal vertebra.	To support the spine, or to draw it to one side.
5. Coccygæus.	From the posterior and inner edge of the spine of the ischium.	Into the lower part of the os sacrum, and almost the whole length of the os coccygis laterally.	To draw the os coccygis forwards and inwards (R)

— on the scapula and upper part of the os humeri,

1. Deltoides (S).	From the clavicle, processus acromion, and spine of the scapula.	Into the anterior and middle part of the os humeri.	To raise the arm.
2. Supra-spinatus.	From the basis, spine, and upper costa of the scapula.	Into a large tuberosity at the head of the os humeri.	To raise the arm.

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3. Infra-

(N) In the generality of anatomical books we find these muscles divided into *inter-spinalis cervicis, dorfi, and lumborum*, but we do not find any such muscles either in the loins or back.

(o) These muscles are to be found only in the neck and loins; which have been described, as the *inter-transversales dorfi* being rather small tendons than muscles.

(P) This and the following pair of muscles derive their name of *psoas* from  $\psi\omicron\alpha$ , *lumbus*, on account of their situation at the anterior part of the loins.

(Q) So called from its shape, which is that of an irregular square.

(R) Some of the fibres of this muscle are united with those of the levator ani, so that it assists in closing the lower part of the pelvis.

(S) So named from its supposed resemblance to the Greek  $\Delta$  reversed.

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Muscles.

Name.	Origin.	Insertion.	Use.	Of the Muscles.
3. Infra-spinatus.	From the base and spine of the scapula.	Into the upper and middle part of the tuberosity.	To roll the os humeri outwards.	
4. Teres minor (τ)	From the inferior costa of the scapula.	Into the lower part of the tuberosity.	To assist the infra spinatus.	
5. Teres major.	From the inferior angle, and inferior costa of the scapula.	Into the ridge at the inner side of the groove formed for the long head of the biceps.	To assist in the rotatory motion of the arm.	
6. Subscapularis.	From the basis, superior and inferior costa of the scapula.	Into the upper part of a small tuberosity at the head of the os humeri.	To roll the arm inwards.	
7. Coraco-brachialis (υ)	From the coracoid process of the scapula.	Into the middle and inner side of the os humeri.	To roll the arm forwards and upwards.	

MUSCLES on the os  
humeri, - - -

1. Biceps flexor cubiti.	By two heads, one from the coracoid process, and the other, or long head, from the upper and outer edge of the glenoid cavity of the scapula.	Into the tuberosity at the upper end of the radius.	To bend the fore-arm.
2. Brachialis internus.	From the os humeri, below, and at each side of the tendon of the deltoides.	Into a small tuberosity at the fore part of the coronoid process of the ulna.	To assist in bending the fore-arm.
3. Triceps extensor cubiti.	By three heads: the first, from the inferior costa of the scapula; the second, from the upper and outer part of the os humeri; and the third, from the back part of that bone.	Into the upper and outer part of the olecranon.	To extend the fore-arm.

— on the fore-  
arm, - - -

1. Supinator longus.	From the outer ridge and anterior surface of the os humeri, a little above its outer condyle.	Into the radius near its styloid process.	To assist in turning the palm of the hand upwards.
2. Extensor carpi radialis longus.	Immediately below the origin of the supinator longus.	Into the upper part of the metacarpal bone of the fore-finger.	To extend the wrist.
3. Extensor carpi radialis brevis.	From the outer and lower part of the outer condyle of the os humeri, and the upper part of the radius.	Into the upper part of the metacarpal bone of the middle finger.	To assist the extensor longus.
4. Extensor digitorum communis.	From the outer condyle of the os humeri.	Into the back part of all the bones of the fore finger.	To extend the fingers.

5. Extensor

(τ) This and the following pair are called *teres*, from their being of a long and round shape.  
 (υ) This muscle affords a passage to the musculo-cutaneous nerve.

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Muscles.Of the  
Muscles.

Name.	Origin.	Insertion.	Use.
5. Extensor minimi digiti.	From the outer condyle of the os humeri.	Into the bones of the little finger.	To extend the little finger.
6. Extensor carpi ulnaris.	From the outer condyle of the os humeri.	Into the metacarpal bone of the little finger.	To assist in extending the wrist.
7. Anconæus (v).	From the outer condyle of the os humeri.	Into the outer edge of the ulna.	To extend the fore arm.
8. Flexor carpi ulnaris.	From the inner condyle of the os humeri, and anterior edge of the olecranon (w).	Into the os pisiforme.	To assist in bending the hand.
9. Palmaris longus.	From the inner condyle of the os humeri.	Into the internal annular ligament, and aponeurosis palmaris (x).	To bend the hand.
10. Flexor carpi radialis.	From the inner condyle of the os humeri.	Into the metacarpal bone of the fore finger.	To bend the hand.
11. Pronator radii teres.	From the outer condyle of the os humeri, and coronoid process of the ulna.	Into the anterior and convex edge of the radius near its middle.	To roll the hand inwards.
12. Flexor sublimis perforatus (y).	From the inner condyle of the os humeri, inner edge of the coronoid process of the ulna, and upper and anterior part of the radius.	Into the second bone of each finger.	To bend the second joint of the finger.
13. Supinator radii brevis.	From the outer condyle of the os humeri, and posterior surface and outer edge of the ulna.	Into the anterior, inner, and upper part of the radius.	To roll the radius outwards.
14. Abductor pollicis longus.	From the middle and back part of the ulna, interosseous ligament, and radius.	By two tendons into the os trapezium, and first bone of the thumb.	To stretch the first bone of the thumb outwards.
15. Extensor minor pollicis.	From the back part of the ulna, and interosseous ligament and radius.	Into the convex part of the second bone of the thumb.	To extend the second bone of the thumb obliquely outwards.
16. Extensor major pollicis.	From the back of the ulna and interosseous ligament.	Into the third and last bone of the thumb.	To stretch the thumb obliquely backwards.
17. Indicator.	From the middle of the ulna.	Into the metacarpal bone of the forefinger.	To extend the forefinger.

18 Flexor.

(v) So called from *αγκών*, *cubitus*.

(w) Between the two origins of this muscle we find the ulnar-nerve going to the fore arm.

(x) The aponeurosis palmaris is a tendinous membrane that extends over the palm of the hand. Some anatomists have supposed it to be a production of the tendon of this muscle, but without sufficient grounds; for in some subjects we find the palmaris longus inserted wholly into the annular ligament, so as to be perfectly distinct from this aponeurosis; and it now and then happens, that no palmaris longus is to be found, whereas this expansion is never deficient.

(y) This muscle is named *perforatus*, on account of the four tendons in which it terminates, being perforated by those of another muscle, the perforans.

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Name.	Origin.	Insertion.	Use.	Of the Muscles.
18. Flexor profundus perforans.	From the upper and fore part of the ulna, and interosseous ligament.	Into the fore part of the last bone of each of the fingers.	To bend the last joint of the fingers.	
19. Flexor pollicis longus.	From the upper and fore part of the radius.	Into the last joint of the thumb.	To bend the last joint of the thumb.	
20. Pronator radii quadratus.	From the inner and lower part of the ulna.	Into the radius, opposite to its origin.	To roll the radius inwards, and of course to assist in the pronation of the hand.	
MUSCLES on the hand, 1. Lumbricales (z).				
	From the tendons of the perforans.	Into the tendons of the extensor digitorum communis.	To bend the first, and to extend the two last joints of the fingers (A).	
2. Abductor brevis pollicis.	From the fore part of the internal annular ligament, os scaphoides, and one of the tendons of the abductor longus pollicis.	Into the outer side of the 2d bone of the thumb, near its root.	To move the thumb from the fingers.	
3. Opponens pollicis.	From the inner and anterior part of the internal annular ligament, and from the os scaphoides.	Into the first bone of the thumb.	To move the thumb inwards, and to turn it upon its axis.	
4. Flexor brevis pollicis.	From the os trapezoides, internal annular ligament, os magnum, and os unciforme.	Into the ossa sesamoides and second bone of the thumb.	To bend the second joint of the thumb.	
5. Abductor pollicis.	From the metacarpal bone of the middle finger.	Into the basis of the second bone of the thumb.	To move the thumb towards the fingers.	
6. Abductor indices.	From the inner side of the first bone of the thumb, and from the os trapezium.	Into the first bone of the fore finger posteriorly.	To move the fore finger towards the thumb.	
7. Palmaris brevis.	From the internal annular ligament, and aponeurosis palmaris.	Into the os pisiforme, and the skin covering the abductor minimi digiti.	To contract the palm of the hand.	
8. Abductor minimi digiti.	From the internal annular ligament and os pisiforme.	Into the side of the first bone of the little finger.	To draw the little finger from the rest.	
9. Flexor parvus minimi digiti.	From the os unciforme and internal annular ligament.	Into the first bone of the little finger.	To bend the little finger.	
10. Abductor metacarpi minimi digiti.	From the os unciforme and internal annular ligament.	Into the metacarpal bone of the little finger.	To move that bone towards the rest.	
11. Interossei interni.	Situated between the metacarpal bones.	Into the roots of the fingers.	To extend the fingers and move them towards the thumb (B).	
				12. Interossei

(z) So named from their being shaped somewhat like the lumbricus or earth-worm.

(A) Fallopius was the first who remarked the two opposite uses of this muscle. Their extending power is owing to their connection with the extensor communis.

(B) The third interosseus internus (for there are four of the externi and three of the interni) differs from the rest in drawing the middle finger from the thumb.

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Name.	Origin.	Insertion.	Use.
12. Interossei externi.	Situated between the metacarpal bones on the back of the hand.	Into the roots of the fingers.	To extend the fingers; but the first draws the middle finger inwards, the second draws it outwards, and the third draws the ring finger inwards.

MUSCLES at the back  
part of the pelvis,  
and upper part of  
the thigh, - -

1. Glutæus (c) maximus.	From the spine of the ilium, posterior sacro ischiatic ligaments, os sacrum, and os occygis.	Into the upper part of the <i>linea aspera</i> of the os femoris.	To extend the thigh and draw it outwards.
2. Glutæus medius.	From the spine and superior surface of the ilium.	Into the outer and back part of the great trochanter of the os femoris.	To draw the thigh outwards and a little backwards, and when it is bended, to roll it.
3. Glutæus minimus.	From the outer surface of the ilium and the border of its great niche.	Into the upper and anterior part of the great trochanter.	To assist the former.
4. Piriformis (D).	From the anterior part of the os sacrum.	Into a cavity at the root of the trochanter major.	To roll the thigh outwards.
5. Gemini (E).	By two portions, one from the outer surface of the spine of the ischium; the other from the tuberosity of the ischium and posterior sacro-ischiatic ligament.	Into the same cavity as the piriformis.	To roll the thigh outwards, and likewise to confine the tendon of the obturator internus, when the latter is in action.
6. Obturator internus.	From the superior half of the inner border of the foramen thyroideum.	Into the same cavity with the former.	To roll the thigh outwards.
7. Quadratus (F) femoris.	From the tuberosity of the ischium.	Into a ridge between the trochanter major and trochanter minor.	To move the thigh outwards.

\_\_\_\_\_ on the thigh

(G), - - -	1. Biceps flexor crucis.	By two heads; one from the tuberosity of the ischium,	Into the upper and back part of the fibula (H).	To bend the leg.
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(C) From *γλυτος*, nates.

(D) So named from its pear-like shape.

(E) The two portions of this muscle having been described as two distinct muscles by some anatomists, have occasioned it to be named *gemini*. The tendon of the obturator internus runs between these two portions.

(F) This muscle is not of the square shape its name would seem to indicate.

(G) The muscles of the leg and thigh are covered by a broad tendinous membrane called *fascia lata*, that surrounds them in the manner of a sheath. It is sent off from the tendons of the glutæi and other muscles, and dipping down between the muscles it covers, adheres to the *linea aspera*, and spreading over the joint of the knee, gradually disappears on the leg. It is thickest on the inside of the thigh.(H) The tendon of this muscle forms the *outer ham-string*.

Name.	Origin.	Insertion.	Use.	Of the Muscles.
	the other from the linea aspera near the insertion of the glutæus maximus.			
2. Semitendinosus.	From the tuberosity of the ischium.	Into the upper and inner part of the tibia.	To bend and draw the leg inwards.	
3. Semi-membranosus (I).	From the tuberosity of the ischium.	Into the upper and back part of the head of the tibia.	To bend the leg.	
4. Tensor vaginæ femoris.	From the superior and anterior spinous process of the ilium.	Into the inner side of the fascia lata, which covers the outside of the thigh.	To stretch the fascia.	
5. Sartorius.	From the superior and anterior spinous process of the ilium.	Into the upper and inner part of the tibia.	To bend the leg inwards (κ).	
6. Rectus.	By two tendons; one from the anterior and inferior spinous process of the ilium; the other from the posterior edge of the cotyloid cavity.	Into the upper and fore-part of the patella.	To extend the leg.	
7. Gracilis.	From the fore-part of the ischium and pubis.	Into the upper and inner part of the tibia.	To bend the leg.	
8. Vastus externus (L).	From the anterior and lower part of the great trochanter, and the outer edge of the linea aspera.	To the upper and outer part of the patella.	To extend the leg.	
9. Vastus internus.	From the inner edge of the linea aspera, beginning between the fore-part of the os femoris and the root of the lesser trochanter.	Into the upper and inner part of the patella.	To extend the leg.	
10. Cruræus (M).	From the outer and anterior part of the lesser trochanter.	Into the upper part of the patella.	To extend the leg.	
11. Pectinalis.	From the anterior edge of the os pubis, or pectinis, as it is sometimes called.	Into the upper and fore part of the linea aspera.	To draw the thigh inwards, upwards, and to roll it a little outwards.	

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12. Abductor

(I) So named on account of its origin, which is by a broad flat tendon three inches long.

(κ) Spigelius was the first who gave this the name of *sartorius*, or the taylor's muscle, from its use in crossing the legs.

(L) The vastus externus, vastus internus, and cruræus, are so intimately connected with each other, that some anatomists have been induced to consider them as a *triceps*, or single muscle with three heads.

(M) Under the cruræus we sometimes meet with two small muscles, to which Albinus has given the name of *sub-cruræi*. They terminate on each side of the patella, and prevent the capsular ligament from being pinched. When they are wanting, which is very often the case, some of the fibres of the cruræus are found adhering to the capsula.



	Name.	Origin.	Insertion.	Use.
	12. Abductor longus femoris (N).	From the upper and fore part of the os pubis.	Near the middle and back part of the linea aspera.	To draw the thigh inwards, upwards, and to roll it a little outwards.
	13. Abductor brevis femoris.	From the fore part of the ramus of the os pubis.	Into the inner and upper part of the linea aspera.	
	14. Abductor magnus femoris.	From the lower and fore part of the ramus of the os pubis.	Into the whole length of the linea aspera.	
	15. Obturator externus.	From part of the obturator ligament; and the inner half of the circumference of the foramen thyroideum.	Into the os femoris near the root of the great trochanter.	To move the thigh outwards in an oblique direction, and likewise to bend and draw it inwards.
MUSCLES on the leg,	1. Gastrocnemius (o) externus.	By two heads; one from the inner condyle, the other from the outer condyle of the os femoris.	By a great round tendon, common to this and the following muscle.	To extend the foot.
	2. Gastrocnemius (p) internus.	By two heads; one from the back part of the head of the fibula; the other from the upper and back part of the tibia.	By a large tendon (the <i>tendo achillis</i> ) common to this and the former muscle, into the lower and back part of the os calcis.	To extend the foot.
	3. Plantaris (q)	From the upper and posterior part of the outer condyle of the os femoris.	Into the inside of the back part of the os calcis.	To assist in extending the foot.
	4. Popliteus (r)	From the outer condyle of the thigh.	Into the upper and inner part of the tibia.	To assist in bending the leg and rolling it inwards.
	5. Flexor longus digitorum pedis (s)	From the upper and inner part of the tibia.	By four tendons, which, after passing through the perforations in those of the flexor digitorum brevis, are inserted into the last bone of all the toes except the great toe.	To bend the last joint of the toe.
	6. Flexor longus pollicis pedis.	From the back part, and a little below the head of the fibula.	Into the last bone of the great toe.	To bend the great toe.

(N) This and the two following muscles have been usually, but improperly, considered as forming a single muscle with three heads, and on that account named *triceps femoris*.

(O) *Τασπορννημια, sura*, "the calf of the leg."

(P) This muscle is by some anatomists named *soleus*, on account of its being shaped like the sole-fish.

(Q) This muscle has gotten the name of *plantaris*, from its being supposed to furnish the aponeurosis that covers the sole of the foot; but it does not in the least contribute to the formation of that tendinous expansion.

(R) So called on account of its situation at the ham (*poples*).

(S) This muscle, about the middle of the foot, unites with a fleshy mass, which, from its having first been described by Sylvius, is usually called *massa carnea* JACOBI SYLVII.

Of the Muscles.	Name.	Origin.	Insertion.	Use.	Of the Muscles.
	7. Tibialis posticus.	From the back part and outer edge of the tibia, and likewise from the interosseous ligament and adjacent part of the fibula.	Into the inner and upper part of the os naviculare and side of the os cuneiforme medium.	To move the foot inwards.	
	8. Peroneus longus.	From the outer side of the head of the tibia, and also from the upper, anterior, and outer part of the <i>perone</i> or fibula, to which it adheres for a considerable way down.	Into the metatarsal bone of the great toe.	To move the foot outwards.	
	9. Peroneus brevis.	From the outer and fore-part of the fibula.	Into the metatarsal bone of the little toe.	To assist the last described muscle.	
	10. Extensor longus digitorum pedis.	From the upper, outer, and fore part of the tibia, interosseous ligament, and inner edge of the fibula.	By four tendons into the first joint of the smaller toes.	To extend the toes.	
	11. Peroneus tertius.	From the fore-part of the lower half of the fibula, and from the interosseous ligament.	Into the metatarsal bone of the little toe.	To bend the foot.	
	12. Tibialis anticus.	From the upper and fore part of the tibia.	Into the os cuneiforme internum.	To bend the foot.	
	13. Extensor proprius pollicis pedis.	From the upper and fore part of the tibia.	Into the convex surface of the bones of the great toe.	To extend the great toe.	
MUSCLES on the foot,	1. Extensor brevis digitorum pedis.	From the upper and anterior part of the os calcis.	By four tendons; one of which joins the tendon of the extensor longus pollicis, and the other three the tendons of the extensor digitorum longus.	To extend the toes.	
	2. Flexor brevis digitorum pedis.	From the lower part of the os calcis.	By four tendons, which, after affording a passage to those of the flexor longus, are inserted into the second phalanx of each of the small toes.	To bend the second joint of the toes.	
	3. Abductor pollicis pedis.	From the inner and lower part of the os calcis.	Into the first joint of the great toe.	To move the great toe from the other toes.	
	4. Abductor minimi digiti.	From the outer tubercle of the os calcis, the root of the metatarsal bone of the little toe, and also from the aponeurosis plantaris.	Into the outer side of the first joint of the little toe.	To draw the little toe outwards.	
					5. Lumbricales

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Muscles.

Name.	Origin.	Insertion.	Use.	Of the Muscles.
5. Lumbricales pedis.	From the tendons of the flexor longus digitorum pedis.	Into the tendinous expansion at the upper part of the toes.	To draw the toes inwards.	
6. Flexor brevis pollicis pedis.	From the inferior and anterior part of the os calcis, and also from the inferior part of the os cuneiforme externum.	By two tendons into the first joint of the great toe.	To bend the first joint of the great toe.	
7. Adductor pollicis pedis.	From near the roots of the metatarsal bones of the 2d, 3d, and 4th toes.	Into the outer os sesamoideum, or first joint of the great toe.	To draw the great toe nearer to the rest, and also to bend it.	
8. Transversales pedis.	From the outer and under part of the anterior end of the metatarsal bone of the little toe.	Into the inner os sesamoideum, and anterior end of the metatarsal bone of the great toe.	To contract the foot.	
9. Flexor brevis minimi digiti pedis.	From the basis of the metatarsal bone of the little toe.	Into the first joint of the little toe.	To bend the little toe.	
10. Interossei pedis interni (τ).	Situated between the metatarsal bones.			
-----exter- ni (υ).				

## EXPLANATION OF PLATES XXIII. AND XXIV.

## PLATE XXIII.

FIG. 1. The MUSCLES immediately under the common teguments on the anterior part of the body are represented on the right side; and on the left side the MUSCLES are seen which come in view when the exterior ones are taken away.

A, The frontal muscle. B, The tendinous aponeurosis which joins it to the occipital; hence both named *occipito-frontalis*. C, *Attolens aurem*. D, The ear. E, *Anterior auris*. F F, *Orbicularis palpebrarum*. G, *Levator labii superioris aëque nasi*. H, *Levator anguli oris*. I, *Zygomaticus minor*. K, *Zygomaticus major*. L, *Masseter*. M, *Orbicularis oris*. N, *Depressor labii inferioris*. O, *Depressor anguli oris*. P, *Buccinator*. Q Q, *Platysma myoides*. R R, *Sterno-cleido-mastoidæus*. S, Part of the *trapezius*. T, Part of the *scaleni*.

SUPERIOR EXTREMITY.—U, *Deltoides*. V, *Pectoralis major*. W, Part of the *latissimus dorsi*. XX, *Biceps flexor cubiti*. Y Y, Part of the *brachialis externus*. Z Z, The beginning of the tendinous aponeurosis (from the *biceps*), which is spread over the muscles of the fore-arm. a a, Its strong tendon inserted into the tubercle of the *radius*. b b, Part of the *brachialis internus*. c, *Pronator radii teres*. d, *Flexor carpi radialis*. e, Part of the *flexor carpi ulnaris*. f, *Palmaris longus*. g, *Aponeurosis palmaris*. 3. *Palmaris brevis*. 1, *Ligamentum carpi annulare*. 2 2, *Abductor minimi digiti*. h, *Supinator radii longus*.

i, The tendons of the thumb. k, *Abductor pollicis*. l, *Flexor pollicis longus*. m m, The tendons of the *flexor sublimis perforatus*, *profundus perforans*, and *lumbricales*.—The sheaths are entire in the right hand, —in the left cut open to show the tendons of the *flexor profundus perforans* the *sublimis*.

MUSCLES not referred to—in the left superior extremity.—n, *Pectoralis minor*, seu *ferratus anticus minor*. o, The two heads of (x x) the *biceps*. p, *Coracobrachialis*. q q, The long head of the *triceps extensor cubiti*. r r, *Teres major*. s s, *Subscapularis*. t t, *Extensores radiales*. u, *Supinator brevis*. v, The cut extremity of the *pronator teres*. w, *Flexor sublimis perforatus*. x, Part of the *flexor profundus*. y, *Flexor pollicis longus*. z, Part of the *flexor pollicis brevis*. 4, *Abductor minimi digiti*. 5, The four *lumbricales*.

TRUNK.—6, Serrated extremities of the *ferratus anticus major*. 7 7, *Obliquus externus abdominis*. 8 8, The *linea alba*. 9, The *umbilicus*. 10, *Pyramidalis*. 11 11, The *spermatic cord*. On the left side it is covered by the *cremaster*. 12 12, *Rectus abdominis*. 13, *Obliquus internus*. 14 14, &c. *Intercostal muscles*.

INFERIOR EXTREMITIES.—a a, The *gracilis*. b b, Parts of the *triceps*. c c, *Pectialis*. d d, *Psoas magnus*. e e, *Iliacus internus*. f, Part of the *glutæus medius*. g, Part of the *glutæus minimus*. h, Cut extremity of the *rectus cruris*. i i, *Vastus externus*. k, Tendon of the *rectus cruris*. l l, *Vastus internus*.

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\* *Sartorius*

(τ) The *interossei interni* are three in number; their use is to draw the smaller toes towards the great toe.

(υ) The *interossei externi* are four in number; the first serves to move the fore-toe towards the great toe: the rest move the toes outwards. All the *interossei* assist in extending the toes.

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\* Sartorius muscle. \*\* Fleehy origin of the tenfor vaginæ fæmoris or membranofus. Its tendinous aponeurofis covers (*i*) the vastus externus in the right fide. *m m*, Patella. *n n*, Ligament or tendon from it to the tibia. *o*, Rectus cruris. *p*, Cruræus. *q q*, The tibia. *r r*, Part of the Gemellus or gastrocnemius externus.\* *fff*, Part of the soleus or gastrocnemius internus. *t*, Tibialis anticus. *u*, Tibialis posticus. *v v*, Peronæi muscles. *w w*, Extensor longus digitorum pedis. *x x*, Extensor longus pollicis pedis. *y*, Abductor pollicis pedis.

FIG. 2. The MUSCLES, GLANDS, &c. of the Left Side of the face and neck, after the common Teguments and Platysma myoides have been taken off.

*a*, The frontal muscle. *b*, Temporalis and temporal artery. *c*, Orbicularis palpebrarum. *d*, Levator labii superioris alæqui nasi. *e*, Levator anguli oris. *f*, Zygomaticus. *g*, depressor labii inferioris. *h*, Depressor anguli oris. *i*, Buccinator. *k*, Masseter. *l l*, Parotid gland. *m*, Its duct. *n*, Sterno-cleido-mastoidæus. *o*, Part of the trapezius. *p*, Sterno-hyoidæus. *q*, Sterno-thyroidæus. *r*, Omo-hyoidæus. *f*, Levator scapulæ. *t t*, Scaleni. *u*, Part of the splenius.

FIG. 3. The MUSCLES of the Face and Neck in view after the exterior ones are taken away.

*a a*, Corrugator supercilii. *b*, Temporalis. *c*, Tendon of the levator palpebræ superioris. *d*, Tendon of the orbicularis palpebrarum. *e*, Masseter. *f*, Buccinator. *g*, Levator anguli oris. *h*, Depressor labii superioris alæque nasi. *i*, Orbicularis oris. *k*, Depressor anguli oris. *l*, Muscles of the os hyoides. *m*, Sterno-cleido-mastoidæus.

FIG. 4. Some of the MUSCLES of the Os Hyoides and Submaxillary Gland.

*a*, Part of the masseter muscle. *b*, Posterior head of the digastric. *c*, Its anterior head. *d d*, Sterno-hyoidæus. *e*, Omo-hyoidæus. *f*, Stylo-hyoidæus. *g*, Submaxillary gland in situ.

FIG. 5. The Submaxillary Gland and Duct.

*a*, Musculus mylo-hyoidæus. *b*, Hyo-glossus. *c*, Submaxillary gland extra situ. *d*, Its duct.

## PLATE XXIV.

FIG. 1. The MUSCLES immediately under the common teguments on the posterior part of the body, are represented in the right fide; and on the left fide the MUSCLES are seen which come in view when the exterior ones are taken away.

HEAD.—*A A*, Occipito-frontalis. *B*, Attollens aurem. *C*, Part of the orbicularis palpebrarum. *D*, Masseter. *E*, Pterygoidæus internus.

TRUNK.—Right fide. *FFF*, Trapezius seu cucullaris. *GGGG*, Latissimus dorsi. *H*, Part of the obliquus externus abdominis.

TRUNK.—Left fide. *I*, Splenius. *K*, Part of the complexus. *L*, Levator scapulæ. *M*, Rhomboides. *NN*, Serratus posticus inferior. *O*, Part of the longissimus dorsi. *P*, Part of the sacro-lumbalis. *Q*, Part of the femi-spinalis dorsi. *R*, Part of the serratus an-

ticus major. *S*, Part of the obliquus internus abdominis.

SUPERIOR EXTREMITY.—Right fide. *T*, Deltoides. *U*, Triceps extensor cubiti. *V*, Supinator longus. *WW*, Extensores carpi radialis longior and brevior. *XX*, Extensor carpi ulnaris. *YY*, Extensor digitorum communis. *Z*, Abductor indicis. *1 2 3*, Extensores pollicis.

SUPERIOR EXTREMITY.—Left fide. *a*, Supra spinatus. *b*, Infra-spinatus. *c*, Teres minor. *d*, Teres major. *e*, Triceps extensor cubiti. *ff*, Extensores carpi radiales. *g*, Supinator brevis. *h*, Indicator. *1 2 3*, Extensores pollicis. *i*, Abductor minimi digiti. *k*, Interossei.

INFERIOR EXTREMITY.—Right fide. *l*, Glutæus maximus. *m*, Part of the Glutæus medius. *n*, Tenfor vaginæ femoris. *o*, Gracilis. *p p*, Abductor femoris magnus. *q*, Part of the vastus internus. *r*, Semimembranofus. *s*, Semitendinosus. *t*, Long head of the biceps flexor cruris. *u u*, Gastrocnemius externus seu gemellus. *v*, Tendo Achillis. *w*, Soleus seu gastrocnemius internus. *x x*, Peronæus longus and brevis. *y*, Tendons of the flexor longus digitorum pedis;—and under them \* flexor brevis digitorum pedis. *z*, Abductor minimi digiti pedis.

INFERIOR EXTREMITY.—Left fide. *m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, v, w w, x x, y, z*, Point the same parts as in the right fide. *a*, Pyriformis. *b b*, Gemini. *c c*, Obturator internus. *d*, Quadratus femoris. *e*, Coccygæus. *f*, The short head of the biceps flexor cruris. *g g*, Plantaris. *h*, Poplitæus. *i*, Flexor longus pollicis pedis.

FIG. 2. The Palm of the Left Hand after the common Teguments are removed, to show the MUSCLES of the Fingers.

*a*, Tendon of the flexor carpi radialis. *b*, Tendon of the flexor carpi ulnaris. *c*, Tendons of the flexor sublimis perforatus, profundus perforans and lumbricales. *d*, Abductor pollicis. *e e*, Flexor pollicis longus. *f*, Flexor pollicis brevis. *g*, Palmaris brevis. *h*, Abductor minimi digiti. *i*, Ligamentum carpianulare. *k*, A probe put under the tendons of the flexor digitorum sublimis; which are perforated by *l*, the flexor digitorum profundus. *m m m m*, Lumbricales. *n*, Abductor pollicis.

FIG. 3 A Fore-view of the foot and Tendons of the Flexores Digitorum.

*a*, Cut extremity of the tendo Achillis. *b*, Upper part of the astragalus. *c*, Os calcis. *d*, Tendon of the tibialis anticus. *e*, Tendon of the extensor pollicis longus. *f*, Tendon of the peronæus brevis. *g*, Tendons of the flexor digitorum longus, with the nonus Vefalii. *h h*, The whole of the flexor digitorum brevis.

FIG. 4. MUSCLES of the Anus.

*a a*, An out line of the buttocks, and upper part of the thighs. *b*, The testes contained in the scrotum. *c c*, Sphincter ani. *d*, Anus. *e*, Levator ani. *f f*, Erector penis. *g g*, Accelerator urinæ. *h*, Corpus cavernosum urethræ.

FIG. 5. MUSCLES of the Penis.

*a a, b, d, e e, f f, h*, point the same as in fig. 4. *c*, Sphincter ani. *g g*, Transversalis penis.

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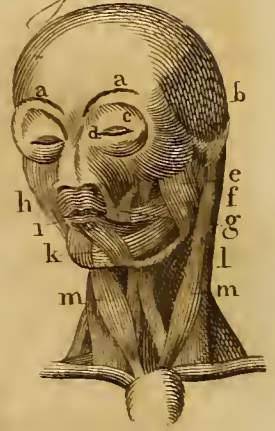
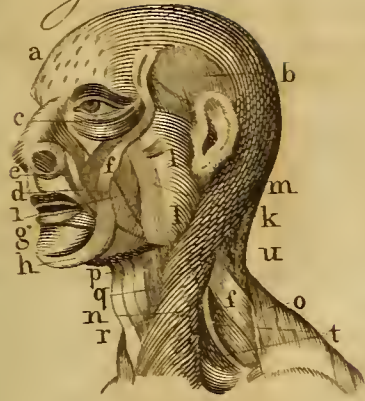
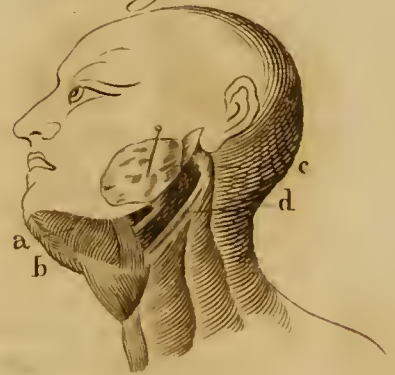


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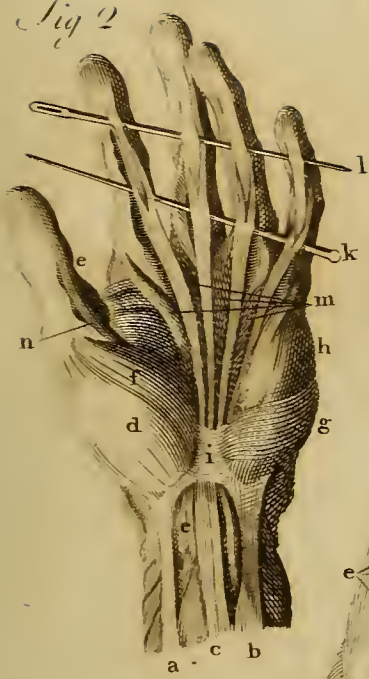


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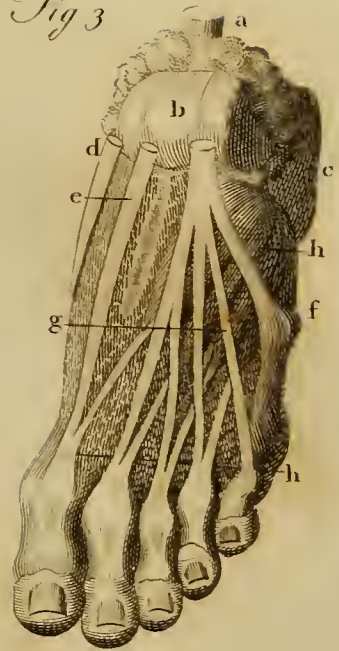


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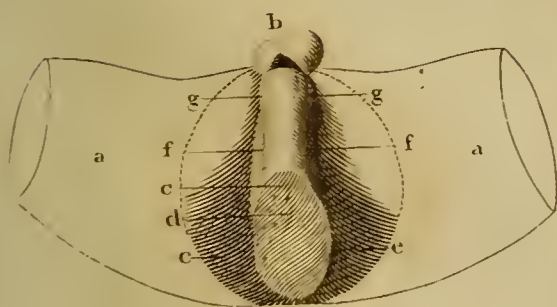
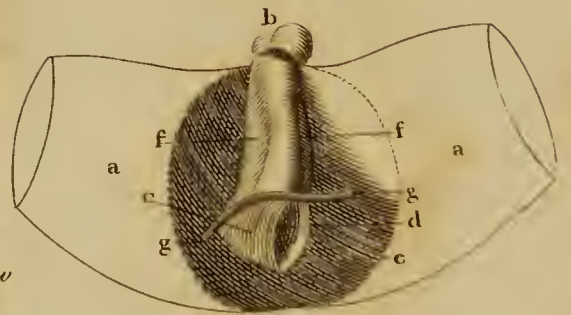


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## PART III. OF THE ABDOMEN, OR LOWER BELLY.

88. THE abdomen, or lower belly, extends from the lower extremity of the sternum, or the hollow, usually called the pit of the stomach, and more properly *scrobiculus cordis*, to the lower part of the trunk.

It is distinguished into three divisions called *regions*; of these the upper one, which is called the *epigastric region*, begins immediately under the sternum, and extends to within two fingers breadth of the navel, where the middle or *umbilical region* begins, and reaches to the same distance below the navel. The third, which is called the *hypogastric*, includes the rest of the abdomen, as far as the os pubis.

Each of these regions is subdivided into three others; two of which compose the sides, and the other the middle part of each region.

The middle part of the upper region is called *epigastrium*, and its two sides *hypochondria*. The middle part of the next region is the umbilical region, properly so called, and its two sides are the flanks, or iliac regions. Lastly, the middle part of the lower region retains the name of hypogastrium, and its sides are called inguina or groins. The back part of the abdomen bears the name of lumbar region.

These are the divisions of the lower belly, which are necessary to be held in remembrance, as they frequently occur in surgical and anatomical writing. We will now proceed to examine the contents of the abdomen; and after having pointed out the names and arrangement of the several viscera contained in it, describe each of them separately.

After having removed the skin, adipose membrane, and abdominal muscles, we discover the peritonæum or membrane that envelopes all the viscera of the lower belly. This being opened, the first part that presents itself is the omentum or cawl, floating on the surface of the intestines, which are likewise seen every where loose and moist, and making a great number of circumvolutions through the whole cavity of the abdomen. The stomach is placed in the epigastrium, and under the stomach is the pancreas. The liver fills the right hypochondrium, and the spleen is situated in the left. The kidneys are seen about the middle of the lumbar region, and the urinary bladder and parts of generation are seated in the lower division of the belly.

SECT. I. *Of the Peritonæum.*

89 THE peritonæum is a strong simple membrane, by which all the viscera of the abdomen are surrounded, and in some measure supported. Many anatomical writers, particularly Winslow, have described it as being composed of two distinct membranous laminæ; but their description seems to be erroneous. What perhaps appeared to be a second lamina, being found to be simply a cellular coat, which sends off productions to the blood-vessels passing out of the abdominal cavity. The aorta and vena cava likewise derive a

covering from the same membrane, which seems to be a part of the cellular membrane we have already described.

The peritonæum, by its productions and reduplications, envelopes the greatest part of the abdominal viscera. It is soft, and capable of considerable extension; and is kept smooth and moist by a vapour, which is constantly exhaling from its inner surface, and is returned again into the circulation by the absorbents.

This moisture not only contributes to the softness of the peritonæum, but prevents the attrition, and other ill effects which would otherwise probably be occasioned, by the motion of the viscera upon each other.

When this fluid is supplied in too great a quantity, or the absorbents become incapable of carrying it off, it accumulates, and constitutes an ascites or dropfy of the belly; and when by any means the exhalation is discontinued, the peritonæum thickens, becomes diseased, and the viscera are sometimes found adhering to each other.

The peritonæum is not a very vascular membrane. In a sound state it seems to be endued with little or no feeling, and the nerves that pass through it appear to belong to the abdominal muscles.

SECT. II. *Of the Omentum.*

90 THE omentum, epiploon, or cawl, is a double membrane, produced from the peritonæum. It is interlarded with fat, and adheres to the stomach, spleen, duodenum, and colon; from thence hanging down loose and floating on the surface of the intestines. Its size is different in different subjects. In some it descends as low as the pelvis, and it is commonly longer at the left side than the right.

This part, the situation of which we have just now described, was the only one known to the ancients under the name of *epiploon*; but at present we distinguish three omenta, viz. *omentum magnum colico gastricum*, *omentum parvum hepatico gastricum*, and *omentum colicum*. They all agree in being formed of two very delicate laminæ, separated by a thin layer of cellular membrane.

The *omentum magnum colico gastricum*, of which we have already spoken, derives its arteries from the splenic and hepatic. Its veins terminate in the vena portæ. Its nerves, which are very few, come from the splenic and hepatic plexus.

The *omentum parvum hepatico gastricum*, abounds less with fat than the great epiploon. It begins at the upper part of the duodenum, extends along the lesser curvature of the stomach as far as the œsophagus, and terminates about the neck of the gall-bladder, and behind the left ligament of the liver, so that it covers the lesser lobe; near the beginning of which we may observe a small opening, first described by Winslow, through which the whole pouch may easily be distend-

Of the Abdomen. ed with air (x). The vessels of the omentum parvum are derived chiefly from the coronary stomachic arteries and veins.

The omentum colicum begins at the fore part of the cœcum and right side of the colon. It appears as a hollow conical appendage to these intestines, and usually terminates at the back of the omentum magnum. It seems to be nothing more than a membranous coat of the cœcum and colon, assuming a conical shape when distended with air.

The uses of the omentum are not yet satisfactorily determined. Perhaps by its softness and looseness it may serve to prevent those adhesions of the abdominal viscera, which have been found to take place when the fat of the omentum has been much wasted. Some authors have supposed, that it assists in the preparation of bile; but this idea is founded merely on conjecture.

### SECT. III. *Of the Stomach.*

91 THE stomach is a membranous and muscular bag, in shape not unlike a bagpipe, lying across the upper part of the abdomen, and inclining rather more to the left than the right side.

It has two orifices, one of which receives the end of the œsophagus, and is called the *cardia*, and sometimes the left and upper orifice of the stomach; though its situation is not much higher than the other, which is styled the right and inferior orifice, and more commonly the *pylorus*; both these openings are more elevated than the body of the stomach.

The aliment passes down the œsophagus into the stomach through the *cardia*, and after having undergone the necessary digestion, passes out at the *pylorus* where the intestinal canal commences.

The stomach is composed of four tunics or coats, which are so intimately connected together that it requires no little dexterity in the anatomist to demonstrate them. The exterior one is membranous, being derived from the peritonæum.—The second is a muscular tunic, composed of fleshy fibres which are in the greatest number about the two orifices.—The third is called the nervous coat, and within this is the villous or velvet-like coat which composes the inside of the stomach.

The two last coats being more extensive than the two first, form the folds, which are observed every where in the cavity of this viscus, and more particularly about the *pylorus*; where they seem to impede the too hasty exclusion of the aliment, making a considerable plait, called *valvula pylori*.

The inner coat is constantly moistened by a mucus, which approaches to the nature of the saliva, and is called the gastric juice; this liquor has been supposed to be secreted by certain minute glands (y) seated in the nervous tunic, whose excretory ducts open on the surface of the villous coat.

The arteries of the stomach called the gastric arteries are principally derived from the cœliac; some of its veins pass to the splenic, and others to the vena portæ; and its nerves are chiefly from the eighth pair or par vagum.

The account given of the tunics of the stomach may be applied to the whole alimentary canal; for both the œsophagus and intestines are, like this viscus, composed of four coats.

Before we describe the course of the aliment and the uses of the stomach, it will be necessary to speak of other parts which assist in the process of digestion.

### SECT. IV. *Of the Oesophagus.*

92 THE œsophagus or gullet is a membranous and muscular canal, extending from the bottom of the mouth to the upper orifice of the stomach.—Its upper part where the aliment is received is shaped somewhat like a funnel, and is called the *pharynx*.

From hence it runs down close to the bodies of the vertebræ as far as the diaphragm, in which there is an opening through which it passes, and then terminates in the stomach about the eleventh or twelfth vertebra of the back.

The œsophagus is plentifully supplied with arteries from the external carotid, bronchial, and superior intercostal arteries; its veins empty themselves into the vena azygos, internal jugular, and mammary veins, &c.

Its nerves are derived chiefly from the eighth pair.

We likewise meet with a mucus in the œsophagus, which every where lubricates its inner surface, and tends to assist in deglutition.—This mucus seems to be secreted by very minute glands, like the mucus in other parts of the alimentary canal.

### SECT. V. *Of the Intestines.*

93 THE intestines form a canal, which is usually six times longer than the body to which it belongs. This canal extends from the *pylorus*, or inferior orifice of the stomach, to the anus.

It will be easily understood, that a part of such great length must necessarily make many circumvolutions, to be confined with so many other viscera within the cavity of the lower belly.

Although the intestines are in fact, as we have observed, only one long and extensive canal, yet different parts have been distinguished by different names.

The intestines are first distinguished into two parts, one of which begins at the stomach, and is called the *thin* or *small intestines*, from the small size of the canal, when compared with the other part, which is called the *large intestines*, and includes the lower portion of the canal down to the anus.

Each of these parts has its subdivisions.—The small in-

(x) This membranous bag, though exceedingly thin and transparent, is found capable of supporting mercury, thrown into it by the same channel.

(y) Heister, speaking of these glands, very properly says, “in *porcis* facile, in *homine* raro observantur;” for although many anatomical writers have described their appearance and figure, yet they do not seem to have been hitherto satisfactorily demonstrated in the human stomach; and the gastric juice is now more generally believed to be derived from the exhalent arteries of the stomach.

Of the Abdomen. intestines being distinguished into duodenum, jejunum, and ilium, and the larger portion into cœcum, colon, and rectum.

The small intestines fill the middle and fore parts of the belly, while the large intestines fill the sides and both the upper and lower parts of the cavity.

The duodenum, which is the first of the small intestines, is so called, because it is about 12 inches long. It begins at the pylorus and terminates in the jejunum, which is a part of the canal observed to be usually more empty than the other intestines.—This appearance gives it its name, and likewise serves to point out where it begins.

The next division is the ilium, which of itself exceeds the united length of the duodenum and jejunum, and has received its name from its numerous circumvolutions. The large circumvolution of the ilium covers the first of the large intestines called the *cœcum* (x), which seems properly to belong to the colon, being a kind of pouch of about four fingers in width, and nearly of the same length, having exteriorly a little appendix, called *appendix cæci*.

The cœcum is placed in the cavity of the os ilium on the right side, and terminates in the colon, which is the largest of all the intestines.

This intestine ascends by the right kidney to which it is attached, passes under the hollow part of the liver, and the bottom of the stomach, to the spleen, to which it is likewise secured, as it is also to the left kidney; and from thence passes down towards the os sacrum, where, from its straight course, the canal begins to take the name of *rectum*.

There are three ligamentous bands extending thro' the whole length of the colon, which, by being shorter than its two inner coats, serve to increase the plaits on the inner surface of this gut.

The *anus* which terminates the intestinum rectum, is furnished with three muscles; one of these is composed of circular fibres, and from its use in shutting the passage of the anus is called *sphincter ani*.

The other two are the *levatoris ani*, so called, because they elevate the anus after dejection. When these by palsy, or any other disease, lose the power of contracting, the anus prolapses; and when the sphincter is affected by similar causes, the fæces are voided involuntarily.

It has been already observed, that the intestinal canal is composed of four tunics; but it remains to be remarked, that here, as in the stomach, the two inner tunics being more extensive than the other two, form the plaits which are to be seen in the inner surface of the intestines, and are called *valvulae conniventes*.

Some authors have considered these plaits as tending to retard the motion of the fæces, in order to afford more time for the separation of the chyle; but there are others who attribute to them a different use: they contend, that these valves, by being naturally inclined downwards, cannot impede the descent of the fæces, but that they are intended to prevent their return upwards.

They are probably destined for both these uses; for although these folds incline to their lower side, yet the inequalities they occasion in the canal are sufficient to retard, in some measure, the progressive motion of the fæces, and to afford a greater surface for the absorption of chyle, and their natural position seems to oppose itself to the return of the aliment.

Besides these *valvulae conniventes*, there is one more considerable than the rest, called the *valve of the colon*; which is found at that part of the canal where the intestinum ilium is joined to the colon. This valve permits the alimentary pulp to pass downwards, but serves to prevent its return upwards; and it is by this valve, that glysters are prevented from passing into the small intestines (y).

Of the little vermiform appendix of the cœcum, it will be sufficient to say, that its uses have never yet been ascertained. In birds we meet with two of these appendices.

The intestines are lubricated by a constant supply of mucus, which is probably secreted by very minute follicles (z). This mucus promotes the descent of the alimentary pulp, and in some measure defends the inner surface of the intestines from the irritation to which it would, perhaps, otherwise be continually exposed from the aliment; and which, when in a certain degree, excites a painful disorder called *colic*, a name given to the disease, because its most usual seat is in the intestinum colon.

The intestines are likewise frequently distended with air, and this distension sometimes occasions pain, and constitutes the flatulent colic.

The arteries of the intestines are continuations of the mesenteric arteries, which are derived in two considerable branches from the aorta.—The redundant blood is carried back into the vena portarum.

In the rectum the veins are called *hemorrhoidal*, and are there distinguished into internal and external: the first are branches of the inferior mesenteric vein, but the latter pass into other veins. Sometimes these veins are distended with blood from obstructions, from weakness of their coats, or from other causes, and what we call the *hemorrhoids* takes place. In this disease they are sometimes ruptured; and the discharge of blood which

(x) Anatomists have differed with respect to this division of the intestines.—The method here followed is now generally adopted; but there are authors who allow the name of *cæcum* only to the little appendix, which has likewise been called the *vermiform appendix*, from its resemblance to a worm in size and length.

(y) This is not invariably the case, for the contents of a glyster have been found not only to reach the small intestines, but to be voided at the mouth. Such instances, however, are not common.

(z) Some writers have distinguished these glands into miliary, lenticular, &c.—Brunner and Peyer were the first anatomists who described the glands of the intestines, and their descriptions were chiefly taken from animals, these glandular appearances not seeming to have been hitherto satisfactorily pointed out in the human subject.—It is now pretty generally believed, that the mucus which everywhere lubricates the alimentary canal, is exhaled from the minute ends of arteries; and that these extremities first open into a hollow vesicle, from whence the deposited juice of several branches flows out through one common orifice.

Of the Abdomen. which consequently follows, has probably occasioned them to be called *hæmorrhoidal veins*.

The nerves of the intestines are derived from the eighth pair.

#### SECT. VI. *Of the Mesentery.*

94 THE name of the *mesentery* implies its situation amidst the intestines. It is in fact a part of the peritonæum, being a reduplication (A) of that membrane from each side of the lumbar vertebræ, to which it is firmly attached, so that it is formed of two laminæ, connected to each other by cellular membrane.

The intestines, in their different circumvolutions, form a great number of arches, and the mesentery accompanies them through all these turns; but by being attached only to the hollow part of each arch, it is found to have only a third of the extent of the intestines.

That part of this membrane which accompanies the small intestines is the *mesentery*, properly so called; but those parts of it which are attached to the colon and rectum are distinguished by the names of *meso-colon* and *meso-rectum*.

There are many conglobate glands dispersed through this double membrane, through which the lacteals and lymphatics pass in their way to the thoracic duct. The blood-vessels of the mesentery were described in speaking of the intestines.

This membrane, by its attachment to the vertebræ, serves to keep the intestines in their natural situation. The idea usually formed of the colic called *miserere*, is perfectly erroneous; it being impossible that the intestines can be twisted, as many suppose they are, in that disease, their attachment to the mesentery effectually preventing such an accident—but a disarrangement sometimes takes place in the intestinal canal itself, which is productive of disagreeable and sometimes fatal consequences.—This is by an intorsion of the intestine, an idea of which may be easily formed, by taking the finger of a glove, and involving one part of it within the other.

If inflammation takes place, the stricture in this case is increased, and the peristaltic motion of the intestines (by which is meant the progressive motion of the fæces downwards) is inverted, and what is called the *iliac passion* takes place. The same effects may be occasioned by a descent of the intestine, or of the omentum either with it or by itself, and thus constituting what is called an *hernia rupture*; a term by which in general is meant the falling down or protrusion of any part of the intestine or omentum, which ought naturally to be contained within the cavity of the belly.

To convey an idea of the manner in which such a descent takes place, it will be necessary to observe, that the lower edge of the tendon of the musculus obliquus externus, is stretched from the fore-part of the os ilium or haunch-bone of the os pubis, and constitutes what is called *Poupart's* or *Fallopian's ligament*, forming an opening, through which pass the great crural artery and vein. Near the os pubis the same tendinous fibres are separated from each other, and form an opening on each side, called the *abdominal ring*, through which the spermatic vessels pass in men, and the ligamenta uteri in women. In consequence of violent efforts, or perhaps of natural causes, the intestines are found sometimes to pass through these openings; but the peritonæum which incloses them when in their natural cavity, still continues to surround them even in their descent. This membrane does not become torn or lacerated by the violence, as might be easily imagined; but its dilatibility enables it to pass out with the viscus, which it incloses as it were in a bag, and thus forms what is called the *hernial sac*.

If the hernia be under Poupart's ligament, it is called *femoral*; if in the groin, *inguinal* (B); and *scrotal*, if in the scrotum. Different names are likewise given to the hernia as the contents of the sac differ, whether of omentum only or intestine, or both:—but these definitions more properly belong to the province of surgery.

#### SECT. VII. *Of the Pancreas.*

95 THE pancreas is a conglomerate gland placed behind the bottom of the stomach, towards the first vertebra of the loins; shaped like a dog's tongue, with its point stretched out towards the spleen, and its other end extending towards the duodenum. It is about eight fingers breadth in length, two or three in width, and one in thickness.

This viscus, which is of a yellowish colour, somewhat inclined to red, is covered with a membrane which it derives from the peritonæum. Its arteries, which are rather numerous than large, are derived chiefly from the splenic and hepatic, and its veins pass into the veins of the same name.—Its nerves are derived from the intercostal.

The many little glands of which it has been observed the pancreas is composed, all serve to secrete a liquor called the *pancreatic juice*, which in its colour, consistence, and other properties, does not seem to differ from the saliva. Each of these glands sends out a little excretory duct, which, uniting with others, help to form larger ducts; and all these at last terminate in one common excretory duct (first discovered by Virsvungus in

(A) He who only reads of the reduplication of membranes, will perhaps not easily understand how the peritonæum and pleura are reflected over the viscera in their several cavities; for one of these serves the same purposes in the thorax that the other does in the abdomen. This disposition, for the discovery of which we are indebted to modern anatomists, constitutes a curious part of anatomical knowledge: but the student, unaided by experience, and assisted only by what the limits of this work would permit us to say on the occasion, would probably imbibe only confused ideas of the matter; and it will perfectly answer the present purpose, if he considers the mesentery as a membrane attached by one of its sides to the lumbar vertebræ, and by the other to the intestines.

(B) The hernia congenita will be considered with the male organs of generation, with which it is intimately connected.

Of the Abdomen. in 1642), which runs through the middle of the gland, and is now usually called *ductus pancreaticus Virtsungi*. This canal opens into the intestinum duodenum, sometimes by the same orifice with the biliary duct, and sometimes by a distinct opening. The liquor it discharges being of a mild and insipid nature, serves to dilute the alimentary pulp, and to incorporate it more easily with the bile.

SECT. VIII. *Of the Liver.*

96. THE liver is a viscus of considerable size, and of a reddish colour; convex superiorly and anteriorly where it is placed under the ribs and diaphragm, and of an unequal surface posteriorly. It is chiefly situated in the right hypochondrium, and under the false ribs; but it likewise extends into the epigastric region, where it borders upon the stomach. It is covered by a production of the peritonæum, which serves to attach it by three of its reduplications to the false ribs. These reduplications are called *ligaments*, though very different in their texture from what are called by the same name in other parts of the body. The umbilical cord, too, which in the fœtus is pervious, gradually becomes a simple ligament after birth; and, by passing to the liver, serves likewise to secure it in its situation.

At the posterior part of this organ where the umbilical vessels enter, it is found divided into two lobes. Of these, the largest is placed in the right hypochondrium; the other, which covers part of the stomach, is called the *little lobe*. All the vessels which go to the liver pass in at the fissure we have mentioned; and the production of the peritonæum, which invests the liver, was described by Glisson, an English anatomist, as accompanying them in their passage, and surrounding them like a glove; hence this production has been commonly known by the name of *capsula of Glisson*: but it appears to be chiefly a continuation of the cellular membrane which covers the vena porta ventralis.

The liver was considered by the ancients as an organ destined to prepare and perfect the blood; but later discoveries have proved, that this opinion was wrong, and that the liver is a glandular substance formed for the secretion of the bile.

The blood is conveyed to the liver by the hepatic artery and the vena porta. This is contrary to the mode of circulation in other parts, where veins only serve to carry off the redundant blood: but in this viscus the hepatic artery, which is derived from the cæliac, is principally destined for its nourishment; and the vena porta, which is formed by the union of the veins from most of the abdominal viscera, furnishes the blood from which the bile is chiefly to be separated; so that these two series of vessels serve very distinct purposes. The vena porta, as it is ramified through the liver, performs the office both of a vein and an artery; for like the former it returns the blood from the extremities of arteries, while as the latter it prepares it for secretion.

The nerves of the liver are branches of the intercostal and par vagum. The bile, after being separated

from the mass of blood, in a manner of which mention will be made in another place, is conveyed out of this organ by very minute excretory ducts, called *poribiliaarii*; these uniting together like the excretory ducts in the pancreas, gradually form larger ones, which at length terminate in a considerable canal called *ductus hepaticus*.

Of the Abdomen.

SECT. IX. *Of the Gall-bladder.*

THE gall-bladder is a little membranous bag, shaped like a pear, and attached to the posterior and almost inferior part of the great lobe of the liver. 97.

It has two tunics; of which the exterior one is a production of the peritonæum. The interior, or villous coat, is supplied with a mucus that defends it from the acrimony of the bile. These two coverings are intimately connected by means of cellular membrane, which from its firm glistening appearance has generally been spoken of as a muscular tunic.

The gall-bladder is supplied with blood-vessels from the hepatic arteries. These branches are called the *cystic arteries*, and the cystic veins carry back the blood.

Its nerves are derived from the same origin as those of the liver.

The neck of the gall-bladder is continued in the form of a canal called *ductus cysticus*, which soon unites with the ductus hepaticus we described as the excretory duct of the liver; and forming one common canal, takes the name of *ductus coledochus communis*, through which both the cystic and hepatic bile are discharged into the duodenum. This canal opens into the intestine in an oblique direction, first passing through the exterior tunic, and then piercing the other coats after running between each of them a very little way. This œconomy serves two useful purposes;—to promote the discharge of bile and to prevent its return.

The bile may be defined to be a natural liquid soap, somewhat unctuous and bitter, and of a yellowish colour, which easily mixes with water, oil, and vinous spirits, and is capable of dissolving resinous substances. From some late experiments made by M. Cadet\*, it appears to be formed of an animal oil, combined with the alkaline base of sea-salt, a salt of the nature of milk, and a calcareous earth which is slightly ferruginous. 98

Its definition seems sufficiently to point out the uses for which it is intended (c). It blends the alimentary mass, by dividing and attenuating it; corrects the too great disposition to acescency, which the aliment acquires in the stomach; and, finally, by its acrimony, tends to excite the peristaltic motion of the intestines.

After what has been said, it will be conceived that there are two sorts of bile; one of which is derived immediately from the liver through the hepatic duct, and the other from the gall-bladder. These two biles, however, do not essentially differ from each other. The hepatic bile indeed is milder, and more liquid than the cystic, which is constantly thicker and yellower;

Of the bile.

\* *Mem. de l'Acad. des Sciences.* 1767.

(c) The ancients, who were not acquainted with the real use of the liver, considered the bile as an excrementitious and useless fluid.

Of the Abdomen. and by being bitterer, seems to possess greater activity than the other.

Every body knows the source of the hepatic bile, that it is secreted from the mass of blood by the liver; but the origin of the cystic bile has occasioned no little controversy amongst anatomical writers. There are some who contend, that it is separated in the substance of the liver, from whence it passes into the gall-bladder through particular vessels. In deer, and in some other quadrupeds, as well as in several birds and fishes, there is an evident communication, by means of particular vessels, between the liver and the gall-bladder. Bianchi, Winslow, and others, have asserted the existence of such vessels in the human subject, and named them *hepatocystic ducts*; but it is certain that no such ducts exist.—In obstructions of the cystic duct, the gall-bladder has been found shrivelled and empty: so that we may consider the gall-bladder as a reservoir of hepatic bile; and that it is an established fact, that the whole of the bile contained in the gall-bladder is derived from the liver; that it passes from the hepatic to the cystic duct, and from that to the gall-bladder. The difference in the colour, consistence, and taste of the bile, is merely the consequence of stagnation and absorption. When the stomach is distended with aliment, this reservoir undergoes a certain degree of compression, and the bile passes out into the intestinal canal; and in the efforts to vomit, the gall-bladder seems to be constantly affected, and at such times discharges itself of its contents.

Sometimes the bile concretes in the gall-bladder, so as to form what are called *gall-stones* (D). When these concretions pass into the cystic duct, they sometimes occasion exquisite pain, by distending the canal in their way to the duodenum; and by lodging in the ductus choledochus communis, and obstructing the course of the bile, this fluid will be absorbed, and by being carried back into the circulation occasion a temporary jaundice.

#### SECT. X. *Of the Spleen.*

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THE spleen is a soft and spongy viscus, of a bluish colour, and about five or six fingers breadth in length, and three in width, situated in the left hypochondrium, between the stomach and the false ribs. That side of it which is placed on the side of the ribs is convex; and the other, which is turned toward the stomach, is concave.

The splenic artery, which is a branch from the cæliac, supplies this viscus with blood, and a vein of the same name carries it back into the vena porta.

Its nerves are derived from a particular plexus called the *splenic*, which is formed by branches of the intercostal nerve, and by the eighth pair, or par vagum.

The ancients, who supposed two sorts of bile, considered the spleen as the receptacle of what they called *atra*

*bilis*. Havers, who wrote professedly on the bones, determined its use to be that of secreting the synovia; and the late Mr Hewson imagined, that it concurred with the thymus and lymphatic glands of the body in forming the red globules of the blood. All these opinions seem to be equally fanciful. The want of an excretory duct has occasioned the real use of this viscus to be still doubtful. Perhaps the blood undergoes some change in it, which may assist in the preparation of the bile. This is the opinion of the generality of modern physiologists; and the great quantity of blood with which it is supplied, together with the course of its veins into the vena portæ, seem to render this notion probable.

#### SECT. XI. *Of the Glandulæ Renales, Kidneys, and Ureters.*

THE glandulæ renales, which were by the ancients supposed to secrete the atra bilis, and by them named *capsulæ atrabiles*, are two flat bodies of an irregular figure, one on each side between the kidney and the aorta.

In the foetus they are as large as the kidneys: but they do not increase afterwards in proportion to those parts; and in adults and old people they are generally found shrivelled, and much wasted. They have their arteries and veins. Their arteries usually arise from the splenic or the emulgent, and sometimes from the aorta; and their veins go to the neighbouring veins, or to the vena cava. Their nerves are branches of the intercostal.

The use of these parts is not yet perfectly known. In the foetus the secretion of urine must be in a very small quantity, and a part of the blood may perhaps then pass through these channels, which in the adult is carried to the kidneys to supply the matter of urine.

The kidneys are two in number, situated one on the right and the other on the left side in the lumbar region, between the last false rib and the os ilium, by the sides of the vertebræ. Each kidney in its figure resembles a sort of bean, which from its shape is called *kidney-bean*. The concave part of each kidney is turned towards the aorta and vena cava ascendens. They are surrounded by a good deal of fat, and receive a coat from the peritonæum; and when this is removed, a very fine membrane is found investing their substance and the vessels which ramify through them.

Each kidney has a considerable artery and vein, which are called the *emulgent*. The artery is a branch from the aorta, and the vein passes into the vena cava. Their nerves, which every where accompany the blood-vessels, arise from a considerable plexus, which is derived from the intercostal.

In each kidney, which in the adult is of a pretty firm texture, there are three substances to be distinguished (E). The outer part is glandular or cortical, beyond

(D) These concretions sometimes remain in the gall-bladder without causing any uneasiness. Dr Heberden relates, that a gall-stone weighing two drams was found in the gall-bladder of the late Lord Bath, though he had never complained of the jaundice, nor of any disorder which he could attribute to that cause. *Med. Transf.* Vol. ii.

(E) The kidneys in the foetus are distinctly lobulated; but in the adult they become perfectly firm, smooth, and regular.

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It is in the cortical part of the kidney that the secretion is carried on; the urine being here received from the minute extremities of the capillary arteries, is conveyed out of this cortical substance by an infinite number of very small cylindrical canals or excretory vessels, which constitute the tubular part. These tubes, as they approach the inner substance of the kidney, gradually unite together; and thus forming larger canals, at length terminate in ten or twelve little protuberances called *papillæ*, the orifices of which may be seen without the assistance of glasses. These *papillæ* open into a small cavity or reservoir called the *pelvis of the kidney*, and formed by a distinct membranous bag which embraces the *papillæ*. From this *pelvis* the urine is conveyed through a membranous canal which passes out from the hollow side of the kidney, a little below the blood vessels, and is called *ureter*.

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The ureters are each about as large as a common writing-pen. They are somewhat curved in their course from the kidneys, like the letter *s*, and at length terminate in the posterior and almost inferior part of the bladder, at some distance from each other. They pass into the bladder in the same manner as the ductus choledochus communis passes into the intestinum duodenum, not by a direct passage, but by an oblique course between the two coats; so that the discharge of urine into the bladder is promoted, whilst its return is prevented. Nor does this mode of structure prevent the passage of fluids only from the bladder into the ureters, but likewise air:—for air thrown into the bladder inflates it, and it continues to be distended if a ligature is passed round its neck; which seems to prove sufficiently that it cannot pass into the ureters.

#### SECT. XII. *Of the Urinary Bladder.*

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THE urinary bladder is a membranous and muscular bag of an oblong roundish shape, situated in the *pelvis*, between the *os pubis* and *intestinum rectum* in men, and between the *os pubis* and *uterus* in women. Its upper and widest part is usually called the *bottom*, its narrow part the *neck* of the bladder; the former only is covered by the *peritonæum*.

The bladder is formed of three coats, connected together by means of cellular membrane. The external or *peritonæal*, is only a partial one, covering the upper and back part of the bladder. The middle, or muscular coat, is composed of irritable, and of course muscular fibres, which are most collected around the neck of the bladder, but not so as to form a distinct muscle, or sphincter, as the generality of anatomists have hitherto supposed.

The inner coat, though much smoother, has been said to resemble the villous tunic of the intestines, and like that is provided with a mucus, which defends it against the acrimony of the urine.

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It will be easily conceived from what has been said, that the kidneys are two glandular bodies, thro' which a saline and excrementitious fluid called *urine* is constantly filtering from the mass of blood.

While only a small quantity of urine is collected in the bladder, it excites no kind of uneasiness; but when a greater quantity is accumulated, so that the bladder

is distended in a certain degree, it excites in us a certain sensation, which brings on as it were a voluntary contraction of the bladder to promote its discharge.—But this contraction is not effected by the muscular fibres of the bladder alone: for all the abdominal muscles contract in obedience to our will, and press downwards all the viscera of the lower belly; and these powers being united, at length overcome the resistance of the fibres surrounding the neck of the bladder, which dilates and affords a passage to the urine through the urethra.

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The frequency of this evacuation depends on the quantity of urine secreted; on the degree of acrimony it possesses; on the size of the bladder, and on its degree of sensibility.

The urine varies much in its colour and contents. These varieties depend, on age, sex, climate, diet, and other circumstances. In infants it is generally a clear watery fluid, without smell or taste. As we advance in life, it acquires more colour and smell, and becomes more impregnated with salts. In old people it becomes still more acrid and fetid.

In a healthy state it is nearly of a straw colour.—After being kept for some time, it deposits a tartarous matter, which is found to be composed chiefly of earth and salt, and soon incrusts the sides of the vessel in which it is contained. While this separation is taking place, appearances like minute fibres or threads of a whitish colour, may be seen in the middle of the urine, and an oily scum observed floating on its surface. So that the most common appearances of the urine are sufficient to ascertain that it is a watery substance, impregnated with earthy, saline, and oily particles.

The urine is not always voided of the same colour and consistence; for these are found to depend on the proportion of its watery part to that of its other constituent principles.—Its colour and degree of fluidity seem to depend on the quantity of saline and inflammable particles contained in it: so that an increased proportion of those parts will constantly give the urine a higher colour, and add to the quantity of sediment.

The variety in the appearance of the urine, depends on the nature and quantity of solid and fluid aliment we take in; and it is likewise occasioned by the different state of the urinary vessels, by which we mean the channels through which it is separated from the blood, and conveyed through the *pelvis* into the ureters. The causes of calculous concretions in the urinary passages, are to be looked for in the natural constitution of the body, mode of life, &c.

It having been observed, that after drinking any light wine or Spa water, it very soon passed off by urine, it has been supposed by some, that the urine is not altogether conveyed to the bladder by the ordinary course of circulation, but that there must certainly exist some other shorter means of communication, perhaps by certain vessels between the stomach and the bladder, or by a retrograde motion in the lymphatics. But it is certain, that if we open the belly of a dog, press out the urine from the bladder, pass a ligature round the emulgent arteries, and then sew up the abdomen, and give him even the most diuretic liquor to drink, the stomach and other channels will be distend-

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ed with it, but not a drop of urine will be found to have passed into the bladder; or the same thing happens when a ligature is thrown round the two ureters. This experiment then seems to be a sufficient proof, that all the urine we evacuate, is conveyed to the kidneys through the emulgent arteries, in the manner we have described.—It is true, that wine and other liquors promote a speedy evacuation of urine: but the discharge seems to be merely the effect of the stimulus they occasion; by which the bladder and urinary parts are solicited to a more copious discharge of the urine, which was before in the body, and not immediately of that which was last drank; and this increased discharge, if the supply is kept up, will continue: nor will this appear wonderful, if we consider the great capacity of the vessels that go to the kidneys; the constant supply of fresh blood that is essential to health; and the rapidity with which it is incessantly circulated through the heart to all parts of the body.

SECT. XIII. *Of Digestion.*

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WE are now proceeding to speak of *digestion*, which seems to be introduced in this place with propriety, after a description of the abdominal viscera, the greater part of which contribute to this function. By *digestion* is to be understood, the changes the aliment undergoes for the formation of chyle:—these changes are effected in the mouth, stomach, and small intestines.

The mouth, of which every body has a general knowledge, is the cavity between the two jaws, formed anteriorly and laterally by the lips, teeth, and cheeks, and terminating posteriorly in the throat.

The lips and cheeks are made up of fat and muscles, covered by the cuticle, which is continued over the whole inner surface of the mouth, like a fine and delicate membrane.—Beside this membrane, the inside of the mouth is furnished with a spongy and very vascular substance called the *gums*, by means of which the teeth are secured in their sockets. A similar substance covers the roof of the mouth, and forms what is called the *velum pendulum palati*, which is fixed to the extremity of the arch formed by the *ossa maxillaria* and *ossa palati*, and terminates in a soft, small, and conical body, named *uvula*; which appears, as it were, suspended from the middle of the arch over the basis of the tongue.

The *velum pendulum palati* performs the office of a valve between the cavity of the mouth and the pharynx, being moved by several muscles (F).

The tongue is composed of several muscles (G) which enable it to perform a variety of motions for the articulation of the voice; for the purposes of mastication; and for conveying the aliment into the pharynx. Its upper part is covered with papillæ, which constitute the organ of taste, and are easily to be distinguished; it is covered by the same membrane that lines the in-

side of the mouth, and which makes at its inferior part towards its basis a reduplication called *frænum*.

Posteriorly, under the *velum palati*, and at the basis of the tongue, is the pharynx: which is the beginning of the œsophagus, stretched out every way, so as to resemble the top of a funnel, through which the aliment passes into the stomach.

The mouth has a communication with the nostrils at its posterior and upper part; with the ears, by the Eustachian tubes; with the lungs, by means of the larynx; and with the stomach, by means of the œsophagus.

The pharynx is constantly moistened by a fluid, secreted by two considerable glands called the *tonsils*, one on each side of the *velum palati*. These glands, from their supposed resemblance to almonds, have likewise been called *amygdalus*.

The mouth is moistened by a considerable quantity of saliva. This fluid is derived from the *parotid glands*; a name which by its etymology points out their situation to be near the ears. They are two in number, one on each side under the *os malæ*: and they are of the conglomerate kind; being formed of many smaller glands, each of which sends out a very small excretory duct, which unites with the rest, to form one common channel, that runs over the cheek, and piercing the buccinator muscle, opens into the mouth on each side, by an orifice into which a bristle may be easily introduced.—Besides these, the maxillary glands, which are placed near the inner surface of the angle of the lower jaw on each side; the sublingual glands, which are situated at the root of the tongue; the glands of the palate, which are seated in the *velum palati*; and those of the cheeks, lips, &c. together with many other less considerable ones,—pour the saliva into the mouth through their several excretory ducts.

The saliva, like all the other humours of the body, is found to be different in different people: but in general, it is a limpid and insipid fluid, without smell in healthy subjects; and these properties would seem to prove that it contains very few saline or inflammable particles.

The uses of the saliva seem to be to moisten and lubricate the mouth, and to assist in reducing the aliment into a soft pulp before it is conveyed into the stomach.

The variety of functions which are constantly performed by the living body, must necessarily occasion a continual waste and dissipation of its several parts. A great quantity is every day thrown off by the insensible perspiration and other discharges; and were not these losses constantly recruited by a fresh supply of chyle, the body would soon effect its own dissolution. But nature has very wisely favoured us with organs fitted to produce such a supply; and has at the same time endued us with the sensations of hunger and thirst, that our attention may not be diverted from the necessary business of nutrition. The sensation of hunger is univer-

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(F) These are the *circumflexus palati*, *levator palati mollis*, *palato-pharyngæus constrictor isthmi faucium* and *azygos uvulæ*. See page 708.

(G) These are, the *genio-glossus*, *hyo-glossus*, *lingualis*, and *stylo-glossus*. See page 708.



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versally known; but it would perhaps be difficult to describe it perfectly in words. It may, however, be defined to be a certain uneasy sensation in the stomach, which induces us to wish for solid food; and which likewise serves to point out the proper quantity, and time for taking it. In describing the stomach, mention was made of the gastric juice, as every where lubricating its inner coat. This humour mixes itself with the aliment in the stomach, and helps to prepare it for its passage into the intestines; but when the stomach is perfectly empty, this same fluid irritates the coats of the stomach itself, and produces the sensation of hunger.

A certain proportion of liquid aliment is required to assist in the process of digestion, and to afford that moisture to the body, of which there is such a constant dissipation.—Thirst induces us to take this necessary supply of drink; and the seat of this sensation is in the tongue, fauces, and œsophagus, which from their great sensibility are required to be kept moist: for though the fauces are naturally moistened by the mucus and salival juices; yet the blood, when deprived of its watery part or rendered acrimonious by any natural causes, never fails particularly to affect these parts, and the whole alimentary canal, and to occasion thirst.—This is the common effect of fevers and of hard labour, by both which too much of the watery part of the blood is dissipated.

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It has been observed, that the aliment undergoes some preparation in the mouth before it passes into the stomach; and this preparation is the effect of mastication. In treating of the upper and lower jaws, mention was made of the number and arrangement of the teeth. The upper jaw was described as being immoveable; but the lower jaw was spoken of as being capable of elevation and depression, and of a grinding motion. The aliment, when first carried into the mouth, is pressed between the teeth of the two jaws by a very strong and frequent motion of the lower jaw; and the tongue and the cheeks assisting in this process, continue to replace the food between the teeth till it is perfectly divided, and reduced to the consistence of pulp. The incisores and canini divide it first into smaller pieces, but it is between the surfaces of the dentes molares by the grinding motion of the jaw that the mastication is completed.

During this process, the salival glands being gently compressed by the contraction of the muscles that move the lower jaw, pour out their saliva: this helps to divide and break down the food, which at length becomes a kind of pulp, and is then carried over the basis of the tongue into the fauces. But to effect this passage into the œsophagus, it is necessary that the other openings which were mentioned as having a communication with the mouth as well as the pharynx, should be closed; that none of the aliment, whether solid or liquid, may pass into them, whilst the pharynx alone is dilated to receive it:—And such a disposition actually takes place in a manner we will endeavour to describe.

The trachea arteria, or windpipe, through which the air is conveyed to the lungs, is placed before the œsophagus—in the act of swallowing; therefore, if the larynx (for so the upper part of the trachea is called) is not closed, the aliment will pass into it in its way to the œsophagus. But this is prevented by a

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small and very elastic cartilage, called *epiglottis*, which is attached only to the fore-part of the larynx; so that the food in its passage to the œsophagus presses down this cartilage, which then covers the glottis or opening of the larynx; and at the same time the velum palati being capable of some degree of motion, is drawn backwards by its muscles, and closes the openings into the nose and the Eustachian tubes.—This, however, is not all. The larynx, which being composed of cartilaginous rings, cannot fail in its ordinary state to compress the membranous canal of the œsophagus, is in the act of deglutition carried forwards and upwards by muscles destined for that purpose; and consequently drawing the fore-part of the pharynx with it, that opening is fully dilated. When the aliment has reached the pharynx, its descent is promoted by its own proper weight, and by the muscular fibres of the œsophagus, which continue to contract from above downwards, until the aliment has reached the stomach. That these fibres have no inconsiderable share in deglutition, any person may experience, by swallowing with his head downwards, when the descent of the aliment cannot possibly be effected by its weight.

It is necessary that the nostrils and the lungs should communicate with the mouth, for the purposes of speech and respiration: but if the most minute part of our food happens to be introduced into the trachea, it never fails to produce a violent cough, and sometimes the most alarming symptoms. This is liable to happen when we laugh or speak in the act of deglutition: the food is then said to have passed the wrong way. And indeed this is not improperly expressed: for death would soon follow, if the quantity of aliment introduced into the trachea should be sufficient to obstruct the respiration only during a very short time; or if the irritating particles of food should not soon be thrown up again by means of the cough, which in these cases very seasonably increases in proportion to the degree of irritation.

If the velum palati did not close the passage to the nostrils, deglutition would be performed with difficulty, and perhaps not at all; for the aliment would return through the nose, as is sometimes the case in drinking. Children, from a deficiency in this velum palati, have been seen to die a few hours after birth; and they who from disease or any other causes have not this part perfect, swallow with difficulty.

The aliment, after having been sufficiently divided by the action of the teeth, and attenuated by the saliva, is received into the stomach, where it is destined to undergo a more considerable change.

The properties of the aliment not being much altered at its first entrance into the stomach, and before it is thoroughly blended with the gastric juice, is capable of irritating the inner coat of the stomach to a certain degree, and occasions a contraction of its two orifices.—In this membranous bag, surrounded by the abdominal viscera, and with a certain degree of natural heat, the aliment undergoes a constant agitation by means of the abdominal muscles and of the diaphragm, and likewise by a certain contraction or expansion of the muscular fibres of the stomach itself. By this motion, every part of the food is exposed to the action of the gastric juice, which gradually divides and attenuates it, and prepares it for its passage into the intestines.

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Some observations lately published by Mr Hunter in the Philosophical Transactions, tend to throw considerable light on the principles of digestion. There are few dead bodies in which the stomach, at its great end, is not found to be in some degree digested (H). Animals, or parts of animals, possessed of the living principle, when taken into the stomach, are not in the least affected by the action of that viscus; but the moment they lose the living principle, they become subject to its digestive powers. This seems to be the case with the stomach, which is enabled to resist the action of its juices in the living body: but when deprived of the living principle, it is then no longer able to resist the powers of that menstruum, which it had itself formed for the digestion of its contents; the process of digestion appearing to be continued after death. This is confirmed by what happens in the stomachs of fishes: They frequently swallow, without mastication, fish which are larger than the digesting parts of their stomach can contain; and in such cases, that part which is taken into the stomach is more or less dissolved, while that part which remains in the œsophagus is perfectly found; and here, as well as in the human body, the digesting part of the stomach is often reduced to the same state as the digested part of the food. These appearances tend to prove, that digestion is not effected by a mechanical power, by contractions of the stomach, or by heat; but by a fluid secreted in the coats of the stomach, which is poured into its cavity, and there animalizes the food, or assimilates it to the nature of blood.

\* Hist. de  
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Sciences, &c.  
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From some late experiments by M. Sage,\* it appears, that inflammable air has the property of destroying and dissolving the animal texture: And as we swallow with the substances which serve us for food a great quantity of atmospherical air, M. Sage thinks it possible, that dephlogisticated, which is its principle, may be converted in the stomach into inflammable air, or may modify into inflammable air a portion of the oily substance which is the principle of aliments. In this case, would not the inflammable air (he asks), by dissolving our food, facilitate its conversion into chyle?

Be this as it may, the food, after having remained one, two, or three hours in the stomach, is converted into a greyish pulp, which is usually called *chymus*, a word of Greek etymology, signifying *juice*, and some few milky or chylous particles begin to appear.—But the term of its residence in this bag is proportioned to the nature of the aliment, and to the state of the stomach and its juices. The thinner and more perfectly digested parts of the food pass by a little at a time into the duodenum, through the pylorus, the fibres of which relax to afford it a passage; and the grosser and less digested par-

ticles remain in the stomach, till they acquire a sufficient fluidity to pass into the intestines, where the nature of the *chymus* is perfectly changed. The bile and pancreatic juice which flow into the duodenum, and the mucus, which is every where distilled from the surface of the intestines, mix themselves with the alimentary pulp, which they still farther attenuate and dissolve, and into which they seem to infuse new properties.

Two matters very different from each other in their nature and destination, are the result of this combination.—One of these, which is composed of the liquid parts of the aliment, and of some of its more solid particles, extremely divided and mixed with the juices we have described, constitutes a very mild, sweet, and whitish fluid, resembling milk, and distinguished by the name of *chyle*. This fluid is absorbed by the lacteal veins, which convey it into the circulation, where, by being assimilated into the nature of blood, it affords that supply of nutrition, which the continual waste of the body is found to require.—The other, is the remains of the alimentary mass deprived of all its nutritious particles, and containing only such parts as were rejected by the absorbing mouths of the lacteals. This grosser part, called the *feces*, passes on through the course of the intestines, to be voided at the anus, as will be explained hereafter; for this process in the œconomy cannot be well understood till the motion of respiration has been explained. But the structure of the intestines is a subject which may be properly described in this place, and deserves to be attended to.

It has been already observed, that the intestinal canal is five or six times as long as the body, and that it forms many circumvolutions in the cavity of the abdomen, which it traverses from the right to the left, and again from the left to the right; in one place descending, and in another extending itself upwards. It was noticed likewise, that the inner coat of the intestines, by being more capacious than their exterior tunics, formed a multitude of plaits placed at a certain distance from each other, and called *valvula conniventes*. Now this disposition will be found to afford a farther proof of that divine wisdom, which the anatomist and physiologist cannot fail to discover in all their pursuits.—For if the intestinal canal was much shorter than it naturally is; if instead of the present circumvolutions it passed in a direct course from the stomach; and if its inner surface was smooth and destitute of valves; the aliment would consequently pass with great rapidity to the anus, and sufficient time would be wanting to assimilate the chyle, and for the necessary absorption of it into the lacteals: so that the body would be deprived of the supply of nutrition, which is so essential to life and health; but the length and circumvolutions of the intestines, the inequality of their internal surface,

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(H) The Abbé Spallanzani, who has lately written upon digestion, finds, from a variety of experiments, made upon quadrupeds, birds, and fishes, that digestion goes on for some time after death, though far less considerable than in living animals; but heat is necessary in many animals, or at least promotes it in a much greater degree. He found also, that when the stomach was cut out of the body, it had somewhat of the power of digestion, though this was trifling when compared with that which took place when the stomach was left in the body. In not one of the animals was the great curvature of the stomach dissolved, or much eroded after death. There was often a little erosion, especially in different fishes; in which, when he had cleared the stomach of its contents, the internal coat was wanting. In other animals there was only a slight excoriation; and the injury

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SECT. XIV. *Of the Course of the Chyle, and of the Lymphatic System.*

105. AN infinite number of very minute vessels, called the *lacteal veins*, arise like net-work from the inner surface of the intestines, (but principally from the *jejunum* and *ilium*), which are distended to imbibe the nutritious fluid or chyle. These vessels, which were discovered by Asellius in 1622 (1), pass obliquely through the coats of the intestine, and running along the mesentery, unite as they advance, and form larger branches, all of which pass through the mesenteric or conglobate glands, which are very numerous in the human subject. As they run between the intestines and these glands, they are styled *venæ lacteæ primis generis*: but after leaving these glands, they are found to be less numerous, and being increased in size, are then called *venæ lacteæ secundæ generis*, which go to deposit their contents in the *thoracic duct*, through which the chyle is conveyed into the blood.

This *thoracic duct* begins about the lower part of the first vertebra lumborum, from whence it passes up by the side of the aorta, between that and the *vena azygos*, close to the vertebræ, being covered by the pleura. Sometimes it is found divided into two branches; but they usually unite again into one canal, which opens into the left subclavian vein, after having run a little way in an oblique course between its coats. The subclavian vein communicates with the *vena cava*, which passes to the right auricle of the heart.

The lower part of this duct being usually larger than any other part of it, has been named *receptaculum chyli*, or *Pecquet's receptacle*, in honour of the anatomist who first discovered it in 1651. In some quadrupeds, in turtle and in fish, this enlargement\* is more considerable in proportion to the size of the duct, than it u-

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usually is in the human subject, where it is not commonly found large enough to merit the name of *receptaculum*.

Opportunities of observing the lacteals in the human subject do not often occur; but they may be easily demonstrated in a dog or any other quadruped that is killed two or three hours after feeding upon milk, for then they appear filled with white chyle.

But these *lacteals* which we have described, as passing from the intestines through the mesentery to the thoracic duct, compose only a part of a system of vessels which perform the office of *absorption*, and which constitute, with their common trunk the thoracic duct, and the conglobate glands that are dispersed through the body, what may be styled the *lymphatic system*. So that what is said of the structure of one of these series of vessels may very properly be applied to that of the other.

The *lymphatic veins* ( $\kappa$ ) are minute pellucid tubes, which, like the lacteals, direct their course towards the centre of the body, where they pour a colourless fluid into the thoracic duct. The lymphatics from all the lower parts of the body gradually unite as they approach this duct, into which they enter by three or four very large trunks, that seem to form the lower extremity of this canal, or *receptaculum chyli*, which may be considered as the great trunk of the lymphatic system. The lacteals open into it near the same place; and the lymphatics, from a large share of the upper parts of the body, pour their lymph into different parts of this duct as it runs upwards, to terminate in the left subclavian vein. The lymphatics from the right side of the neck, thorax, and right arm, &c. terminate in the right subclavian vein.

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As the lymphatics commonly lie close to the large blood-vessels, a ligature passed round the crural artery in a living animal, by including the lymphatics, will occasion a distension of these vessels below the ligature, so as to demonstrate them with ease; and a ligature passed round the thoracic duct, instantly after killing an animal, will, by stopping the course of its contents into

jury in all of them was at the inferior part, or great curvature. The coats of the stomach suffer less after death than flesh, or part of the stomach of similar animals put into it: The author assigns as a reason for this, that these bodies are invested on all sides by the gastric fluid, whereas it only acts on the internal surface of the stomach.

(1) We are informed by Galen, that the lacteals had been seen in kids by Erasistratus, who considered them as arteries carrying a milky fluid: but from the remote time in which he lived, they do not seem to have been noticed till they were discovered in a living dog by Asellius, who denominated them *lacteals*, and considered them as serving to convey the chyle from the intestines to the liver; for before the discovery of the thoracic duct, the use of the liver was universally supposed to be that of converting the chyle into blood. But the discovery of the thoracic duct by Pecquet, not long after, corrected this error. Pecquet very candidly confesses, that this discovery accidentally arose from his observing a white fluid, mixed with the blood, flowing out of the *vena cava*, after he had cut off the heart of a living dog; which he suspected to be chyle, and afterwards traced to its source from the thoracic duct: This duct had been seen near an hundred years before in a horse by Eustachius, who speaks of it as a vein of a particular structure, but without knowing any thing of its termination or use.

( $\kappa$ ) The arteries in their course through the body becoming gradually too minute to admit the red globules of the blood, have then been styled *capillary* or *lymphatic arteries*. The vessels which are here described as constituting the lymphatic system, were at first supposed to be continued from those arteries, and to convey back the lymph, either into the red veins or the thoracic duct; the office of absorption having been attributed to the *red veins*. But we know that the *lymphatic veins* are not continuations of the *lymphatic arteries*, but that they constitute the *absorbent system*. There are still, however, some very respectable names among the anatomists of the present age, who contend, that the red veins act likewise as absorbents:—but it seems to have been clearly proved, that the red veins do absorb nowhere but in the cavernous cells of the penis, the erection of which is occasioned by a distension of those cells with arterial blood.

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into the subclavian vein, distend not only the lacteals, but also the lymphatics in the abdomen and lower extremities, with their natural fluids (L).

The coats of these vessels are too thin to be separated from each other; but the mercury they are capable of sustaining, proves them to be very strong; and their great power of contraction, after undergoing considerable distension, together with the irritability with which Baron Haller found them to be endued\*, seems to render it probable, that, like the blood-vessels, they have a muscular coat.

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The lymphatics are nourished after the same manner as all the other parts of the body. For even the most minute of these vessels are probably supplied with still more minute arteries and veins. This seems to be proved by the inflammation of which they are susceptible; and the painful swellings which sometimes take place in lymphatic vessels, prove that they have nerves as well as blood-vessels.

Both the lacteals, lymphatics, and thoracic duct, are furnished with valves, which are much more common in these vessels than in the red veins. These valves are usually in pairs, and serve to promote the course of the chyle and lymph towards the thoracic duct, and to prevent its return. Mention has been made of the glands, through which the lacteals pass in their course through the mesentery; and it is to be observed, that the lymphatics pass through similar glands in their way to the thoracic duct. These glands are all of a conglobate kind, but the changes which the chyle and lymph undergo in their passage through them, have not yet been ascertained.

The *lymphatic vessels* begin from surfaces and cavities in all parts of the bodies as *absorbents*. This is a fact now universally allowed; but how the fluids they absorb are poured into those cavities, is a subject of controversy. The contents of the abdomen, for instance, were described as being constantly moistened by a very thin watery fluid. The same thing takes place in the pericardium, pleura, and all the other cavities of the body, and this watery fluid is the *lymph*. But whether it is exhaled into those cavities through the minute ends of arteries, or transfused through their coats, are the points in dispute. We cannot here be permitted to relate the many ingenious arguments that have been advanced in favour of each of these opinions; nor is it perhaps of consequence to our present purpose to enter into the dispute. It will be sufficient if the reader can form an idea of what the lymph is, and of the manner in which it is absorbed.

The *lymph*, from its transparency and want of colour, would seem to be nothing but water; and hence

the first discoverers of these vessels styled them *ductus aquosi*: but experiments prove, that the lymph of an healthy animal coagulates by being exposed to the air, or a certain degree of heat, and likewise by being suffered to rest; seeming to agree in this property with that part of the blood called the *coagulable lymph*.— This property of the lymph leads to determine its use, in moistening and lubricating the several cavities of the body in which it is found; and for which, by its gelatinous principle, it seems to be much better calculated than a pure and watery fluid would be, for such it has been supposed to be by some anatomists.

The mouths of the *lymphatics* and *lacteals*, by acting as capillary tubes, seem to absorb the *lymph* and *chyle* somewhat in the same manner as a capillary tube of glass, when put into a basin of water, is enabled to attract the water into it to a certain height; but it is probable that they likewise possess a living power, which assists in performing this office. In the human body the *lymph*, or the *chyle*, is probably conveyed upon this principle as far as the first pair of valves, which seem to be placed not far from the orifice of the absorbing vessel, whether *lymphatic* or *lacteal*; and the fluid will then be propelled forwards, by a continuation of the absorption at the orifice. But this does not seem to be the only inducement to its progress towards the thoracic duct; these vessels have probably a muscular coat, which may serve to press the fluid forwards from one pair of valves to another; and as the large lymphatic vessels and the thoracic duct are placed close to the large arteries, which have a considerable pulsation, it is reasonable to suppose, that they derive some advantages from this situation.

#### SECT. XV. Of the Generative Organs; of Conception, &c.

##### § 1. The Male Organs.

THE male organs of generation have been usually divided into the parts which serve to prepare the semen from the blood, and those which are distended to convey it into the womb. But it seems to be more proper to distinguish them into the *preparing*, the *containing*, and the *expelling* parts, which are the different offices of the *testes*, the *vesiculæ seminales*, and the *penis*; and this is the order in which we propose to describe them.

The *testes* are two glandular bodies, serving to secrete the semen from the blood. They are originally formed and lodged within the cavity of the abdomen; and it is not till after the child is born, or very near that time, that they begin to pass into the groin, and from thence into the scrotum (M). By this disposition they

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(L) In the dead body they may be easily demonstrated by opening the artery ramifying through any viscus, as in the spleen, for instance, and then throwing in air; by which the lymphatics will be distended. One of them may then be punctured, and mercury introduced into it through a blow-pipe.

(M) It sometimes happens in dissecting ruptures, that the intestine is found in the same sac, and in contact with the testis. This appearance was at first attributed to a supposed laceration of the peritonæum; but later observations, by pointing out the situation of the testicles in the fœtus, have led to prove, that the testis, as it descends into the scrotum, carries with it a portion or elongation of the peritonæum, which becomes its tunica vaginalis, or a kind of sac, in which the testicle is lodged, as will be explained in the course of this section. The communication between this sac and the cavity of the abdomen, is usually soon cut off; but in some sub-

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The testicles in this state are loosely attached to the psoæ muscles, by means of the peritonæum by which they are covered; and they are at this time of life connected in a very particular manner to the parietes of the abdomen, and likewise to the scrotum, by means of a substance which Mr Hunter calls the *ligament* or *gubernaculum testis*, because it connects the testis with the scrotum, and directs its course in its descent. This gubernaculum is of a pyramidal form, with its bulbous head fixed to the lower end of the testis and epididymis, and loses its lower and slender extremity in the cellular membrane of the scrotum. It is difficult to ascertain what the structure and composition of this gubernaculum is, but it is certainly vascular and fibrous; and, from certain circumstances, it would seem to be in part composed of the cremaster muscle, running upwards to join the lower end of the testis.

We are not to suppose that the testicle, when descended into the scrotum, is to be seen loose as a piece of gut or omentum would be in a common hernial sac. We have already observed, that during its residence in the cavity of the abdomen it is attached to the peritonæum, which descends with it; so that when the sac is completed in the scrotum, the testicle is at first attached only to the posterior part of it, while the fore part of it lies loose, and for some time affords a communication with the abdomen. The spermatic chord, which is made up of the spermatic artery and vein, and of the vas deferens or excretory duct of the testis, is closely attached behind to the posterior part of this elongation of the peritonæum. But the fore part of the peritoneal sac, which is at first loose and not attached to the testicle, closes after a certain time, and becomes united to the posterior part, and thus perfectly surrounds the testicle as it were in a purse.

The testicles of the fœtus differ only in their size and situation from those of the adult. In their passage from the abdomen they descend through the abdominal rings into the scrotum, where they are supported and defended by various integuments.

What the immediate cause of this descent is, has not yet been satisfactorily determined. It has been ascribed to the effects of respiration, but the testicles have sometimes been found in the scrotum before the child has breathed; and it does not seem to be occasioned by the action of the cremaster muscle, because the same effect would be liable to happen to the hedgehog, and some other quadrupeds, whose testicles remain in the abdomen during life.

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The scrotum, which is the external or common covering of both testicles, is a kind of sac formed by the common integuments, and externally divided into two equal parts by a prominent line called *raphe*.

In the inner part of the scrotum we meet with a cellular coat called *dartos* (N), which by its duplicature divides the scrotum into two equal parts, and forms what is called *septum scroti*, which corresponds with the raphe. The collapshon which is so often observed to take place in the scrotum of the healthy subject, when excited by cold or by the stimulus of venery, seems to be very properly attributed to the contractile motion of the skin, and not to any muscular fibres, as is the case in dogs and some other quadrupeds.

The scrotum, then, by means of its septum, is found to make two distinct bags, in which the testicles, invested by their proper tunics, are securely lodged and separated from each other. These coats are the cremaster, the tunica vaginalis, and the tunica albuginea. The first of these is composed of muscular fibres, and is to be considered only as a partial covering of the testis; for it surrounds only the spermatic chord, and terminates upon the upper and external parts of the tunica vaginalis testis, serving to draw up and suspend the testicle (o). The tunica vaginalis testis has already been described as being a thin production of the peritonæum, loosely adhering every where to the testicle, which it includes as it were in a bag. The tunica albuginea is a firm, white, and very compact membrane of a glistening appearance, which immediately invests the body of the testis and the epididymus; serving in some measure to connect them to each other, but without extending itself at all to the spermatic chord. This tunica albuginea serves to confine the growth of the testis and epididymus within certain limits, and by giving them a due degree of firmness, enables them to perform their proper functions.

Having removed this last tunic, we discover the substance of the testicle itself, which appears to be made up of an infinite number of very elastic filaments, which may be best distinguished after macerating the testicle in water. Each testicle is made up of the spermatic artery and vein, and the excretory vessels or tubuli seminiferi. There are likewise a great number of absorbent vessels, and some branches of nerves to be met with in the testicles.

The spermatic arteries arise one on each side from the aorta, generally about an inch below the emulgents. The right spermatic vein commonly passes into the vena cava; but the left spermatic vein usually empties itself into the emulgent on that side; and it is supposed

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jects it continues open during life; and when an hernia or descent of the intestine takes place in such a subject, it does not push down a portion of the peritonæum before it, as it must otherwise necessarily do, but passes at once through this opening, and comes in contact with the naked testicle, constituting that particular species of rupture called *hernia congenita*.

(N) The dartos has usually been considered as a muscle, and is described as such both by Douglas and Winslow. But there being no part of the scrotum of the human subject which can be said to consist of muscular fibres, Albinus and Haller have very properly omitted to describe the dartos as a muscle, and consider it merely as a cellular coat.

(o) The cremaster muscle is composed of a few fibres from the obliquus internus abdominis, which uniting with a few from the transversalis, descend upon the spermatic chord, and are insensibly lost upon the tunica vaginalis of the testicle. It serves to suspend and draw up the testicle.

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posed to take this course into the emulgent, that it may avoid passing over the aorta, which it would be obliged to do in its way to the vena cava.

The blood is circulated very slowly through the spermatic artery, which makes an infinite number of circumvolutions in the substance of the testicle, where it deposits the semen, which passes through the tubuli seminiferi. These tubuli seminiferi are seen running in short waves from the tunica albuginea to the axis of the testicle; and are divided into distinct portions by certain thin membranous productions, which originate from the tunica albuginea. They at length unite, and by an infinite number of convolutions form a sort of appendix to the testis called *epididymis* (P), which is a vascular body of an oblong shape, situate upon the superior part of each testicle. These tubuli of the epididymis at length form an excretory duct called *vas deferens*, which ascends towards the abdominal rings, with the other parts that make up the spermatic chord, and then a separation takes place; the nerves and blood-vessels passing on to their several terminations, and the vas deferens going to deposit its semen in the vesiculæ seminales, which are two soft bodies of a white and convoluted appearance externally, situated obliquely between the rectum and the lower part of the bladder, and uniting together at the lower extremity. From these reservoirs (Q), which are plentifully supplied with blood-vessels and nerves, the semen is occasionally discharged through two short passages, which open into the urethra close to a little eminence called *verumontanum*.

Near this eminence we meet with the prostate,

which is situated at the neck of the bladder, and is described as being of a glandular structure. It is shaped somewhat like a heart with its small end foremost, and invests the origin of the urethra. Internally it appears to be of a firm substance, and composed of several follicles, secreting a whitish viscid fluid, that is discharged by ten or twelve excretory ducts into the urethra, on each side of the openings of the vesiculæ seminales at the same time, and from the same causes that the semen is expelled. As this latter fluid is found to be exceedingly limpid in the vesiculæ seminales of the dead subject, it probably owes its whiteness and viscosity to this liquor of the prostate.

The penis, which is to be considered as the vehicle or active organ of procreation, is composed of two columns, the corpora cavernosa, and corpus spongiosum. The corpora cavernosa, which constitute the greatest part of the penis, may be described as two cylindrical ligamentous tubes, each of which is composed of an infinite number of minute cells of a spongy texture, which communicate with each other. These two bodies are of a very pliant texture, and capable of considerable distension; and being united laterally to each other, occasion by this union a space above and another below. The uppermost of these spaces is filled by the blood vessels, and the lower one, which is larger than the other, by the urethra and its corpus spongiosum. These two cavernous bodies are at first only separated by a partition of tendinous fibres, which allow them to communicate with each other; but they afterwards devaricate from each other like the branches of the letter Y, and diminishing gradually in size, are attached,

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(P) The testicles were named *didymi* by the ancients, and the name of this part was given to it on account of its situation upon the testicle.

(Q) That the bags called *vesiculæ seminales* are reservoirs of semen, is a circumstance which has been by anatomists universally believed. Mr J. Hunter, however, from several circumstances, has been induced to think this opinion erroneous.

He has examined these vesiculæ in people who have died suddenly, and he found their contents to be different in their properties from the semen. In those who had lost one of the testicles, or the use of one of them, by disease, both the vesiculæ were full, and their contents similar. And in a *lusus naturæ*, where there was no communication between the vasa deferentia and vesiculæ, nor between the vesiculæ and penis, the same thing took place.

From these observations, he thinks we have a presumptive proof, That the semen can be absorbed in the body of the testicle and in the epididymis, and that the vesiculæ secrete a mucus which they are capable of absorbing when it cannot be made use of: That the semen is not retained in reservoirs after it is secreted, and kept there till it is used; but that it is secreted at the time, in consequence of certain affections of the mind stimulating the testicles to this action.

He corroborates his observations by the appearance on dissection in other animals; and here he finds, That the shape and contents of the vesiculæ vary much in different animals, while the semen in most of them he has examined is nearly the same: That the vasa deferentia in many animals do not communicate with the vesiculæ: That the contents of the vesiculæ of castrated and perfect animals are similar, and nearly equal in quantity, in no way resembling the semen as emitted from the animal *in coitu*, or what is found in the vas deferens after death. He observes likewise, that the bulb of the urethra of perfect males is considerably larger than in castrated animals.

From the whole, he thinks the following inferences may be fairly drawn: That the bags called *vesiculæ seminales* are not seminal reservoirs, but glands secreting a peculiar mucus; and that the bulb of the urethra is properly speaking the receptacle of the semen, in which it is accumulated previous to ejection.

But although he has endeavoured to prove that the vesiculæ do not contain the semen, he has not been able to ascertain their particular use. He thinks, however, we may be allowed upon the whole to conclude, that they are, together with other parts, subservient to the purposes of generation.

Although the author has treated this subject very ably, and made many ingenious observations, some things may be objected to what he has advanced; of which the following are a few: That those animals who have

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The corpus spongiosum penis, or corpus spongiosum urethræ, as it is styled by some authors, begins as soon as the urethra has passed the prostate, with a thick origin almost like a heart, first under the urethra, and afterwards above it, becoming gradually thinner, and surrounding the whole canal of the urethra, till it terminates in a considerable expansion, and constitutes what is called the *glans penis*, which is exceedingly vascular, and covered with papillæ like the tongue. The cuticle which lines the inner surface of the urethra, is continued over the glans in the same manner as it is spread over the lips.

The penis is invested by the common integuments, but the cutis is reflected back every where from the glans as it is in the eye-lids; so that it covers this part, when the penis is in a relaxed state, as it were with a hood, and from this use is called *prepuce*.

The prepuce is tied down to the under part of the glans by a small ligament called *frænum*, which is in fact only a continuation of the cuticle and cutis. There are many simple sebaceous follicles called *glandulæ odoriferæ*, placed round the basis of the glans; and the fluid they secrete serves to preserve the exquisite sensibility of this part of the penis, and to prevent the ill effects of attrition from the prepuce.

The urethra may be defined to be a membranous canal, passing from the bladder through the whole extent of the penis. Several very small openings, called *lacunæ*, communicate with this canal, through which a mucus is discharged into it; and besides these, there are two glands, first described by Cowper, as secreting a fluid for lubricating the urethra, and called *Cowper's glands* (R); and Littre\* speaks of a gland situated near the prostate, as being destined for the same use.

\* *Memoires de l'Acad. Royale des Sciences, 1700.*

The urethra being continued from the neck of the bladder, is to be considered as making part of the urinary passage; and it likewise affords a conveyance to the semen, which we have observed is occasionally discharged into it from the vesiculæ seminales. The direction of this canal being first under and then before the pubis, occasions a winding in its course from the bladder to the penis not unlike the turns of the letter S.

The penis has three pair of muscles, the erectores, acceleratores, and transversales. They push the blood from the crura to the fore part of the corpora cavernosa. The first originate from the tuberosity of the

ischium, and terminate in the corpora cavernosa. The acceleratores arise from the sphincter, and by their insertion serve to compress the bulbous part of the urethra; and the transversales are destined to afford a passage to the semen, by dilating the canal of the urethra.

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The arteries of the penis are chiefly derived from the internal iliacs. Some of them are supposed to terminate by pabulous orifices within the corpora cavernosa and corpus spongiosum; and others terminate in veins, which at last make up the vena magna dorsi penis, and other smaller veins, which are in general distributed in like order with the arteries.

Its nerves are large and numerous. They arise from the great sciatic nerve, and accompany the arteries in their course through the penis.

We have now described the anatomy of this organ; and there only remains to be explained, how it is enabled to attain that degree of firmness and distension which is essential to the great work of generation.

The greatest part of the penis has been spoken of as being of a spongy and cellular texture, plentifully supplied with blood-vessels and nerves, and as having muscles to move it in different directions. Now, the blood is constantly passing into its cells through the small branches of the arteries which open into them, and is from thence as constantly returned by the veins, so long as the corpora cavernosa and corpus spongiosum continue to be in a relaxed and pliant state. But when, from any nervous influence, or other means, which it is not necessary here to define or explain, the erectores penis, ejaculatores seminis, levatores ani, &c. are induced to contract, the veins undergo a certain degree of compression, and the passage of the blood through them is so much impeded, that it collects in them in a greater proportion than they are enabled to carry off, so that the penis gradually enlarges; and being more and more forcibly drawn up against the os pubis, the vena magna itself is at length compressed, and the penis becomes fully distended. But as the causes which first occasioned this distention subside, the penis gradually returns to its state of relaxation.

### § 2. Female Organs of Generation.

ANATOMICAL writers usually divide the female organs of generation into *external* and *internal*. In the first division they include the *mons veneris*, *labia pudendi*, *perinaeum*, *clitoris*, *nympha*, and *carunculæ myriiformes*; and in the latter, the *vagina*, with the *uterus* and its appendages.

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bags called *vesiculæ seminales* perform copulation quickly; whereas others that want them, as in the dog kind, are tedious in copulation: That in the human body, at least, there is a free communication between the vasa deferentia and vesiculæ; and in animals where the author has observed no communication between the vasa deferentia and vesiculæ, there may be a communication by vessels not yet discovered, and which may be compared to the hepato-cystic ducts in fowls and fishes: That the fluid in the end of the vasa deferentia and the vesiculæ seminales are similar, according to the author's own observation: That the vesiculæ in some animals increase and decrease with the testicle at particular seasons: That in birds and certain fishes, there is a dilatation of the ends of the vasa deferentia, which the author himself allows to be a reservoir for the semen.

With respect to the circumstance of the bulb of the urethra answering the purpose of a reservoir, the author has mentioned no facts which tend to establish this opinion. See *Observations on certain Parts of the Animal Oeconomy*.

(R) Both Heister and Morgagni observe, that they have sometimes not been able to find these glands; so that they do not seem to exist in all subjects.

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The *mons veneris*, which is placed on the upper part of the symphysis pubis, is internally composed of adipose membranes, which makes it soft and prominent: it divides into two parts called *labia pudendi*, which descending towards the rectum, from which they are divided by the perinæum, form what is called the *fourchette*. The perinæum is that fleshy space which extends about an inch and an half from the fourchette to the anus, and from thence about two inches to the coccyx.

The labia pudendi being separated, we observe a sulcus called *fossa magna*; in the upper part of which is placed the clitoris, a small round spongy body, in some measure resembling the male penis, but impervious, composed of two corpora cavernosa, arising from the tuberosities of the ossa ischii; furnished with two pair of muscles, the *erectores clitoridis*, and the *sphincter* or *constrictor ostii vaginæ*; and terminating in a glans, which is covered with its prepuce. From the lower part, on each side of the fossa, pass the nymphæ, two membranous and spongy folds which seem destined for useful purposes in parturition, by tending to enlarge the volume of the vagina as the child's head passes through it. Between these, about the middle of the fossa magna, we perceive the orifice of the vagina or *os externum*, closed by folds and wrinkles; and about half an inch above this, and about an inch below the clitoris, appears the *meatus urinarius* or orifice of the urethra, much shorter, though somewhat larger, than in men, with a little prominence at its lower edge, which facilitates the introduction of the catheter.

The *os externum* is surrounded internally by several membranous folds called *carunculæ myrtiformes*, which are partly the remains of a thin membrane called *hymen*, that covers the vagina in children. In general the hymen is sufficiently open to admit the passage of the menses, if it exists at the time of their appearance; sometimes, however, it has been found perfectly closed.

The vagina, situated between the urethra and the rectum, is a membranous cavity, surrounded especially at its external extremity with a spongy and vascular substance, which is covered by the *sphincter ostii vaginæ*. It terminates in the uterus, about half an inch above the *os tincæ*, and is wider and shorter in women who have had children than in virgins.

All these parts are plentifully supplied with blood-vessels and nerves. Around the nymphæ there are sebaceous follicles, which pour out a fluid to lubricate the inner surface of the vagina; and the *meatus urinarius*, like the urethra in the male subject, is constantly moistened by a mucus, which defends it against the acrimony of the urine.

The *uterus* is a hollow viscus, situated in the hypogastric region, between the rectum and bladder. It is destined to receive the first rudiments of the fœtus, and to assist in the development of all its parts, till it arrives at a state of perfection, and is fitted to enter into the world, at the time appointed by the wise Author of nature.

The uterus, in its unimpregnated state, resembles a pear in shape, somewhat flattened, with its fundus or bottom part turned towards the abdomen, and its cervix or neck surrounded by the vagina. The entrance into its cavity forms a little protuberance, which has

been compared to the mouth of a tench, and is therefore called *os tincæ*.

The substance of the uterus, which is of a considerable thickness, appears to be composed of muscular and small ligamentous fibres, small branches of nerves, some lymphatics, and with arteries and veins innumerable. Its nerves are chiefly derived from the intercostal, and its arteries and veins from the hypogastric and spermatic. The membrane which lines its cervix, is a continuation of the inner membrane of the vagina; but the outer surface of the body of the uterus is covered with the peritonæum, which is reflected over it, and descends from thence to the intestinum rectum. This duplicature of the peritonæum, by passing off from the sides of the uterus to the sides of the pelvis, is there firmly connected, and forms what are called *ligamenta uteri lata*; which not only serve to support the uterus, but to convey nerves and blood-vessels to it.

The *ligamenta uteri rotunda* arise from the sides of the fundus uteri, and passing along within the fore-part of the *ligamenta lata*, descend through the abdominal rings, and terminate in the substance of the *mons veneris*. The substance of these ligaments is vascular, and although both they and the *ligamenta lata* admit the uterus in the virgin state, to move only about an inch up and down, yet in the course of pregnancy they admit of considerable distension, and after parturition return nearly to their original state with surprising quickness.

On each side of the inner surface of the uterus, in the angle near the fundus, a small orifice is to be discovered, which is the beginning of one of the *tubæ fallopianæ*. Each of these tubes, which are two in number, passing through the substance of the uterus, is extended along the broad ligaments, till it reaches the edge of the pelvis, from whence it reflects back; and turning over behind the ligaments, about an inch of its extremity is seen hanging loose in the pelvis, near the ovarium. These extremities, having a jagged appearance, are called *fimbriæ*, or *morfus diaboli*. Each *tuba Fallopiana* is usually about three or four inches long. Their cavities are at first very small, but become gradually larger, like a trumpet, as they approach the *fimbriæ*.

Near the *fimbriæ* of each *tuba Fallopiana*, about an inch from the uterus, is situated an oval body called *ovarium*, of about half the size of the male testicle. Each of these ovaria is covered by a production of the peritonæum, and hangs loose in the pelvis. They are of a flat and angular form, and appear to be composed of a white and cellular substance, in which we are able to discover several minute vesicles filled with a coagulable lymph, of an uncertain number, commonly exceeding 12 in each ovary. In the female of riper years, these vesicles become exceedingly turgid, and a kind of yellow coagulum is gradually formed within one of them, which increases for a certain time. In conception, one of these mature ova is supposed to be impregnated with the male semen, and to be squeezed out of its nidus into the Fallopian tube; after which the ruptured part forms a substance which in some animals is of a yellow colour, and is therefore called *corpus luteum*; and it is observable, that the number of these scars or fissures in the ovarium, constantly corresponds with the number of fœtuses excluded by the mother.

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MAN, being ever curious and inquisitive, has naturally been led to enquire after the origin of his existence; and the subject of generation has employed the philosophical world in all ages: but in following nature up to her minute recesses, the philosopher soon finds himself bewildered, and his imagination often supplies that which he so eagerly wishes to discover, but which is destined perhaps never to be revealed to him. Of the many theories which have been formed on this subject, that of the ancient philosophers seems to have been the most simple: they considered the male semen as alone capable of forming the foetus, and believed that the female only afforded it a lodging in the womb, and supplied it with nourishment after it was perfectly formed. This opinion, however, soon gave place to another, in which the female was allowed a more considerable share in conception.

This second system considered the foetus as being formed by the mixture of the seminal liquor of both sexes, by a certain arrangement of its several particles in the uterus. But in the 16th century, vesicles or eggs were discovered in the ovaria or female testicles; the foetus had been found sometimes in the abdomen, and sometimes in the Fallopian tubes; and the two former opinions were exploded in favour of a new doctrine. The ovaria were compared to a bunch of grapes, being supposed to consist of vesicles, each of which had a stalk; so that it might be disengaged without hurting the rest, or spilling the liquor it contained. Each vesicle was said to include a little animal, almost complete in all its parts; and the vapour of the male semen being conveyed to the ovarium, was supposed to produce a fermentation in the vesicle, which approached the nearest to maturity; and thus inducing it to disengage itself from the ovarium, it passed into the tuba Fallopiana, thro' which it was conveyed to the uterus. Here it was supposed to take root like a vegetable seed, and to form, with the vessels originating from the uterus, what is called the *placenta*; by means of which the circulation is carried on between the mother and the foetus.

This opinion, with all its absurdities, continued to be almost universally adopted till the close of the same century, when Lieuwenhoeck, by means of his glasses, discovered certain opaque particles, which he described as so many animalcula, floating in the seminal fluid of the male.

This discovery introduced a new schism among the philosophers of that time, and gave rise to a system which is not yet entirely exploded. According to this theory the male semen passing into the tubæ Fallopianæ, one of the animalcula penetrates into the substance of the ovarium, and enters into one of its vesicles or ova. This impregnated ovum is then squeezed from its husk, through the coats of the ovarium, and being seized by the fimbriæ, is conducted through the tube to the uterus, where it is nourished till it arrives at a

state of perfection. In this system there is much ingenuity: but there are certain circumstances supposed to take place, which have been hitherto inexplicable. A celebrated modern writer, M. Buffon, endeavours to restore, in some measure, the most ancient opinion, by allowing the female semen a share in this office; asserting, that animalcula or organic particles are to be discovered in the seminal liquor of both sexes: he derives the female semen from the ovaria, and he contends that no ovum exists in those parts. But in this idea he is evidently mistaken; and the opinion now most generally adopted is, that an impregnation of the ovum, by the influence of the male semen, is essential to conception (s). That the ovum is to be impregnated, there can be no doubt; but as the manner in which such an impregnation is supposed to take place, and the means by which the ovum afterwards gets into the Fallopian tube, and from thence into the uterus, are still founded chiefly on hypothesis, we will not attempt to extend farther the investigation of a subject concerning which so little can be advanced with certainty.

#### § 4. *Of the Fœtus in Utero.*

OPPORTUNITIES of dissecting the human gravid uterus occurring but seldom, the state of the embryo (τ) immediately after conception cannot be perfectly known.

When the ovum descends into the uterus, it is supposed to be very minute; and it is not till a considerable time after conception that the rudiments of the embryo begin to be ascertained.

About the third or fourth week the eye may discover the first lineaments of the foetus; but these lineaments are as yet very imperfect, it being only about the size of a house-fly. Two little vessels appear in an almost transparent jelly; the largest of which is destined to become the head of the foetus, and the other smaller one is reserved for the trunk. But at this period no extremities are to be seen; the umbilical cord appears only as a very minute thread, and the placenta does not as yet absorb the red particles of the blood. At six weeks, not only the head but the features of the face begin to be developed. The nose appears like a small prominent line, and we are able to discover another line under it, which is destined for the separation of the lips. Two black points appear in the place of eyes, and two minute holes mark the ears. At the sides of the trunk, both above and below, we see four minute protuberances, which are the rudiments of the arms and legs. At the end of eight weeks the body of the foetus is upwards of an inch in length, and both the hands and feet are to be distinguished. The upper extremities are found to increase faster than the lower ones, and the separation of the fingers is accomplished sooner than that of the toes.

At this period the human form may be decisively ascertained;—all the parts of the face may be distinguished, the shape of the body is clearly marked out, the haunches and the abdomen are elevated, the fingers and

(s) The learned Abbè Spallanzani has thrown much light on this curious subject, and has proved by a variety of experiments that the animalcule exists entire in the female ovum and that the male seed is only necessary to vivify and put it in motion.—His experiments and observations are worthy the attentive perusal of every physiologist.

(τ) The rudiments of the child are usually distinguished by this name till the human figure can be distinctly ascertained, and then it has the appellation of *fœtus*.

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At the end of the third month, the foetus measures about three inches; at the end of the fourth month, five inches; in the fifth month, six or seven inches; in the sixth month, eight or nine inches; in the seventh month, eleven or twelve inches; in the eighth month, fourteen or fifteen inches; and at the end of the ninth month, or full time, from eighteen to twenty-two inches. But as we have not an opportunity of examining the same foetus at different periods of pregnancy, and as their size and length may be influenced by the constitution and mode of life of the mother, calculations of this kind must be very uncertain.

The foetus during all this time assumes an oval figure, which corresponds with the shape of the uterus. Its chin is found reclining on its breast with its knees drawn up towards its chin, and its arms folded over them. But it seems likely, that the posture of some of these parts is varied in the latter months of pregnancy, so as to cause those painful twitches which its mother usually feels from time to time. In natural cases, its head is probably placed towards the os tincæ from the time of conception to that of its birth; though formerly it was considered as being placed towards the fundus uteri till about the eighth or ninth month, when the head, by becoming specifically heavier than the other parts of the body, was supposed to be turned downwards.

The capacity of the uterus increases in proportion to the growth of the foetus, but without becoming thinner in its substance, as might naturally be expected. The nourishment of the foetus, during all this time, seems to be derived from the placenta, which appears to be originally formed by that part of the ovum which is next the fundus uteri. The remaining part of the ovum is covered by a membrane called *spongy chorion* (v); within which is another called *true chorion*, which includes a third termed *amnios* (w): this contains a watery fluid, which is the *liquor amnii* (w), in which the foetus floats till the time of its birth. On the side next the foetus, the placenta is covered by the amnios and true chorion; on the side next the mother it has a production continued from the spongy chorion. The amnios and chorion are remarkably thin and transparent, having no blood-vessels entering into their

composition. The spongy chorion is opaque and vascular.

In the first months of pregnancy, the involucre bear a large proportion to their contents; but this proportion is afterwards reversed, as the foetus increases in bulk.

The placenta, which is the medium through which the blood is conveyed from the mother to the foetus, and the manner in which this conveyance takes place, deserve next to be considered.

The placenta is a broad, flat, and spongy substance, like a cake, closely adhering to the inner surface of the womb, usually near the fundus, and appearing to be chiefly made up of the ramifications of the umbilical arteries and vein, and partly of the extremities of the uterine vessels. The arteries of the uterus discharge their contents into the substance of this cake; and the veins of the placenta, receiving the blood either by a direct communication of vessels, or by absorption, at length form the umbilical vein, which passes on to the sinus of the vena porta, and from thence to the vena cava, by means of the *canalis venosus*, a communication that is closed in the adult. But the circulation of the blood through the heart is not conducted in the foetus as in the adult: in the latter, the blood is carried from the right auricle of the heart through the pulmonary artery, and is returned to the left auricle by the pulmonary vein; but a dilatation of the lungs is essential to the passage of the blood through the pulmonary vessels, and this dilatation cannot take place till after the child is born and has respired. This deficiency, however, is supplied in the foetus by the immediate communication between the right and left auricle, through an oval opening, in the septum which divides the two auricles, called *foramen ovale*. The blood is likewise transmitted from the pulmonary artery to the aorta, by means of a duct called *canalis arteriosus*, which, like the *canalis venosus*, and *foramen ovalæ*, gradually closes after birth.

The blood is returned again from the foetus through two arteries called the *umbilical arteries*, which arise from the iliacs. These two vessels taking a winding course with the vein, form with that, and the membranes by which they are surrounded, what is called the *umbilical chord*. These arteries, after ramifying through the substance of the placenta, discharge their blood into the veins of the uterus; in the same manner as the uterine arteries discharged their blood into the branches

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(v) Dr Hunter has described this as a lamella from the inner surface of the uterus. In the latter months of pregnancy it becomes gradually thinner and more connected with the chorion: he has named it *membrana caduca*, or *decidua*, as it is cast off with the placenta. Signior Scarpa, with more probability, considers it as being composed of an inspissated coagulable lymph.

(w) In some quadrupeds, the urine appears to be conveyed from the bladder through a canal called *urachus*, to the *allantois*, which is a reservoir, resembling a long and blind gut, situated between the chorion and amnios. The human foetus seems to have no such reservoir, though some writers have supposed that it does exist. From the top of the bladder a few longitudinal fibres are extended to the umbilical chord; and these fibres have been considered as the *urachus*, though without having been ever found pervious.

(w) The liquor amnii coagulates like the lymph. It has been supposed to pass into the œsophagus, and to afford nourishment to the foetus; but this does not seem probable. Children have come into the world without an œsophagus, or any communication between the stomach and the mouth; but there has been no well attested instance of a child's having been born without a placenta; and it does not seem likely, that any of the fluid can be absorbed through the pores of the skin, the skin in the foetus being every where covered with a great quantity of mucus.

Of the branches of the umbilical vein. So that the blood is constantly passing in at one side of the placenta and out at the other; but in what particular manner it

gets through the placenta is a point not yet determined.

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## EXPLANATION OF PLATES XXV. XXVI. AND XXVII.

## PLATE XXV.

FIG. 1. Shows the Contents of the Thorax and Abdomen in situ.

1. Top of the trachea, or wind-pipe. 2 2, The internal jugular veins. 3 3, The subclavian veins. 4, The vena cava descendens. 5, The right auricle of the heart. 6, The right ventricle. 7, Part of the left ventricle. 8, The aorta descendens. 9, The pulmonary artery. 10, The right lung, part of which is cut off to show the great blood vessels. 11, The left lung entire. 12 12, The anterior edge of the diaphragm. 13 13, The two great lobes of the liver. 14, The ligamentum rotundum. 15, The gall-bladder. 16 The stomach. 17 17, The jejunum and ilium. 18, The spleen.

FIG. 2. Shows the Organs subservient to the Chylopoietic Viscera,—with those of Urine and Generation.

1 1, The under side of the two great lobes of the liver. a, Lobulus Spigelii. 2, The ligamentum rotundum. 3, The gall-bladder. 4. The pancreas. 5, The spleen. 6 6, The kidneys. 7, The aorta descendens. 8, Vena cava ascendens. 9 9, The renal veins covering the arteries. 10, A probe under the spermatic vessels and a bit of the inferior mesenteric artery, and over the ureters. 11 11, The ureters. 12 12, The iliac arteries and veins. 13, The rectum intestinum. 14, The bladder of urine.

FIG. 3. Shows the Chylopoietic Viscera, and Organs subservient to them, taken out of the Body entire.

A A, The under side of the two great lobes of the liver. B, Ligamentum rotundum. C, The gall-bladder. D, Ductus cysticus. E, Ductus hepaticus. F, Ductus communis choledochus. G, Vena portarum. H, Arteria hepatica. I I, The stomach. K K, Venæ & arteriæ gastro-epiploicæ, dextræ & sinistræ. L L, Venæ & arteriæ coronariæ ventriculi. M, The spleen. N N, Mesocolon, with its vessels. O O O, Intestinum colon. P, One of the ligaments of the colon, which is a bundle of longitudinal muscular fibres. Q Q Q Q, Jejunum and ilium. R R, Sigmoid flexure of the colon with the ligament continued, and over S, The rectum intestinum. T T, Levatores ani. U, Sphincter ani. V, The place to which the prostate gland is connected. W, The anus.

FIG. 4. Shows the Heart of a Fœtus at the full time, with the Right Auricle cut open to show the Foramen Ovale, or passage between both Auricles.

a, The right ventricle. b, The left ventricle. c c, The outer side of the right auricle stretched out. d d, The posterior side, which forms the anterior side of the septum. e, The foramen ovale, with the membrane or valve which covers the left side. f, Vena ca-

va inferior passing through g, A portion of the diaphragm.

FIG. 5. Shows the Heart and Large Vessels of a Fœtus at the full time.

a, The left ventricle. b, The right ventricle. c, A part of the right auricle. d, Left auricle. e e, The right branch of the pulmonary artery. f, Arteria pulmonalis. g g, The left branch of the pulmonary artery, with a number of its largest branches dissected from the lungs. h, The canalis arteriosus. i, The arch of the aorta. k k, The aorta descendens. l, The left subclavian artery. m, The left carotid artery. n, The right carotid artery. o, The right subclavian artery. p, The origin of the right carotid and right subclavian arteries in one common trunk. q, The vena cava superior or descendens. r, The right common subclavian vein. s, The left common subclavian vein.

N. B. All the parts described in this figure are to be found in the adult, except the canalis arteriosus.

## PLATE XXVI.

FIG. 1. Exhibits the more superficial Lymphatic Vessels of the Lower Extremity.

A, The spine of the os ilium. B, The os pubis. C, The iliac artery. D, The knee. E, E, F, Branches of the crural artery. G, The musculus gastrocnemius. H, The tibia. I, The tendon of the musculus tibialis anticus. On the out-lines, a, A lymphatic vessel belonging to the top of the foot. b, Its first division into branches. c, c, c, Other divisions of the same lymphatic vessel. d, A small lymphatic gland. e, The lymphatic vessels which lie between the skin and the muscles of the thigh. f, f, Two lymphatic glands at the upper part of the thigh below the groin. g, g, Other glands. h, A lymphatic vessel which passes by the side of those glands without communicating with them; and, bending towards the inside of the groin at (i), opens into the lymphatic gland (k). l, l, Lymphatic glands in the groin, which are common to the lymphatic vessels of the genitals and those of the lower extremity. m, n, A plexus of lymphatic vessels passing on the inside of the iliac artery.

FIG. 2. Exhibits a Back View of the Lower Extremity, dissected so as to show the deeper-seated Lymphatic Vessels which accompany the Arteries.

A, The os pubis. B, The tuberosity of the ischium. C, That part of the os ilium which was articulated with the os sacrum. D, The extremity of the iliac artery appearing above the groin. E, The knee. F F, The two cut surfaces of the triceps muscle, which was divided to show the lymphatic vessels that pass through its perforation along with the crural artery. G, The edge of the musculus gracilis. H, The gastrocnemius and soleus, much shrunk by being dried, and by the soleus being separated from the

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the tibia to expose the vessels. I, The heel. K, The sole of the foot. L, The superficial lymphatic vessels passing over the knee, to get to the thigh. On the out-lines; M, The posterior tibial artery. a, A lymphatic vessel accompanying the posterior tibial artery. b, The same vessel crossing the artery. c, A small lymphatic gland, thro' which this deep-seated lymphatic vessel passes. d, The lymphatic vessel passing under a small part of the soleus, which is left attached to the bone, the rest being removed. e, The lymphatic vessel crossing the popliteal artery. f, g, h, Lymphatic glands in the ham, through which the lymphatic vessel passes. i, The lymphatic vessel passing with the crural artery, through the perforation of the triceps muscle. k, The lymphatic vessel, after it has passed the perforation of the triceps, dividing into branches which embrace the artery (l). m, A lymphatic gland belonging to the deep-seated lymphatic vessel. At this place those vessels pass to the fore part of the groin, where they communicate with the superficial lymphatic vessels. n, A part of the superficial lymphatic vessel appearing on the brim of the pelvis.

FIG. 3. Exhibits the Trunk of the Human Subject, prepared to show the Lymphatic Vessels and the Ductus Thoracicus.

A, The neck. B B, The two jugular veins. C, The vena cava superior. D D D D, The subclavian veins. E, The beginning of the aorta, pulled to the left side by means of a ligature, in order to show the thoracic duct behind it. F, The branches arising from the curvature of the aorta. G G, The two carotid arteries. H H, The first ribs, I I, The trachea. K K, The spine. L L, the vena azygos. M M, The descending aorta. N, The coeliac artery, dividing into three branches. O, The superior mesenteric artery. P, The right crus diaphragmatis. Q Q, The two kidneys. R, The right emulgent artery. S S, The external iliac arteries. g d, The muscoli psoæ. T, The internal iliac artery. U, The cavity of the pelvis. X X, The spine of the os ilium. Y Y, The groins. a, A lymphatic gland in the groin, into which lymphatic vessels from the lower extremity are seen to enter. b b, The lymphatic vessels of the lower extremities passing under Poupart's ligament. c c, A plexus of the lymphatic vessels lying on each side of the pelvis. d, The psoas muscle with lymphatic vessels lying upon its inside. e, A plexus of lymphatics, which having passed over the brim of the pelvis at (c), having entered the cavity of the pelvis, and received the lymphatic vessels belonging to the viscera contained in that cavity, next ascends, and passes behind the iliac artery to (g). f, Some lymphatic vessels of the left side passing over the upper part of the os sacrum, to meet those of the right side. g, The right psoas, with a large plexus of lymphatics lying on its inside. h h, The plexus lying on each side of the spine. i i i, Spaces occupied by the lymphatic glands. k, The trunk of the lacteals, lying on the under side of the superior mesenteric artery. l, The same dividing into two branches, one of which passes on each side of the aorta; that of the right side being seen to enter the thoracic duct at (m). m, The thoracic duct beginning from the large lymphatics. n, The duct passing under the lower part of the crus diaphragmatis,

and under the right emulgent artery. o, The thoracic duct penetrating the thorax. p, Some lymphatic vessels joining that duct in the thorax. q, The thoracic duct passing under the curvature of the aorta to get to the left subclavian vein. The aorta being drawn aside to show the duct. r, A plexus of lymphatic vessels passing upon the trachea from the thyroid gland to the thoracic duct.

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#### PLATE XXVII.

FIG. 1. Represents the Under and Posterior Side of the Bladder of Urine, &c.

a, The bladder. b b, The insertion of the ureters. c c, The vasa deferentia, which convey the semen from the testicles to d d, The vesiculæ seminales,—and pass through e, The prostate gland, to discharge themselves into f, The beginning of the urethra.

FIG. 2. A transverse Section of the Penis.

g g, Corpora cavernosa penis. h, Corpus cavernosum urethræ. i, Urethra. k, Septum penis. l l, The septum between the corpus cavernosum urethræ and that of the penis.

FIG. 3. A Longitudinal Section of the Penis.

m m, The corpora cavernosa penis, divided by o, The septum penis. n, The corpus cavernosum glandis, which is the continuation of that of the urethra.

FIG. 4. Represents the Female Organs of Generation.

a, That side of the uterus which is next the os sacrum. 1, Its fundus. 2, Its cervix. b b, The Fallopian or uterine tubes, which open into the cavity of the uterus;—but the other end is open within the pelvis, and surrounded by c c, The fimbriæ. d d, The ovaria. e, The os internum uteri, or mouth of the womb. f f, The ligamenta rotunda, which passes without the belly, and is fixed to the labia pudendi. g g, The cut edges of the ligamenta lata, which connects the uterus to the pelvis. h, The inside of the vagina. i, The orifice of the urethra. k, The clitoris surrounded by (l) The præputium. m m, The labia pudendi. n n, The nymphæ.

FIG. 5. Shows the Spermatic Ducts of the Testicle filled with Mercury.

A, The vas deferens. B, Its beginning, which forms the posterior part of the epididymis. B, The middle of the epididymis, composed of serpentine ducts. D, The head or anterior part of the epididymis unravelled. e e e e, The whole ducts which compose the head of the epididymis unravelled. f f, The vasa deferentia. g g, Rete testis. h h, Some rectilinear ducts which send off the vasa deferentia. i i, The substance of the testicle.

FIG. 6. The right Testicle entire, and the Epididymis filled with Mercury.

A, The beginning of the vas deferens. B, The vas deferens ascending towards the abdomen. C, The posterior part of the epididymis, named *globus minor*. D, The spermatic vessels inclosed in cellular substance. E, The body of the epididymis. F, Its head, named *globus major*. G, Its beginning from the testicle. H, The body of the testicle, inclosed in the tunica albuginea.

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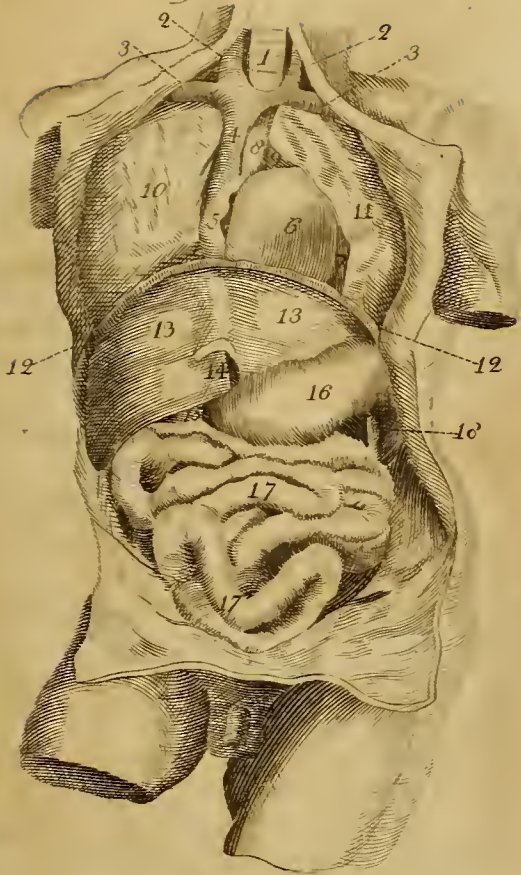


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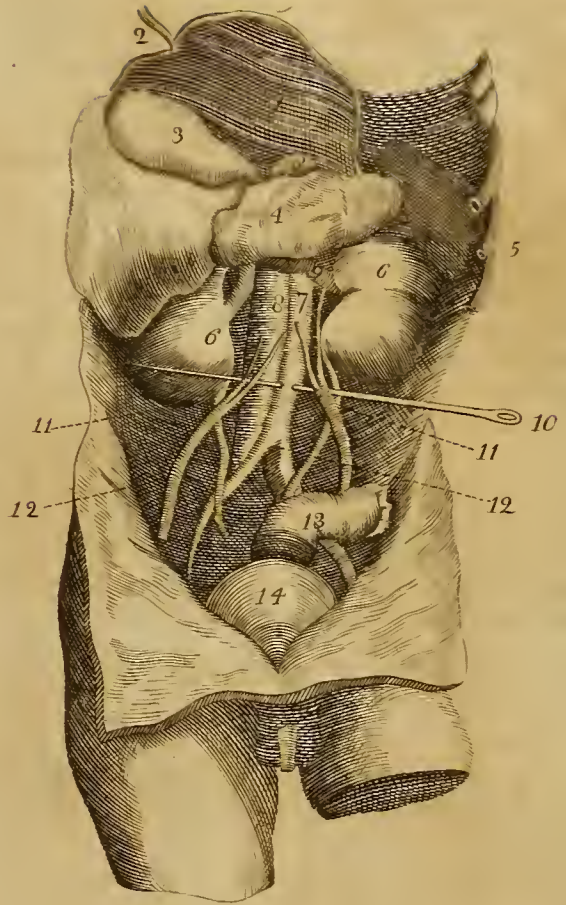


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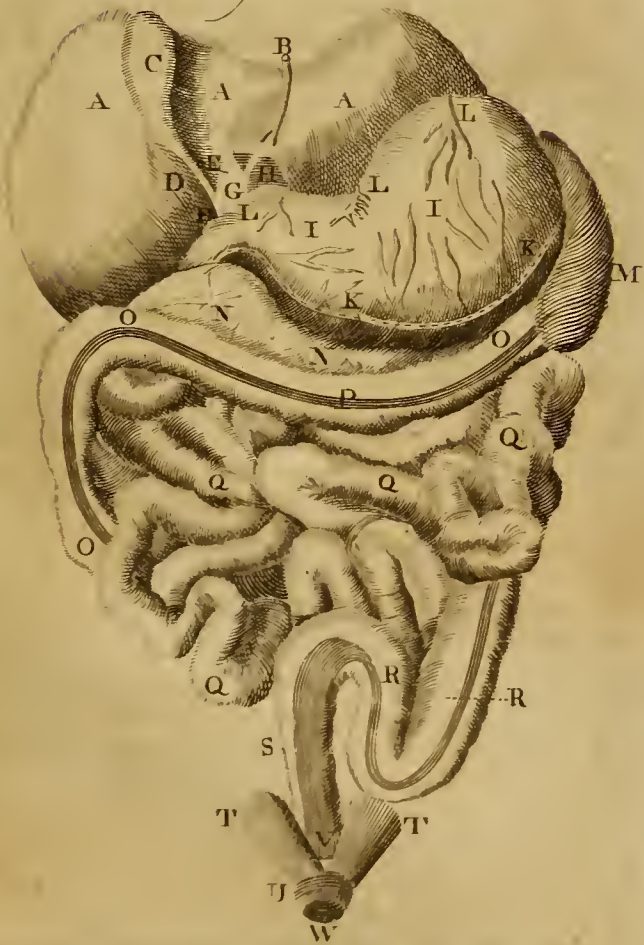
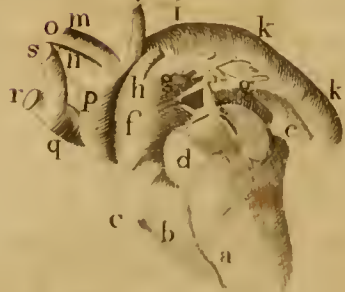


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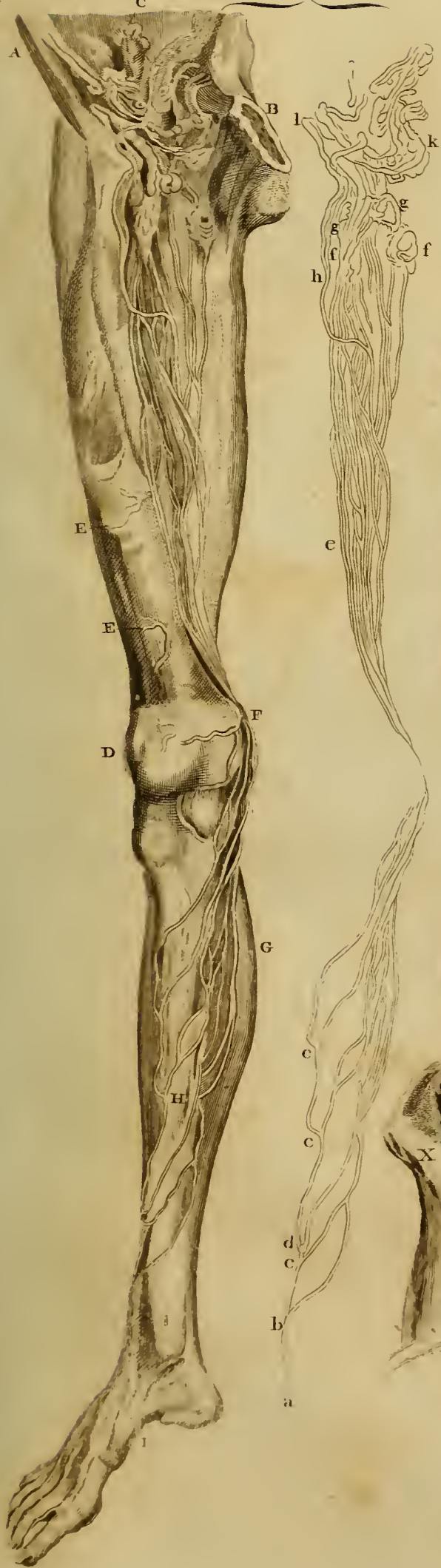


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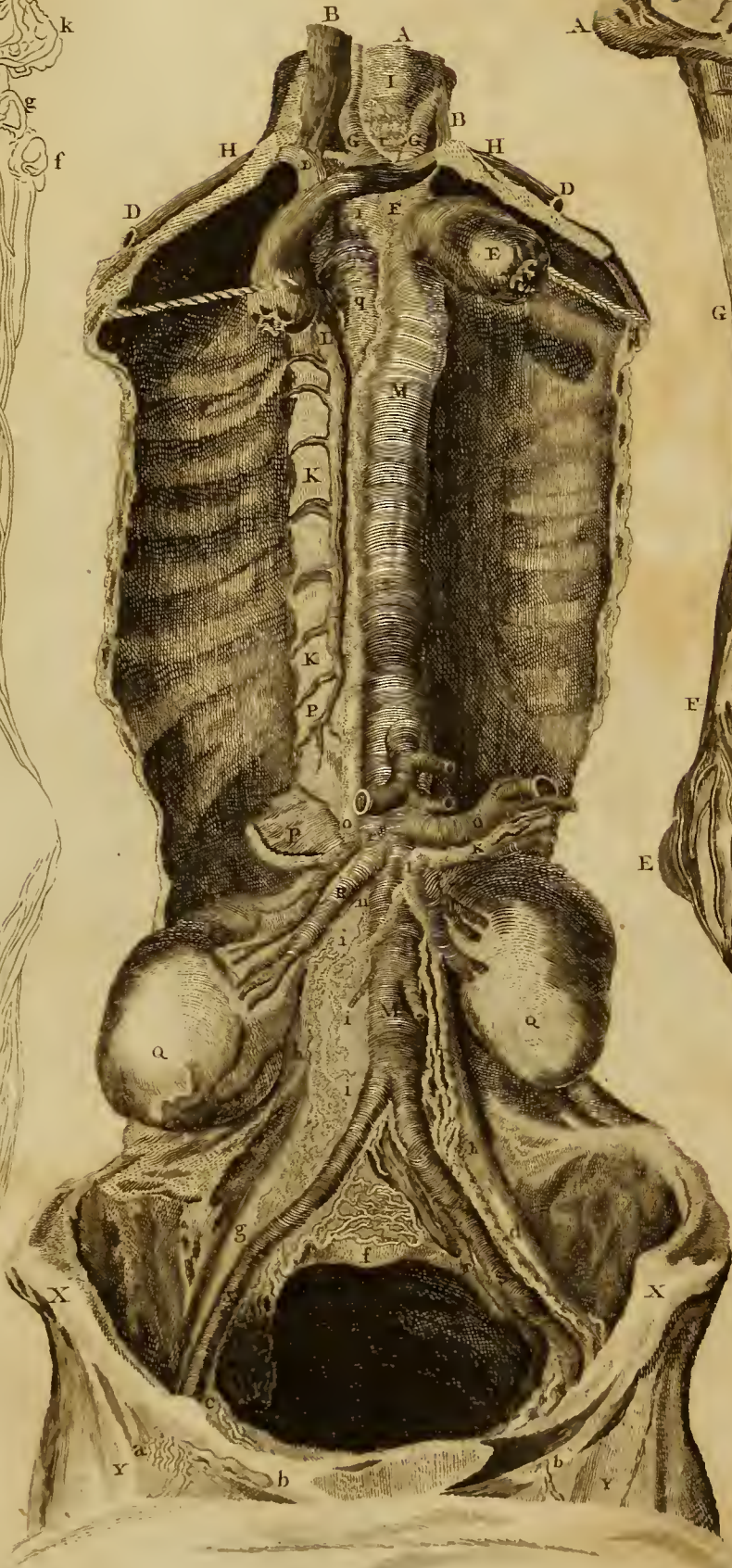




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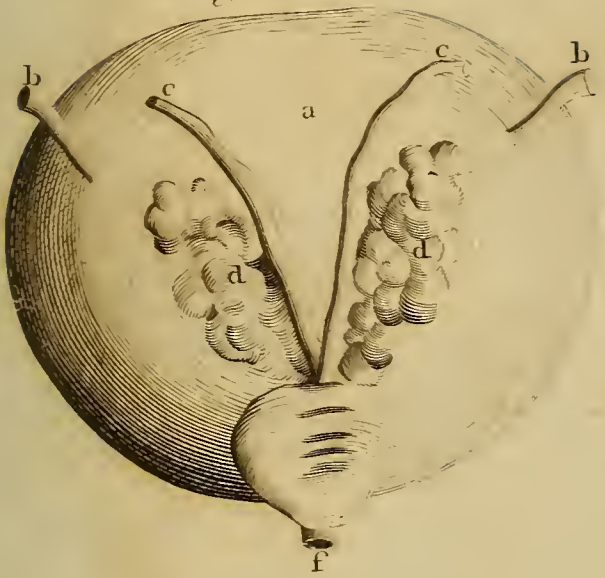


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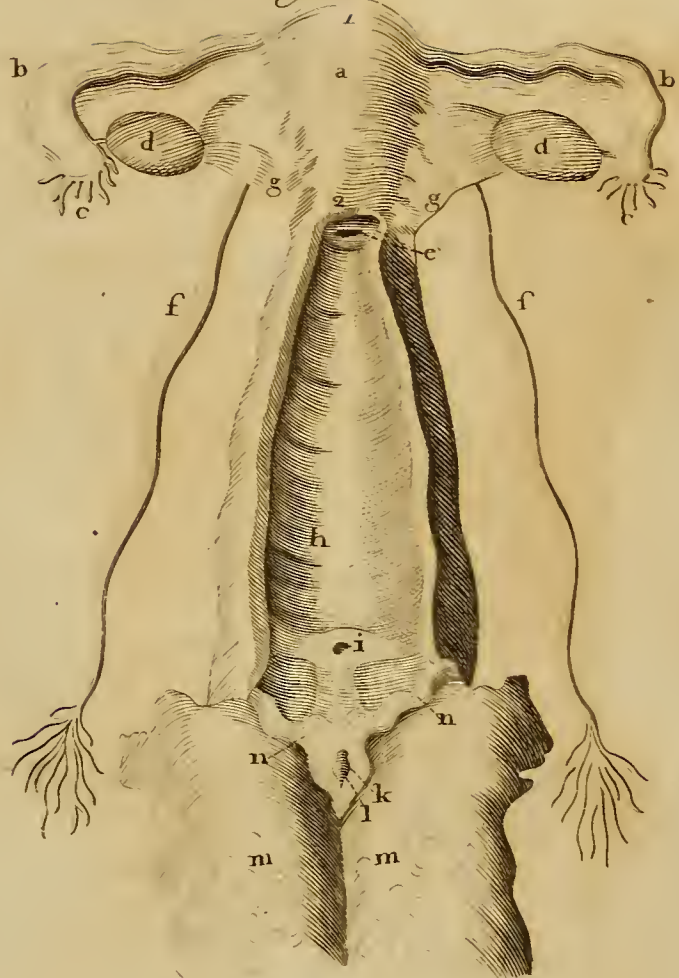


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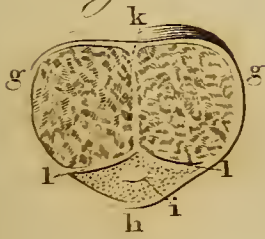


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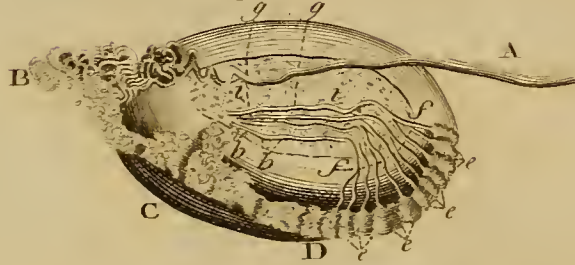


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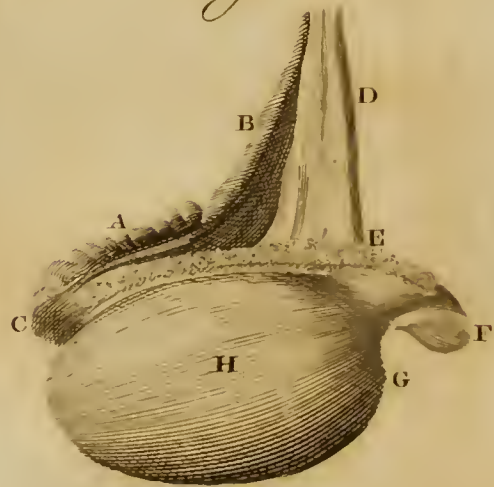


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## PART IV. OF THE THORAX.

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THE THORAX, or CHEST, is that cavity of the trunk which extends from the clavicles, or the lower part of the neck, to the diaphragm, and includes the vital organs, which are the heart and lungs; and likewise the trachea and œsophagus.—This cavity is formed by the ribs and vertebræ of the back, covered by a great number of muscles, and by the common integuments, and anteriorly by two glandular bodies called the *breasts*. The spaces between the ribs are filled up by muscular fibres, which from their situation are called *intercostal muscles*.

SECT. I. *Of the Breasts.*

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THE *breasts* may be defined to be two large conglomerate glands, mixed with a good deal of adipose membrane. The glandular part is composed of an infinite number of minute arteries, veins, and nerves.

The arteries are derived from two different trunks; one of which is called the *internal*, and the other the *external, mammary artery*. The first of these arises from the subclavian, and the latter from the axillary.

The veins every where accompany the arteries, and are distinguished by the same name. The nerves are chiefly from the vertebral pairs. Like all other conglomerate glands, the breasts are made up of a great many small distinct glands, in which the milk is secreted from the ultimate branches of arteries. The excretory ducts of these several glands gradually uniting as they approach the nipple, form the tubuli lactiferi, which are usually more than a dozen in number, and open at its apex, but have little or no communication, as has been supposed, at the root of the nipple. These ducts, in their course from the glands, are surrounded by a ligamentary elastic substance, which terminates with them in the nipple. Both this substance, and the ducts which it contains, are capable of considerable extension and contraction; but in their natural state are moderately corrugated, so as to prevent an involuntary flow of milk, unless the distending force be very great from the accumulation of too great a quantity.

The whole substance of the nipple is very spongy and elastic: its external surface is uneven, and full of small tubercles. The nipple is surrounded with a disk or circle of a different colour, called the *areola*; and on the inside of the skin, under the areola, are many sebaceous glands, which pour out a mucus to defend the areola and nipple: for the skin upon these parts is very thin; and the nervous papillæ lying very bare, are much exposed to irritation.

The breasts are formed for the secretion of milk, which is destined for the nourishment of the child for some time after its birth. This secretion begins to take place soon after delivery, and continues to flow for

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many months in very large quantities, if the woman suckles her child.

The operation of suction depends on the principles of the air-pump, and the flow of milk through the lactiferous tubes is facilitated by their being stretched out.

The milk, examined chemically, appears to be composed of oil, mucilage, and water, and of a considerable quantity of sugar. The generality of physiologists have supposed that, like the chyle, it frequently retains the properties of the aliment and medicines taken into the stomach; but from some late experiments\*, this supposition appears to be ill-founded.

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Med. 1781.SECT. II. *Of the Pleura.*

THE cavity of the thorax is every where lined by a membrane of a firm texture called *pleura*. It is composed of two distinct portions or bags, which, by being applied to each other laterally, form a septum called *mediastinum*; which divides the cavity into two parts, and is attached posteriorly to the vertebræ of the back, and anteriorly to the sternum. But the two laminæ of which this septum is formed, do not every where adhere to each other; for at the lower part of the thorax they are separated, to afford a lodgment to the heart; and at the upper part of the cavity, they receive between them the thymus.

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The pleura is plentifully supplied with arteries and veins from the internal mammary and the intercostals. Its nerves, which are very inconsiderable, are derived chiefly from the dorsal and intercostal nerves.

The surface of the pleura, like that of the peritonæum and other membranes lining cavities, is constantly bedewed with a serous moisture (w) which prevents adhesion of the viscera.

The mediastinum, by dividing the breast into two cavities, obviates many inconveniences, to which we should otherwise be liable. It prevents the two lobes of the lungs from compressing each other when we lie on one side; and consequently contributes to the freedom of respiration, which is disturbed by the least pressure on the lungs. If the point of a sword penetrates between the ribs into the cavity of the thorax, the lungs on that side cease to perform their office; because the air being admitted through the wound, prevents the dilatation of that lobe; while the other lobe, which is separated from it by the mediastinum, remains unhurt, and continues to perform its function as usual.

SECT. II. *Of the Thymus.*

THE *thymus* is a glandular substance, the use of which is not perfectly ascertained, its excretory duct not having yet been discovered. It is of an oblong

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(w) When this fluid is exhaled in too great a quantity, or is not properly carried off, it accumulates and constitutes the hydrops pectoris.

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figure, and is larger in the foetus and in young children than in adults, being sometimes nearly effaced in very old subjects. It is placed in the upper part of the thorax, between the two laminæ of the mediastinum; but at first is not altogether contained within the cavity of the chest, being found to border upon the upper extremity of the sternum.

SECT. IV. *Of the Diaphragm.*

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THE cavity of the thorax is separated from that of the abdomen, by a fleshy and membranous substance called the *diaphragm* or *midriff*. The greatest part of it is composed of muscular fibres; and on this account systematic writers usually place it very properly among the muscles. Its middle part is tendinous, and it is covered by the pleura above, and by the peritonæum below. It seems to have been improperly named *septum transversum*, as it does not make a plane transverse division of the two cavities, but forms a kind of vault, the fore-part of which is attached to the sternum. Laterally it is fixed to the last of the true ribs, and to all the false ribs; and its lower and posterior part is attached to the vertebræ lumborum, where it may be said to be divided into two portions or crura (x).

The principal arteries of the diaphragm are derived from the aorta, and its veins pass into the vena cava. Its nerves are chiefly derived from the cervical pairs. It affords a passage to the vena cava through its tendinous part, and to the œsophagus through its fleshy portion. The aorta passes down behind it between its crura.

The diaphragm not only serves to divide the thorax from the abdomen, but by its muscular structure is rendered one of the chief agents in respiration. When its fibres contract, its convex side, which is turned towards the thorax, becomes gradually flat, and by increasing the cavity of the breast, affords room for a complete dilatation of the lungs, by means of the air which is then drawn into them by the act of inspiration. The fibres of the diaphragm then relax; and as it resumes its former state, the cavity of the thorax becomes gradually diminished, and the air is driven out again from the lungs by a motion contrary to the former one, called *expiration*.

It is in some measure, by means of the diaphragm, that we void the fæces at the anus, and empty the urinary bladder. Besides these offices, the acts of coughing, sneezing, speaking, laughing, gaping, and sighing, could not take place without its assistance; and the gentle pressure which all the abdominal viscera receive from its constant and regular motion, cannot fail to assist in the performance of the several functions which were ascribed to those viscera.

SECT. V. *Of the Trachea.*Of the  
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THE trachea or windpipe, is a cartilaginous and membranous canal, through which the air passes into the lungs. Its upper part, which is called the *larynx*, is composed of five cartilages. The uppermost of these cartilages is placed over the glottis or mouth of the larynx, and is called *epiglottis*, which has been before spoken of, as closing the passage to the lungs in the act of swallowing. At the sides of the glottis are placed the two arytenoide cartilages, which are of a very complex figure, not easy to be described. The anterior and larger part of the larynx is made up of two cartilages; one of which is called *thyroides* or *scutiformis*, from its being shaped like a buckler; and the other *cricoides* or *annularis*, from its resembling a ring. Both these cartilages may be felt immediately under the skin, at the fore-part of the throat, and the thyroides, by its convexity, forms an eminence called *prominum adami*, which is usually more considerable in the male than in the female subject.

All these cartilages are united to each other by means of very elastic, ligamentous fibres; and are enabled, by the assistance of their several muscles, to dilate or contract the passage of the larynx, and to perform that variety of motion which seems to point out the larynx as the principal organ of the voice; for when the air passes out through a wound in the trachea, it produces no sound.

These cartilages are moistened by a mucus, which seems to be secreted by minute glands situated near them. The upper part of the trachea is covered anteriorly and laterally by a considerable body, which is supposed to be of a glandular structure, and from its situation near the thyroid cartilage is called the *thyroid gland*; though its excretory duct has not yet been discovered, or its use ascertained.

The glottis is interiorly covered by a very fine membrane, which is moistened by a constant supply of a watery fluid. From the larynx the canal begins to take the name of *trachea* or *aspera arteria*, and extends from thence as far down as the third or fourth vertebra of the back, where it divides into two branches, which are the right and left bronchial tube. Each of these bronchi (y) ramifies through the substance of that lobe of the lungs to which it is distributed, by an infinite number of branches, which are formed of cartilages separated from each other like those of the trachea, by an intervening membranous and ligamentary substance. Each of these cartilages is of an angular figure; and as they become gradually less and less in their diameter, the lower ones are in some measure received into those above them, when the lungs, after being inflated, gradually collapse by the air being pushed

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(x) Anatomical writers have usually described the diaphragm as being made up of two muscles united by a middle tendon; and these two portions or crura form what they speak of as the *inferior muscle*, arising from the sides and fore-part of the vertebræ.

(y) The right bronchial tube is usually found to be somewhat shorter and thicker than the left; and M. Portal, who has published a memoir on the action of the lungs on the aorta in respiration, observes, that the left bronchial tube is closely connected by the aorta; and from some experiments he is induced to conclude, that in the first respirations, the air only enters into the right lobe of the lungs. *Memoires de l'Academie Royale des Sciences*, 1769.

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ed out from them in expiration. As the branches of the bronchi become more minute, their cartilages become more and more angular and membranous, till at length they are found to be perfectly membranous, and at last become invisible.

The trachea is furnished with fleshy or muscular fibres; some of which pass through its whole extent longitudinally, while the others are carried round it in a circular direction; so that by the contraction or relaxation of these fibres, it is enabled to shorten or lengthen itself, and likewise to dilate or contract the diameter of its passage.

The trachea and its branches, in all their ramifications, are furnished with a great number of small glands which are lodged in their cellular substance, and discharge a mucous fluid on the inner surface of these tubes.

The cartilages of the trachea, by keeping it constantly open, afford a free passage to the air, which we are obliged to be incessantly respiring; and its membranous part, by being capable of contraction and dilatation, enables us to receive and expel the air in a greater or less quantity, and with more or less velocity, as may be required in singing or in declamation. This membranous structure of the trachea posteriorly, seems likewise to assist in the descent of the food, by preventing that impediment to its passage down the œsophagus, which might be expected if the cartilages were complete rings.

The trachea receives its arteries from the carotid and subclavian arteries, and its veins pass into the jugulars. Its nerves arise from the recurrent branch of the eighth pair, and from the cervical plexus.

SECT. VI. *Of the Lungs.*

THE lungs fill the greater part of the cavity of the breast. They are of a soft and spongy texture, and are divided into two lobes, which are separated from each other by the mediastinum, and are externally covered by a production of the pleura. Each of these is divided into two or three lesser lobes; and we commonly find three in the right side of the cavity, and two in the left.

To discover the structure of the lungs, it is required to follow the ramifications of the bronchi, which were described in the last section. These becoming gradually more and more minute, at length terminate in the cellular spaces or vesicles, which make up the greatest part of the substance of the lungs, and readily communicate with each other.

The lungs seem to possess but little sensibility. Their nerves, which are small, and few in number, are derived from the intercostal and eighth pair. This last pair having reached the thorax, sends off a branch on each side of the trachea, called the *recurrent*, which reascends at the back of the trachea, to which it furnishes branches in its ascent, as well as to the œsophagus, but it is chiefly distributed to the larynx and its muscles. By dividing the recurrent and superior laryngeal nerves at their origin, an animal is deprived of its voice.

There are two series of arteries which carry blood to the lungs: these are the arteriæ bronchiales, and the pulmonary artery.

The arteriæ bronchiales begin usually by two branch-

es; one of which commonly arises from the right intercostal, and the other from the trunk of the aorta: but sometimes there are three of these arteries, and in some subjects only one. The use of these arteries is to serve for the nourishment of the lungs, and their ramifications are seen creeping every where on the branches of the bronchi. The blood is brought back from them by the bronchial vein into the vena azygos.

The pulmonary artery and vein are not intended for the nourishment of the lungs; but the blood in its passage through them is destined to undergo some changes, or to acquire certain essential properties (from the action of the air), which it has lost in its circulation through the other parts of the body. The pulmonary artery receives the blood from the right ventricle of the heart, and dividing into two branches, accompanies the bronchi every where, by its ramifications through the lungs; and the blood is afterwards conveyed back by the pulmonary vein, which gradually forming a considerable trunk, goes to empty itself into the left ventricle of the heart; so that the quantity of blood which enters into the lungs, is perhaps greater than that which is sent in the same proportion of time through all the other parts of the body.

SECT. VII. *Of Respiration.*

RESPIRATION constitutes one of those functions which are properly termed *vital*, as being essential to life; for to live and to breathe are in fact synonymous terms. It consists in an alternate contraction and dilatation of the thorax, by first inspiring air into the lungs, and then expelling it from them in expiration.

It will perhaps be easy to distinguish and point out the several phenomena of respiration; but to explain their physical cause will be attended with difficulty: for it will naturally be enquired, how the lungs, when emptied of the air, and contracted by expiration, become again inflated, they themselves being perfectly passive? How the ribs are elevated in opposition to their own natural situation? and why the diaphragm is contracted downwards towards the abdomen? Were we to assert that the air, by forcing its way into the cavity of the lungs, dilated them, and consequently elevated the ribs, and pressed down the diaphragm, we should speak erroneously. What induces the first inspiration, it is not easy to ascertain; but after an animal has once respired, it would seem likely that the blood, after expiration, finding its passage through the lungs obstructed, becomes a stimulus, which induces the intercostal muscles and the diaphragm to contract, and enlarge the cavity of the thorax, in consequence perhaps of a certain nervous influence, which we will not here attempt to explain. The air then rushes into the lungs; every branch of the bronchial tubes, and all the cellular spaces into which they open, become fully dilated; and the pulmonary vessels being equally distended, the blood flows through them with ease. But as the stimulus which first occasioned this dilatation ceases to operate, the muscles gradually contract, the diaphragm rises upwards again, and diminishes the cavity of the chest; the ribs return to their former state; and as the air passes out in expiration, the lungs gradually collapse, and a resistance to the passage of the blood again takes place. But the heart continuing to receive and expel the

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blood, the pulmonary artery begins again to be distended, the stimulus is renewed, and the same process is repeated, and continues to be repeated, in a regular succession, during life: for though the muscles of respiration, having a mixed motion, are (unlike the heart) in some measure dependent on the will, yet no human being, after having once respired, can live many moments without it. In an attempt to hold one's breath, the blood soon begins to distend the veins, which are unable to empty their contents into the heart; and we are able only, during a very little time, to resist the stimulus to inspiration. In drowning, the circulation seems to be stopped upon this principle; and in hanging, the pressure made on the jugular veins, may cooperate with the stoppage of respiration in bringing on death.

Till within these few years physiologists were entirely ignorant of the use of respiration. It was at length discovered in part by the illustrious Dr Priestley. He found that the air expired by animals was phlogisticated; and that the air was fitter for respiration, or for supporting animal life, in proportion as it was freer from the phlogistic principle. It had long been observed, that the blood in passing through the lungs acquired a more florid colour. He therefore suspected, that it was owing to its having imparted phlogiston to the air: and he satisfied himself of the truth of this idea, by experiments, which showed, that the crassamentum of extravasated blood, phlogisticated air in proportion as it lost its dark colour. He farther found, that blood thus reddened had a strong attraction for phlogiston; insomuch that it was capable of taking it from phlogisticated air, thereby becoming of a darker colour. From hence it appeared that the blood, in its circulation through the arterial system, imbibes a considerable quantity of phlogiston, which is discharged from it to the air in the lungs.

This discovery has since been prosecuted by two very ingenious physiologists, Dr Crawford and Mr Elliot. It had been shown by professors Black and Irvine, that different bodies have different capacities for containing fire. For example, that oil and water, when equally hot to the sense and the thermometer, contain different proportions of that principle; and that unequal quantities of it are required, in order to raise those substances to like temperatures. The enquiries of Dr Crawford and Mr Elliot tend to prove, that the capacities of bodies for containing fire are diminished by the addition of phlogiston, and increased by its separation: the capacity of calx of antimony, for example, being greater than that of the antimony itself. Common air contains a great quantity of fire; combustible bodies very little. In combustion, a double elective attraction takes place; the phlogiston of the body being transferred to the air, the fire contained in the air to the combustible body. But as the capacity of the latter is not increased so much as that of the former is diminished, only part of the extricated fire will be absorbed by the body. The remainder therefore will raise the temperature of the compound; and hence we may account for the heat attending combustion. As the

use of respiration is to dephlogisticate the blood, it seems probable, that a like double elective attraction takes place in this process; the phlogiston of the blood being transferred to the air, and the fire contained in the air to the blood; but with this difference, that the capacities being equal, the whole of the extricated fire is absorbed by the latter. The blood in this state circulating through the body, imbibes phlogiston, and of course gives out its fire; part only of which is absorbed by the parts furnishing the phlogiston, the remainder, as in combustion, becoming sensible; and is therefore the cause of the heat of the body, or what is called animal heat.

In confirmation of this doctrine it may be observed, that the venous blood contains less fire than the arterial; combustible bodies less than incombustible ones; and that air contains less of this principle, according as it is rendered, by combination with phlogiston, less fit for respiration (z).

In ascending very high mountains, respiration is found to become short and frequent, and sometimes to be attended with a spitting of blood. These symptoms seem to be occasioned by the air being too rare and thin to dilate the lungs sufficiently; and the blood gradually accumulating in the pulmonary vessels, sometimes bursts through their coats, and is brought up by coughing. This has likewise been accounted for in a different way, by supposing that the air contained in the blood, not receiving an equal pressure from that of the atmosphere, expands, and at length ruptures the very minute branches of the pulmonary vessels; upon the same principle that fruits and animals put under the receiver of an air-pump, are seen to swell as the outer air becomes exhausted. But Dr Darwin of Litchfield has lately published some experiments, which seem to prove, that no air or elastic vapour does exist in the blood-vessels, as has been generally supposed; and he is induced to impute the spitting of blood, which has sometimes taken place in ascending high mountains, to accident, or to violent exertions; as it never happens to animals that are put into the exhausted receiver of an air-pump, where the diminution of pressure is many times greater than on the summit of the highest mountains.

#### SECT. VIII. *Of the Voice.*

RESPIRATION has already been described as affording us many advantages; and next to that of life, its most important use seems to be that of forming the voice and speech. The ancients, and almost all the moderns, have considered the organ of speech as a kind of musical instrument, which may be compared to a flute, to an hautboy, to an organ, &c. and they argue after the following manner.

The trachea, which begins at the root of the tongue, and goes to terminate in the lungs, may be compared to the pipe of an organ, the lungs dilating like bellows during the time of inspiration; and as the air is driven out from them in expiration, it finds its passage straitened by the cartilages of the larynx, against which it strikes.

(z) See Crawford's Experiments and Observations on Animal Heat, and Elliot's Philosophical Observations.

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The late M. Ferein communicated to the French Academy of Sciences a very ingenious theory on the formation of the voice. He considered the organ of the voice as a *string*, as well as a *wind*, instrument; so that what art has hitherto been unable to construct, and what both the fathers Merfenne and Kircher so much wished to see, M. Ferein imagined he had at length discovered in the human body. He observes, that there are at the edges of the glottis certain tendinous chords, placed horizontally across it, which are capable of considerable vibration, so as to produce sound, in the same manner as it is produced by the strings of a violin or a harpsichord: and he supposes that the air, as it passes out from the lungs, acts as a bow on these strings, while the efforts of the breast and lungs regulate its motion, and produce the variety of tones. So that according to this system the variation in the voice is not occasioned by the dilatation or contraction of the glottis, but by the distension or relaxation of these strings, the sound being more or less acute in proportion as they are more or less stretched out. Another writer on this subject supposes, that the organ of voice is a double instrument, which produces in unison two sounds of a different nature; one by means of the air, and the other by means of the chords of the glottis. Neither of these systems, however, are universally adopted. They are both liable to insuperable difficulties; so that the manner in which the voice is formed has never yet been satisfactorily ascertained: we may observe, however, that the sound produced by the glottis is not articulated. To effect this, it is required to pass through the mouth, where it is differently modified by the action of the tongue, which is either pushed against the teeth, or upwards towards the palate; detaining it in its passage, or permitting it to flow freely, by contracting or dilating the mouth.

#### SECT. IX. *Of Dejection.*

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By dejection we mean the act of voiding the *fæces* at the anus; and an account of the manner in which this is conducted was reserved for this part of the work, because it seemed to require a knowledge of respiration to be perfectly understood.

The intestines were described as having a peristaltic motion, by which the *fæces* were gradually advancing towards the anus. Now, whenever the *fæces* are accumulated in the intestinum rectum in a sufficient quantity to become troublesome, either by their weight or acrimony, they excite a certain uneasiness which induces us to go to stool.—To effect this, we begin by making a considerable inspiration; in consequence of which the diaphragm is carried downwards towards the lower belly; the abdominal muscles are at the same time contracted in obedience to the will; and the intestines being compressed on all sides, the resistance of the *sphincter* is overcome, and the *fæces* pass out at the anus; which is afterwards drawn up by its longitudinal fibres, which are called *levator ani*, and then by

means of its *sphincter* is again contracted: but it sometimes happens, as in dysenteries for instance, that the *fæces* are very liquid, and have considerable acrimony; and then the irritation they occasion is more frequent, so as to promote their discharge without any pressure from the diaphragm or abdominal muscles; and sometimes involuntarily, as is the case when the *sphincter* becomes paralytic.

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#### SECT. X. *Of the Pericardium, and of the Heart and its Auricles.*

THE two membranous bags of the pleura, which were described as forming the mediastinum, recede one from the other, so as to afford a lodgment to a firm membranous sac, in which the heart is securely lodged; this sac, which is the *pericardium*, appears to be composed of two tunics, united to each other by cellular membrane.—The outer coat, which is thick, and in some places of tendinous complexion, is a production of the mediastinum; the inner coat, which is extremely thin, is reflected over the auricles and ventricles of the heart, in the same manner as the tunica conjunctiva, after lining the eye lids, is reflected over the eye.

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This bag adheres to the tendinous part of the diaphragm, and contains a coagulable lymph, the *liquor pericardii*, which serves to lubricate the heart and facilitate its motions; and seems to be secreted and absorbed in the same manner as it is in the other cavities of the body.

The arteries of the pericardium are derived from the phrenic, and its veins pass into veins of the same name; its nerves are likewise branches of the phrenic.

The size of the pericardium is adapted to that of the heart, being usually large enough to contain it loosely. As its cavity does not extend to the sternum, the lungs cover it in inspiration; and as it every where invests the heart, it effectually secures it from being injured by lymph, pus, or any other fluid, extravasated into the cavities of the thorax.

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The heart is a hollow muscle of a conical shape, situated transversely between the two laminæ of the mediastinum, at the lower part of the thorax; having its basis turned towards the right side, and its point or apex towards the left.—Its lower surface is somewhat flattened towards the diaphragm. Its basis, from which the great vessels originate, is covered with fat, and it has two hollow and fleshy appendages, called *auricles*.—Round these several openings, the heart seems to be of a firm ligamentous texture, from which all its fibres seem to originate; and as they advance from thence towards the apex, the substance of the heart seems to become thinner.

The heart includes two cavities of *ventricles*, which are separated from each other by a fleshy septum; one of these is called the *right*, and the other the *left*, *ventricle*; though perhaps, with respect to their situation, it would be more proper to distinguish them into the *anterior* and *posterior ventricles*.

The heart is exteriorly covered by a very fine membrane; and its structure is perfectly muscular or fleshy, being composed of fibres which are described as passing in different directions; some as being extended longitudinally from the basis to the apex; others, as taking an oblique or spiral course; and a third sort as being

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being placed in a transverse direction (A).—Within the two ventricles we observe several furrows; and there are likewise tendinous strings, which arise from fleshy *columnæ* in the two cavities, and are attached to the valves of the auricles: That the use of these and the other valves of the heart may be understood, it must be observed, that four large vessels pass out from the basis of the heart, viz. two arteries and two veins; and that each of these vessels is furnished with a thin membranous production, which is attached all round to the borders of their several orifices, from whence hanging loosely down they appear to be divided into two or three distinct portions. But as their uses in the arteries and veins are different, so are they differently disposed. Those of the arteries are intended to give way to the passage of the blood into them from the ventricles, but to oppose its return: and, on the contrary, the valves of the veins are constructed so as to allow the blood only to pass into the heart. In consequence of these different uses, we find the valves of the pulmonary artery and of the aorta attached to the orifices of those vessels, so as to have their concave surfaces turned towards the artery; and their convex surfaces, which mutually meet together, being placed towards the ventricle, only permit the blood to pass one way, which is into the arteries. There are usually three of these valves belonging to the pulmonary artery, and as many to the aorta; and from their figure they are called *valvulae semilunares*. The communication between the two great veins and the ventricles is by means of the two appendages or auricles into which the blood is discharged; so that the other valves which may be said to belong to the veins, are placed in each ventricle, where the auricle opens into it. The valves in the right ventricle are usually three in number, and are named *valvulae tricuspidæ*; but in the left ventricle we commonly observe only two, and these are the *valvulae mitrales*. The membranes which form these valves in each cavity are attached so as to project somewhat forward; and both the *tricuspidæ* and the *mitrales* are connected with the tendinous strings, which were described as arising from the fleshy *columnæ*. By the contraction of either ventricle, the blood is driven into the artery which communicates with that ventricle; and these tendinous strings being gradually relaxed as the sides of the cavity are brought nearer to each other, the valves naturally close the opening into the auricle, and the blood necessarily directs its course into the then only open passage, which is into the artery; but after this contraction, the heart becomes relaxed, the tendinous strings are again stretched out, and, drawing the valves of the auricle downwards, the blood is poured by the veins into the ventricle, from whence, by another contraction, it is again thrown into the artery, as will be described hereafter. The right ventricle is not quite so long, though somewhat larger, than the left; but the latter has more substance than the other; and this seems to be, because it is intended to transmit

the blood to the most distant parts of the body, whereas the right ventricle distributes it only to the lungs. The heart receives its nerves from the par vagum and the intercostals. The arteries which serve for its nourishment are two in number, and arise from the aorta. They surround in some measure the basis of the heart, and from this course are called the *coronary arteries*. From these arteries the blood is returned by veins of the same name into the auricles, and even into the ventricles.

The muscular bags called the *auricles* are situated at the basis of the heart, at the sides of each other; and, corresponding with the two ventricles, are like those two cavities distinguished into *right* and *left*. These sacs, which are interiorly unequal, have externally a jagged appendix; which, from its having been compared to the extremity of an ear, has given them their name of *auricles*.

SECT. XI. *Angiology, or a Description of the Blood-vessels.*

THE heart has been described as contracting itself, and throwing the blood from its two ventricles into the pulmonary artery and the aorta, and then as relaxing itself and receiving a fresh supply from two large veins, which are the pulmonary vein and the vena cava. We will now point out the principal distributions of these vessels.

The *pulmonary artery* arises from the right ventricle by a large trunk, which soon divides into two considerable branches, which pass to the right and left lobes of the lungs: each of these branches is afterwards divided and subdivided into an infinite number of branches and ramifications, which extend through the whole substance of the lungs; and from these branches the blood is returned by the veins, which, contrary to the course of the arteries, begin by very minute canals, and gradually become larger, forming at length four large trunks called *pulmonary veins*, which terminate in the *left auricle* by one common opening, from whence the blood passes into the *left ventricle*. From this same ventricle arises the *aorta* or *great artery*, which at its beginning is nearly an inch in diameter: it soon sends off two branches, the *coronaries*, which go to be distributed to the heart and its auricles. After this, at or about the third or fourth vertebra of the back, it makes a considerable curvature; from this curvature (B) arise three arteries; one of which soon divides into two branches. The first two are the left subclavian and the left carotid, and the third is a common trunk to the right subclavian and right carotid; though sometimes both the carotids arise distinctly from the aorta.

The two *carotids* ascend within the subclavians, along the sides of the trachea; and when they have reached the larynx, divide into two principal branches, the *internal* and *external carotid*. The first of these runs a

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(A) Authors differ about the course and distinctions of these fibres; and it seems right to observe, that the structure of the heart being more compact than that of other muscles, its fibres are not easily separated.

(B) Anatomists usually call the upper part of this curvature *aorta ascendens*; and the other part of the artery to its division at the iliacs, *aorta descendens*: but they differ about the place where this distinction is to be introduced; and it seems sufficiently to answer every purpose, to speak only of the aorta and its curvature.

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Each *subclavian* is likewise divided into a great number of branches. It sends off the *vertebral artery*, which passes through the openings we see at the bottom of the transverse processes of the vertebræ of the neck, and in its course sends off many ramifications to the neighbouring parts. Some of its branches are distributed to the spinal marrow, and after a considerable inflection it enters into the cranium, and is distributed to the brain. The *subclavian* likewise sends off branches to the muscles of the neck and scapula; and the mediastinum, thymus, pericardium, diaphragm, the breasts, and the muscles of the thorax, and even of the abdomen, derive branches from the subclavian, which are distinguished by different names, alluding to the parts to which they are distributed; as the *mammary*, the *phrenic*, the *intercostal*, &c. But notwithstanding the great number of branches which have been described as arising from the subclavian, it is still a considerable artery when it reaches the *axilla*, where it drops its former name, which alludes to its passage under the clavicle, and is called the *axillary* artery; from which a variety of branches are distributed to the muscles of the breast, scapula, and arm.—But its main trunk taking the name of *brachialis*, runs along on the inside of the arm near the os humeri, till it reaches the joint of the fore-arm, and then it divides into two branches. This division however is different in different subjects; for in some it takes place higher up and in others lower down. When it happens to divide above the joint, it may be considered as a happy disposition in case of an accident by bleeding; for supposing the artery to be unfortunately punctured by the lancet, and that the hæmorrhage could only be stopped by making a ligature on the vessel, one branch would remain unharmed, through which the blood would pass uninterrupted to the fore-arm and hand. One of the two branches of the *brachialis* plunges down under the flexor muscles, and runs along the edge of the ulna; while the other is carried along the outer surface of the radius, and is easily felt at the wrist, where it is only covered by the common integuments. Both these branches commonly unite in the palm of the hand, and form an arterial arch from whence branches are detached to the fingers.

The *aorta*, after having given off at its curvature the carotids and subclavians which convey blood to all the upper parts of the body, descends upon the bodies of the vertebræ a little to the left, as far as the os sacrum, where it drops the name of *aorta*, and divides into two considerable branches. In this course, from its curvature to its bifurcation, it sends off several arteries in the following order: 1. One or two little arteries, first demonstrated by Ruysch as going to the bronchi, and called *arteriæ bronchiales Ruyschii*. 2. The *arteriæ œsophagæ*. These are commonly three or four in num-

ber. They arise from the fore-part of the aorta, and are distributed chiefly to the œsophagus. 3. The inferior intercostal arteries, which are distributed between the ribs in the same manner as the arteries of the three or four superior ribs are, which are derived from the subclavian. These arteries send off branches to the medulla spinalis. 4. The diaphragmatic or inferior phrenic arteries, which go to the diaphragm, stomach, omentum, duodenum, pancreas, spleen, liver, and gall-bladder. 5. The *cœliac*, which sends off the coronary-stomachic, the splenic, and the hepatic artery. 6. The superior mesenteric artery, which is distributed to the mesentery and small intestines. 7. The *emulgents*, which go to the kidneys. 8. The *arteries*, which are distributed to the glandulæ renales. 9. The *spermatic*. 10. The inferior mesenteric artery, which ramifies through the lower portion of the mesentery and the large intestines.—A branch of this artery which goes to the rectum is called the *internal hæmorrhoidal*. 11. The lumbar arteries, and a very small branch called the *sacra*, which are distributed to the muscles of the loins and abdomen, and to the os sacrum and medulla spinalis.

The trunk of the aorta, when it has reached the last vertebra lumborum, or the os sacrum, drops the name of *aorta*, and separates into two forked branches called the *iliacs*. Each of these soon divides into two branches; one of which is called the *internal iliac*, or *hypogastric artery*, and is distributed upon the contents of the pelvis and upon the muscles on its outer side. One branch, called *pudenda communis*, sends small ramifications to the end of the rectum under the name of *hæmorrhoidales externæ*, and is afterwards distributed upon the penis. The other branch, the external iliac, after having given off the circumflex artery of the os ilium and the epigastric, which is distributed to the recti-muscles, passes out of the abdomen under Poupart's ligament, and takes the name of *crural artery*. It descends on the inner part of the thigh close to the os femoris, sending off branches to the muscles, and then sinking deeper in the hind part of the thigh, reaches the ham, where it takes the name of *popliteal*: after this it separates into two considerable branches; one of which is called the *anterior tibial artery*; the other divides into two branches, and these arteries all go to be distributed to the leg and foot.

The blood, which is thus distributed by the aorta to all parts of the body, is brought back by the veins, which are supposed to be continued from the ultimate branches of arteries; and uniting together as they approach the heart, at length form the large trunks, the *vena cava ascendens*, and *vena cava descendens*.

All the veins which bring back the blood from the upper extremities, and from the head and breast, pass into the *vena cava descendens*; and those which return it from the lower parts of the body terminate in the *vena cava ascendens*; and these two cavas uniting together as they approach the heart, open by one common orifice into the left auricle.

It does not here seem to be necessary to follow the different divisions of the veins as we did those of the arteries; and it will be sufficient to remark, that in general every artery is accompanied by its vein, and that both are distinguished by the same name. But, like

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like many other general rules, this too has its exceptions (c). The veins for instance, which accompany the external and internal carotid, are not called the *carotid veins*, but the *external* and *internal jugular*.—In the thorax, there is a vein distinguished by a proper name, and this is the *azygos*, or *vena sine pari*. This vein, which is a pretty considerable one, runs along by the right side of the vertebræ of the back, and is chiefly destined to receive the blood from the intercostals on that side, and from the lower half of those on the left side, and to convey it into the vena cava descendens. In the abdomen we meet with a vein, which is still a more remarkable one, and this is the *vena portæ*, which performs the office both of an artery and a vein. It is formed by a re-union of all the veins which come from the stomach, intestines, omentum, pancreas, and spleen, so as to compose one great trunk, which goes to ramify through the liver; and after having deposited the bile, its ramifications unite and bring back into the vena cava, not only the blood which the vena portæ had carried into the liver, but likewise the blood from the hepatic artery. Every artery has a vein which corresponds with it; but the trunks and branches of the veins are more numerous than those of the arteries.—The reasons for this disposition are perhaps more difficult to be explained; the blood in its course through the veins is much farther removed from the source and cause of its motion, which are in the heart, than it was when in the arteries; so that its course is consequently less rapid, and enough of it could not possibly be brought back to the heart in the moment of its dilatation, to equal the quantity which is driven into the arteries from the two ventricles, at the time they contract; and the equilibrium which is so essential to the continuance of life and health would consequently be destroyed, if the capacity of the veins did not exceed that of the arteries, in the same proportion that the rapidity of the blood's motion through the arteries exceeds that of its return through the veins.

A large artery ramifying through the body, and continued to the minute branches of veins, which gradually unite together to form a large trunk, may be compared to two trees united to each other at their tops; or rather as having their ramifications so disposed that the two trunks terminate in one common point; and if we farther suppose, that both these trunks and their branches are hollow, and that a fluid is incessantly circulated through them, by entering into one of the trunks and returning through the other, we shall be enabled to conceive how the blood is circulated through the vessels of the human body.

Every trunk of an artery, before it divides, is nearly cylindrical, or of equal diameter through its whole length, and so are all its branches when examined separately. But every trunk seems to contain less blood than the many branches do into which that trunk separates; and each of these branches probably

contains less blood than the ramifications do into which it is subdivided: and it is the same with the veins; the volume of their several ramifications, when considered together, being found to exceed that of the great trunk which they form by their union.

The return of the blood through the veins to the heart, is promoted by the action of the muscles, and the pulsation of the arteries. And this return is likewise greatly assisted by the *valves* which are to be met with in the veins, and which constitute one of the great distinctions between them and the arteries. These valves, which are supposed to be formed by the inner coat of the veins, permit the blood to flow from the extremities towards the heart, but oppose its return. They are most frequent in the smaller veins. As the column of blood increases, they seem to become less necessary; and therefore in the vena cava ascendens, we meet with only one valve, which is near its origin.

The arteries are composed of several tunics. Some writers enumerate five of these tunics; but perhaps we may more properly reckon only three, viz. the *nervous*, *muscular*, and *cuticular* coats. The veins are by some anatomists described as having the same number of coats as the arteries; but as they do not seem to be irritable, we cannot with propriety suppose them to have a muscular tunic. We are aware of Dr Verchuir's\* experiments to prove that the jugular and some other veins possess a certain degree of irritability; but it is certain, that his experiments, repeated by others, have produced a different result; and even he himself allows, that sometimes he was unable to distinguish any such property in the veins. Both these series of vessels are nourished by still more minute arteries and veins, which are seen creeping over their coats, and ramifying through their whole substance, and are called *vasa vasorum*; they have likewise many minute branches of nerves.

The arteries are much stronger than the veins, and they seem to require this force to be enabled to resist the impetus with which the blood circulates through them, and to impel it on towards the veins.

When the heart contracts, it impels the blood into the arteries, and sensibly distends them; and these vessels again contract, as the heart becomes relaxed to receive more blood from the auricles; so that the cause of the contraction and dilatation of the arteries seems to be easy to be understood, being owing in part to their own contractile power, and in part to the action of the heart; but in the *veins*, the effects of this impulse not being so sensibly felt, and the vessels themselves having little or no contractile power, the blood seems to flow in a constant and equal stream: and this, together with its passing gradually from a small channel into a larger one, seems to be the reason why the *veins* have no pulsatory motion, except the large ones near the heart; and in these it seems to be occasioned by the motion of the diaphragm, and by the regurgitation of the blood in the *cavas*.

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(c) In the extremities, some of the deep-seated veins, and all the superficial ones, take a course different from that of the arteries.

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\* De Arteriarum et Venarum vi irritabili, 4to.

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THE heart, at the time it contracts, drives the blood from its ventricles into the arteries; and the arteries being thus filled and distended, are naturally inclined to contract the moment the heart begins to dilate, and ceases to supply them with blood. These alternate motions of contraction and dilatation of the heart and arteries, are distinguished by the names of *systole* and *diastole*. When the heart is in a state of contraction or *systole*, the arteries are at that instant distended with blood, and in their *diastole*; and it is in this state we feel their pulsatory motion, which we call the *pulse*. When the heart dilates, and the arteries contract, the blood is impelled onwards into the veins, through which it is returned back to the heart. While the heart, however, is in its *systole*, the blood cannot pass from the veins into the ventricles, but is detained in the auricles, which are two reservoirs formed for this use, till the *diastole*, or dilatation of the heart, takes place; and then the distended auricles contract, and drive the blood into the ventricles: so that the auricles have an alternate *systole* and *diastole* as well as the heart.

Although both the ventricles of the heart contract at the same time, yet the blood passes from one to the other. In the same moment, for instance, that the left ventricle drives the blood into the aorta, the right ventricle impels it into the pulmonary artery, which is distributed through all the substance of the lungs. The blood is afterwards brought back into the left ventricle by the pulmonary vein, at the same time that the blood is returned by the *cava*, into the right ventricle, from all the other parts of the body.

This seems to be the mode of action of the heart and its vessels: but the cause of this action has, like all other intricate and interesting subjects, been differently explained. It seems to depend on the stimulus made on the different parts of the heart by the blood itself, which by its quantity and heat, or other properties (D), is perhaps capable of first exciting that motion, which is afterwards continued through life, independent of the will, by a regular return of blood to the auricles, in a quantity proportioned to that which is thrown into the arteries.

The heart possesses the *vis insita*, or principle of irritability, in a much greater degree than any other muscle of the body. The pulse is quicker in young than in old subjects, because the former are *cat. par.* more irritable than the latter. Upon the same principle we may explain, why the pulse is constantly quicker in weak than in robust persons.

### SECT. XIII. Of the Circulation.

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AFTER what has been observed of the structure and action of the heart and its auricles, and likewise of the  
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arteries and veins, there seem to be but very few arguments required to demonstrate the *circulation of the blood*, which has long since been established as a medical truth. This circulation may be defined to be a perpetual motion of the blood, in consequence of the action of the heart and arteries, which impel it through all the parts of the body, from whence it is brought back by the veins of the heart.

A very satisfactory proof of this circulation, and a proof easy to be understood, may be deduced from the different effects of pressure on an artery and a vein. If a ligature, for instance, is passed round an artery, the vessel swells considerably between the ligature and the heart; whereas if we tie up a vein, it only becomes filled between the extremity and the ligature, and this is what we every day observe in bleeding. The ligature we pass round the arm on these occasions, compresses the superficial veins; and the return of the blood through them being impeded, they become distended. When the ligature is too loose, the veins are not sufficiently compressed, and the blood continues its progress towards the heart; and, on the contrary, when it is made too tight, the arteries themselves become compressed; and the flow of the blood through them being impeded, the veins cannot be distended.

Another phenomenon, which effectually proves the circulation, is the loss of blood that every living animal sustains by opening only a single artery of a moderate size; for it continues to flow from the wounded vessel till the equilibrium is destroyed which is essential to life. This truth was not unknown to the ancients; and it seems strange that it did not lead them to a knowledge of the circulation, as it sufficiently proves, that all the other vessels must communicate with that which is opened. Galen, who lived more than 1500 years ago, drew this conclusion from it; and if we farther observe, that he describes (after Erasistratus, who flourished about 450 years before him) the several valves of the heart, and determines their disposition and uses, it will appear wonderful, that a period of near 2000 years should afterwards elapse before the true course of the blood was ascertained. This discovery, for which we are indebted to the immortal Harvey, has thrown new lights on physiology and the doctrine of diseases, and constitutes one of the most important periods of anatomical history.

### SECT. XIV. Of the Nature of the Blood.

BLOOD, recently drawn from a vein into a basin, would seem to be an homogeneous fluid of a red colour (E); but when suffered to rest, it soon coagulates, and divides into two parts, which are distinguished by the names of *crassamentum* and *serum*. The *crassamentum* is the red coagulum, and the *serum* is the water in which it floats. Each of these may be again separated into two others; for the *crassamentum*, by being  
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(D) Dr Harvey long ago suggested, that the blood is possessed of a living principle; and Mr J. Hunter has lately endeavoured to revive this doctrine; in support of which he has adduced many ingenious arguments. The subject is a curious one, and deserves to be prosecuted as an inquiry which cannot but be interesting to physiologists.

(E) The blood, as it flows through the arteries, is observed to be more florid than it is in the veins; and this redness is acquired in its passage through the lungs. *Vid. sect. vii.*

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repeatedly washed in warm water, gives out all its red globules, and what remains appears to be composed of the coagulable lymph (F), which is a gelatinous substance, capable of being hardened by fire till it becomes perfectly horny: and if we expose the serum to a certain degree of heat, part of it will be found to coagulate like the white of an egg, and there will remain a clear and limpid water, resembling urine both in its appearance and smell.

The serum and crassamentum differ in their proportion in different constitutions; in a strong person, the crassamentum is in a greater proportion to the serum than in a weak one;\* and the same difference is found to take place in diseases (G).

\* Hewson's  
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THE variety of functions which we have described as being incessantly performed by the living body, and the continual circulation of the blood through it, must necessarily occasion a constant dissipation of the several parts which enter into its composition. In speaking of the insensible perspiration, we observed how much was incessantly passing off from the lungs and the surface of the skin. The discharge by urine is likewise every day considerable; and great part of the bile, saliva, &c. are excluded by stool. But the solid, as well as the fluid parts of the body, require a constant renewal of nutritious particles. They are exposed to the attrition of the fluids which are circulated through them; and the contraction and relaxation they repeat so many thousand times in every day, would necessarily occasion a dissolution of the machine, if the renewal was not proportioned to the waste.

It is easy to conceive how the chyle formed from the aliment is assimilated into the nature of blood, and repairs the loss of the fluid parts of our body; but how the solids are renewed, has never yet been satisfactorily explained. The nutritious parts of the blood are probably deposited by the arteries by exudation through their pores into the tela cellulosa; and as the solid parts of the body are in the embryo only a kind of jelly, which gradually acquires the degree of consistence they are found to have when the body arrives

at a more advanced age; and these same parts which consist of bones, cartilages, ligaments, muscles, &c. are sometimes reduced again by disease to a gelatinous state; we may, with some degree of probability, consider the coagulable lymph as the source of nutrition.

If the supply of nourishment exceeds the degree of waste, the body increases; and this happens in infancy and in youth: for at those periods, but more particularly the former one, the fluids bear a large proportion to the solids; and the fibres being soft and yielding, are proportionably more capable of extension and increase. But when the supply of nutrition only equals the waste, we neither increase or decrease; and we find this to be the case when the body has attained its full growth or *acmè*: for the solids having then acquired a certain degree of firmness and rigidity, do not permit a farther increase of the body. But as we approach to old age, rigidity begins to be an excess, and the fluids (H) bear a much less proportion to the solids than before. The dissipation of the body is greater than the supply of nourishment; many of the smaller vessels become gradually impervious (I); and the fibres losing their moisture and their elasticity, appear flaccid and wrinkled. The lilies and the roses disappear, because the fluids by which they were produced can no longer reach the extremities of the capillary vessels of the skin. As these changes take place, the nervous power being proportionably weakened, the irritability and sensibility of the body, which were formerly so remarkable, are greatly diminished; and in advanced life, the hearing, the eye-sight, and all the other senses, become gradually impaired.

SECT. XVI. *Of the Glands and Secretions.*

THE glands are commonly understood to be small, roundish, or oval bodies formed by the convolution of a great number of vessels, and destined to separate particular humours from the mass of blood.

They are usually divided into two classes; but it seems more proper to distinguish three kinds of glands, viz. the mucous, conglobate, and conglomerate.

The *mucous glands*, or follicles, as they are most commonly called, are small cylindrical tubes continued from

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(F) It may not be improper to observe, that till of late the *coagulable lymph* has been confounded with the *serum* of the blood, which contains a substance that is likewise coagulable, though only when exposed to heat; or combined with certain chemical substances; whereas the other coagulates spontaneously when exposed to the air or to rest.

(G) When the blood separates into *serum* and *crassamentum*, if the latter be covered with a crust of a whitish or buff colour, it has been usually considered as a certain proof of the blood's being in a state of too great viscosity. This appearance commonly taking place in inflammatory diseases, has long served to confirm the theory which ascribes the cause of inflammation to lentor and obstructions. But from the late Mr Hewson's experiments it appears, that when the action of the arteries is increased, the blood, instead of being more viscid, is, on the contrary, more fluid than in the ordinary state, previous to inflammation: and that in consequence of this, the coagulable lymph suffers the red globules, which are the heaviest part of the blood, to fall down to the bottom before it coagulates: so that the crassamentum is divided into two parts; one of which is found to consist of the coagulable lymph alone (in this case termed the *buff*); and the other, partly of this and partly of the red globules.

(H) As the fluids become less in proportion to the solids, their acrimony is found to increase; and this may perhaps compensate for the want of fluidity in the blood, by diminishing its cohesion.

(I) In infancy, the arteries are numerous and large in respect to the veins, and the lymphatic glands are larger than at any other time of life; whereas, in old age, the capacity of the venous system exceeds that of the arteries, and the lymphatic system almost disappears.

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Of the Thorax. from the ends of arteries. In some parts of the body, as in the tonsils, for example, several of these follicles may be seen folded together in one common covering, and opening into one common sinus: These follicles are the vessels that secrete and pour out mucus in the mouth, œsophagus, stomach, intestines, and other parts of the body.

The *conglobate glands* are peculiar to the lymphatic system. Every lymphatic vein passes through a gland of this kind in its way to the thoracic duct: They are met with in different parts of the body, particularly in the axilla, groin, and mesentery, and are either solitary or in distinct clusters.

The *conglomerate glands* are of much greater bulk than the conglobate, and seem to be an assemblage of many smaller glands. Of this kind are the liver, kidneys, &c. Some of them, as the pancreas, parotids, &c. have a granulated appearance. All these conglomerate glands are plentifully supplied with blood-vessels; but their nerves are in general very minute, and few in number. Each little granulated portion furnishes a small tube, which unites with other similar ducts, to form the common excretory duct of the gland.

The principal glands, and the humours they secrete, have been already described in different parts of this work; and there only remains for us to examine the general structure of the glands, and to explain the mechanism of secretion. On the first of these subjects two different systems have been formed; each of which has had, and still continues to have, its adherents. One of these systems was advanced by Malpighi, who supposed that an artery entering into a gland ramifies very minutely through its whole substance; and that its branches ultimately terminate in a vesicular cavity or follicle, from whence the secreted fluid passes out through the excretory duct. This doctrine at first met with few opponents; but the celebrated Ruysch, who first attempted minute injections with wax, afterwards disputed the existence of these follicles, and asserted; that every gland appears to be a continued series of vessels, which after being repeatedly convoluted in their course through its substance, at length terminate in the excretory duct. Anatomists are still divided between these two systems: that of Malpighi, however, seems to be the best founded.

The mode of secretion has been explained in a variety of ways, and they are all perfectly hypothetical. In such an inquiry it is natural to ask, how one gland constantly separates a particular humour, while another gland secretes one of a very different nature from the blood? The bile, for instance, is separated by the liver, and the urine by the kidneys. Are these secretions to be imputed to any particular dispositions in the fluids, or is their cause to be looked for in the solids?

It has been supposed, that every gland contains within itself a fermenting principle, by which it is enabled to change the nature of the blood it receives, and to endue it with a particular property. So that, according to this system, the blood, as it circulates through the kidneys, becomes mixed with the fermenting principle of those glands, and a part of it is converted into urine; and again, in the liver, in the salivary and other glands, the bile, the saliva, and other

juices, are generated from a similar cause. But it seems to be impossible for any liquor to be confined in a place exposed to the circulation, without being carried away by the torrent of blood, every part of which would be equally affected; and this system of fermentation has long been rejected as vague and chimerical. But as the cause of secretion continued to be looked for in the fluids, the former system was succeeded by another, in which recourse was had to the analogy of the humours. It was observed, that if paper is moistened with water, and oil and water are afterwards poured upon it, that the water only will be permitted to pass through it; but that, on the other hand, if the paper has been previously soaked in oil instead of water, the oil only, and not the water, will be filtered through it. These observations led to a supposition, that every secretory organ is originally furnished with a humour analogous to that which it is afterwards destined to separate from the blood; and that in consequence of this disposition, the secretory vessels of the liver, for instance, will only admit the bilious particles of the blood, while all the other humours will be excluded. This system is an ingenious one, but the difficulties with which it abounds are unanswerable; for oil and water are immiscible; whereas the blood, as it is circulated through the body, appears to be an homogeneous fluid. Every oil will pass through a paper moistened only with one kind of oil; and wine, or spirits mixed with water, will easily be filtered through a paper previously soaked in water. Upon the same principle, all our humours, though differing in their other properties, yet agreeing in that of being perfectly miscible with each other, will all easily pass through the same filtre.—But these are not all the objections to this system. The humours which are supposed to be placed in the secretory vessels for the determination of similar particles of the blood, must be originally separated without any analogous fluid; and that which happens once, may as easily happen always. Again, it sometimes happens from a vicious disposition, that humours are filtered through glands which are naturally not intended to afford them a passage; and when this once has happened; it ought, according to this system, to be expected always to do so: whereas this is not the case; and we are, after all, naturally led to seek for the cause of secretions in the solids. It does not seem right to ascribe it to any particular figure of the secretory vessels; because the soft texture of those parts does not permit them to preserve any constant shape, and our fluids seem to be capable of accommodating themselves to every kind of figure. Some have imputed it to the difference of diameter in the orifices of the different secretory vessels. To this doctrine objections have likewise been raised; and it has been argued, that the vessels of the liver, for instance, would, upon this principle, afford a passage not only to the bile, but to all the other humours of less consistence with it. In reply to this objection, it has been supposed, that secondary vessels exist, which originate from the first, and permit all the humours thinner than the bile to pass through them.

Each of these hypotheses is probably very remote from the truth.

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## EXPLANATION OF PLATE XXVIII.

THIS plate represents the Heart in situ, all the large Arteries and Veins, with some of the Muscles, &c.

MUSCLES, &c.—SUPERIOR EXTREMITY.—*a*, Maf-feter: *b*, Complexus. *C*, Digastricus. *d*, Os hyoides. *e*, Thyroid gland. *f*, Levator scapulæ. *g*, Cucullaris. *h h*, The clavicles cut. *i*, The deltoid muscle. *k*, Biceps flexor cubiti cut. *l*, Caraco-brachialis. *m*, Triceps extensor cubiti. *n*, The heads of the pronator teres, flexor carpi radiales, and flexor digitorum sublinis, cut. *o*, The flexor carpi ulnaris, cut at its extremity. *p*, Flexor digitorum profundus. *q*, Supinator radii longus, cut at its extremity. *r*, Ligamentum carpi transversale. *s*, Extensores carpi radiales. *t*, Latissimus dorsi. *u*, Anterior edge of the serratus anticus major. *v v*, The inferior part of the diaphragm. *w w*, Its anterior edge cut. *x x*, The kidneys. *y*, Transversus abdominis. *z*, Os ilium.

INFERIOR EXTREMITY.—*a*, Psoas magnus. *b*, Iliacus internus. *c*, The fleshy origin of the tensor vagina femoris. *d d*, The ossa pubis cut from each other. *e*, Musculus pectineus cut from its origin. *f*, Short head of the triceps abductor femoris cut. *g*, The great head of the triceps. *h*, The long head cut. *i*, Vastus internus. *k*, Vastus externus. *l*, Crureus. *m*, Gemellus. *n*, Soleus. *o*, Tibia. *p*, Peronæus longus. *q*, Peronæus brevis. *r*, Fibula.

HEART and BLOOD-VESSELS.—*A*, The heart, with the coronary arteries and veins. *B*, The right auricle of the heart. *C*, The aorta ascendens. *D*, The left subclavian artery. *E*, The left carotid artery. *F*, The common trunk which sends off the right subclavian and

right carotid arteries. *G*, The carotis externa. *H*, Arteria facialis, which sends off the coronary arteries of the lips. *I*, Arteria temporalis profunda. *K*, Aorta descendens. *LL*, The iliac arteries,—which send off *MM*, The femoral or crural arteries. *N. B.* The other arteries in this figure have the same distribution as the veins of the same name:—And generally, in the anatomical plates, the description to be found on the one side, points out the same parts in the other. *1*, The frontal vein. *2*, The facial vein. *3*, Vena temporalis profunda. *4*, Vena occipitalis. *5*, Vena jugularis externa. *6*, Vena jugularis interna, covering the arteria carotis communis. *7*, The vascular arch on the palm of the hand, which is formed by, *8*, The radial artery and vein, and, *9*, The ulnar artery and vein. *10 10*, Cephalic vein. *11*, Basilic vein, that on the right side cut. *12*, Median vein. *13*, The humeral vein, which, with the median, covers the humeral artery. *14 14*, The external thoracic or mammary arteries and veins. *15*, The axillary vein, covering the artery. *16 16*, The subclavian veins, which, with (*6 6*) the jugulars, form, *17*, The vena cava superior. *18*, The cutaneous arch of veins on the fore part of the foot. *19*, The vena tibialis antica, covering the artery. *20*, The vena profunda femoris, covering the artery. *21*, The upper part of the vena saphena major. *22*, The femoral vein. *23 23*, The iliac veins. *24 24*, Vena cava inferior. *25 25*, The renal veins covering the arteries. *26 26*, The diaphragmatic veins.

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## SECT. I. Of the Brain and its Integuments.

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THE bones of the cranium were described in the osteological part of this work, as inclosing the brain, and defending it from external injury: but they are not its only protection; for when we make an horizontal section through these bones, we find this mass everywhere surrounded by two membranes (*κ*), the dura and pia mater.—The first of these lines the interior surface of the cranium, to which it everywhere adheres strongly (*l*), but more particularly at the sutures, and at the many foramina through which vessels pass between it

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and the pericranium. The *dura mater* (*m*) is perfectly smooth and inelastic, and its inner surface is constantly bedewed with a fine pellucid fluid, which everywhere separates it from the pia mater. The *dura mater* sends off several considerable processes, which divide the brain into separate portions, and prevent them from compressing each other. Of these processes there is one superior and longitudinal, called the *falx*, or *falciform process*, from its resemblance to a scythe. It arises from the spine of the os frontis, near the *chrifta galli*, and extending along in the direction of the sagittal suture, to beyond the lambdoidal suture, divides the brain into two hemif-

(*κ*) The Greeks called these membranes *meninges*; but the Arabians, supposing them to be the source of all the other membranes of the body, afterwards gave them the names of *dura* and *pia mater*; by which they are now usually distinguished.

(*l*) In young subjects this adhesion is greater than in adults; but even then, in the healthy subject, it is nowhere easily separable, without breaking through some of the minute vessels by means of which it is attached to the bone.

(*m*) This membrane is commonly described as consisting of two laminæ; of which the external one is supposed to perform the office of periosteum internum to the cranium, while the internal one forms the folds and processes of the *dura mater*. In the natural state, however, no such separation is apparent; like other membranes, we may indeed divide it, not into two only, but many laminæ; but this division is artificial, and depends on the dexterity of the anatomist.

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hemispheres. A little below the lambdoidal suture, it divides into two broad wings or expansions called the *transverse* or *lateral processes*, which prevents the lobes of the cerebrum from pressing on the cerebellum. Besides these there is a fourth, which is situated under the transverse processes, and being continued to the spine of the occiput, divides the cerebellum into two lobes.

The blood, after being distributed through the cavity of the cranium by means of the arteries, is returned, as in the other parts of the body, by veins which all pass on to certain channels, situated behind these several processes.

These canals or sinuses communicate with each other, and empty themselves into the internal jugular veins, which convey the blood into the vena cava. They are in fact triangular veins, running through the substance of the dura mater, and, like the processes, are distinguished into *longitudinal* and *lateral*; and where these three meet, and where the fourth process passes off, we observe a fourth sinus, which is called *torcular*; Herophilus, who first described it, having supposed that the blood at the union of these two veins, is, as it were, in a press.

Besides these four canals, which were known to the ancients, modern anatomists enumerate many others, by giving the appellation of *sinuses* to other veins of the dura mater, which for the most part empty themselves into some of those we have just now described. There are the inferior longitudinal sinus, the superior and inferior petrous sinuses, the cavernous sinuses, the circular sinus, and the anterior and posterior occipital sinuses.

These sinuses or veins, by being conveyed through a thick dense membrane, firmly suspended, as the dura mater is, within the cranium, are less liable to rupture; at the same time they are well supported, and by running every where along the inner surface of the bones, they are prevented from pressing on the substance of the brain. To prevent too great a dilatation of them, we find filaments (called *chordæ Willisii*, from their having been first noticed by Willis) stretched across their cavities; and the oblique manner in which the veins from the brain run through the substance of the brain into these channels, serves the purpose of a valve, which prevents the blood from turning back into the smaller and weaker vessels of the brain.

The *pia mater* is a much softer and finer membrane than the dura mater; being exceedingly delicate, transparent, and vascular. It invests every part of the brain, and sends off an infinite number of elongations, which insinuate themselves between the convolutions, and even into the substance of the brain. This membrane is composed of two laminæ; of which the exterior one is named *tunica arachnoidea*, from its thinness, which is equal to that of a spider's web. These two laminæ are intimately adherent to each other at the upper part of the brain, but are easily separable at the basis of the brain, and through the whole length of the medulla spinalis. The external layer, or *tunica arachnoidea*, appears to be spread uniformly over the surface of the brain, but without entering into its furrows as the inner layer does; the latter being found to insinuate itself between the convolutions, and even into the interior cavities of the brain. The blood-vessels of the

brain are distributed through it in their way to that organ, and are therefore divided into very minute ramifications, before they penetrate the substance of the brain.

There are several parts included under the general denomination of *brain*. One of these, which is of the softest consistence, and fills the greatest part of the cavity of the cranium, is the *cerebrum*, or *brain* properly so called. Another portion, which is seated in the inferior and posterior part of the head, is the *cerebellum*; and a third, which derives its origin from both these, is the *medulla oblongata*.

The *cerebrum* is a medullary mass of a moderate consistence, filling up exactly all the upper part of the cavity of the cranium, and divided into two hemispheres by the falx of the dura mater. Each of these hemispheres is usually distinguished into an *anterior*, a *middle*, and a *posterior lobe*. The first of these is lodged on the orbital processes of the os frontis; the middle lobes lie on the middle fossæ of the basis of the cranium, and the posterior lobes are placed on the transverse septum of the os occipitis, immediately over the cerebellum, from which they are separated by the lateral processes of the dura mater. These two portions afford no distinguishing mark of separation; and on this account Haller, and many other modern anatomists, omit the distinction of middle lobe, and speak only of the anterior and posterior lobes of the brain.

The cerebrum appears to be composed of two distinct substances. Of these, the exterior one, which is of a greyish or ash-colour, is called the *cortex*, and is somewhat softer than the other, which is very white, and is called *medulla* or *substantia alba*.

After having removed the falx, and separated the two hemispheres from each other, we perceive a white convex body, the *corpus callosum*, which is a portion of the medullary substance, uniting the two hemispheres to each other, and not invested by the cortex. By making an horizontal incision in the brain, on a level with this corpus callosum, we discover two oblong cavities, named the *anterior* or *lateral ventricles*, one in each hemisphere. These two ventricles, which communicate with each other by a hole immediately under the plexus choroides, are separated laterally by a very fine medullary partition, called *septum lucidum*, from its thinness and transparency. The lower edge of this septum is fixed to the fornix, which is a kind of medullary arch (as its name implies) situated under the corpus callosum, and nearly of a triangular shape. Anteriorly the fornix sends off two medullary chords, called its *anterior crura*; which seem to be united to each other by a portion of medullary substance, named *commissura anterior cerebri*. These crura diverging from one another, are lost at the outer side of the lower and fore-part of the third ventricle. Posteriorly the fornix is formed into two other crura, which unite with two medullary protuberances called *pedes hippocampi*, and sometimes *cornua ammonis*, that extend along the back-part of the lateral ventricles. The concave edge of the *pedes hippocampi* is covered by a medullary lamina, called *corpus fimbriatum*.

Neither the edges of the fornix, nor its posterior crura, can be well distinguished, till we have removed the plexus choroides. This is a production of the pia mater, which is spread over the lateral ventricles. Its

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When we have removed this plexus, we discover several other protuberances included in the lateral ventricles. These are the corpora striata, the thalami nervorum opticorum, the tubercula quadrungemina, and the pineal gland.

The corpora striata are two curved oblong eminences, that extend along the anterior part of the lateral ventricles. They derive their name from their striated appearance, which is owing to an intermixture of the cortical and medullary substances of the brain. The thalami nervorum opticorum, are so called, because the optic nerves arise chiefly from them, and they are likewise composed both of the cortex and medulla. They are separated from the corpora striata only by a kind of medullary chord, the geminum centrum semi-circulare. The thalami are nearly of an oval shape, and are situated at the bottom of the upper cavity of the lateral ventricles. They are closely united, and at their convex part seem to become one body.

Anteriorly, in the space between the thalami, we observe an orifice by which the lateral ventricles communicate, and another leads down from this, under the different appellations of *foramen commune anterius*, *vulva iter ad infundibulum*, but more properly *iter ad tertium ventriculum*; and the separation of the thalami from each other posteriorly, forms another opening or interstice called *anus*. This has been supposed to communicate with the third ventricle; but it does not, the bottom of it being shut up by the pia mater. The back part of the anus is formed by a kind of medullary band, which connects the thalami to each other, and is called *commissura posterior cerebri*.

Behind the thalami and commissura posterior, we observe a small, soft, greyish, and oval body, about the size of a pea. This is the glandula pinealis; it is described by Galen under the name of *conarion*, and has been rendered famous by Descartes, who supposed it to be the seat of the soul. Galen seems formerly to have entertained the same opinion. Some modern writers have, with as little reason, imagined that the soul is placed in the corpus callosum.

The pineal gland rests upon four remarkable eminences, disposed in pairs, and seated immediately below it. These tubercles, which by the ancients were called *testes* and *nates*, have, since the time of Winslow, been more commonly named *tubercula quadrungemina*.

Under the thalami we observe another cavity, the third ventricle, which terminates anteriorly in a small medullary canal, the infundibulum, that leads to the glandula pituitaria. It has been doubted, whether the infundibulum is really hollow; but some late experiments on this part of the brain \* by Professor Murray of Upsal, clearly prove it to be a medullary canal, surrounded by both laminæ of the pia mater. After freezing the brain, this channel was found filled with ice; and de Haen tells † us, he found it dilated, and filled with a calcareous matter (N).

The soft spongy body in which the infundibulum

terminates, was by the ancients supposed to be of a glandular structure, and destined to filter the serosity of the brain. Spigelius pretended to have discovered its excretory duct, but it seems certain that no such duct exists. It is of an oblong shape, composed, as it were, of two lobes. In ruminant animals it is much larger than in man.

From the posterior part of the third ventricle, we see a small groove or channel, descending obliquely backwards. This channel, which is called the *aqueduct of Sylvius*, though it was known to the ancients, opens into another cavity of the brain, placed between the cerebellum and medulla oblongata, and called the *fourth ventricle*.

The cerebellum, which is divided into two lobes, is commonly supposed to be of a firmer texture than the cerebrum; but the truth is, that in the greater number of subjects, there appears to be no sensible difference in the consistence of these two parts. It has more of the cortical than of the medullary substance in its composition.

The furrow that divides the two lobes of the cerebellum leads anteriorly to a process, composed of medullary and cortical substances, covered by the pia mater; and which, from its being divided into numerous furrows, resembling the rings of the earth-worm, is named *processus vermiformis*. This process forms a kind of ring in its course between the lobes.

The surface of the cerebellum does not afford those circinvolutions which appear in the cerebrum; but instead of these, we observe a great number of minute furrows, running parallel to each other, and nearly in a transverse direction. The pia mater insinuates itself into these furrows.

When we cut into the substance of the cerebellum, from above downwards, we find the medullary part running in a kind of ramifying course, and exhibiting an appearance that has gotten the name of *arbor vitæ*. These ramifications unite to form a medullary trunk; the middle, anterior, and most considerable part of which forms two processes, the crura cerebelli, which unite with the crura cerebri, to form the medulla oblongata. The last furnishes two other processes, which lose themselves under the nates, and thus unite the lobes of the cerebellum to the posterior part of the cerebrum. Under the nates we observe a transverse medullary line, or linea alba, running from one of these processes to the other; and between them we find a very thin medullary lamina, covered with the pia mater, which the generality of anatomists have (though seemingly without reason) considered as a valve formed for closing the communication between the fourth ventricle and the aquæductus Sylvii. Vieussens named it *valvula major cerebri*.

The medulla oblongata is situated in the middle, lower, and posterior part of the cranium, and may be considered as a production or continuation of the whole medullary substance of the cerebrum and cerebellum, being formed by the union of two considerable medullary processes of the cerebrum, called *crura cerebri*,

\* *Disp. de Infundibulo Cerebri.*

† *Ratio Med. tom. vi. p. 271.*

(N.) The under part of it, however, appears to be impervious; at least no injection that can be depended on has been made to pass from it into the glandula pituitaria without laceration of parts.

Of the *cri*, with two other smaller ones from the cerebellum, which were just now spoken of under the name of *crura cerebelli*.

The *crura cerebri* arise from the middle and lower part of each hemisphere. They are separated from each other at their origin, but are united below, where they terminate in a middle protuberance, the *pons Varolii*, so called, because Varolius compared it to a bridge. This name, however, can convey no idea of its real appearance. It is, in fact, nothing more than a medullary protuberance, nearly of a semi-spherical shape, which unites the *crura cerebri* to those of the cerebellum.

Between the *crura cerebri*, and near the anterior edge of the *pons Varolii*, are two tubercles, composed externally of medullary, and internally of cineritious, substance, to which Eustachius first gave the name of *eminentie mamillares*.

Along the middle of the posterior surface of the medulla oblongata, where it forms the anterior part of the fourth ventricle, we observe a kind of furrow which runs downwards and terminates in a point. About an inch above the lower extremity of this fissure, several medullary filaments are to be seen running towards it on each side in an oblique direction, so as to give it the appearance of a writing-pen; hence it is called *calamus scriptorius*.

From the posterior part of the *pons Varolii*, the medulla oblongata descends obliquely backwards; at its fore-part, immediately behind the *pons Varolii*, we observe two pair of eminences, which were described by Eustachius, but received no particular appellation till the time of Vieussens, who gave them the names of *corpora olivaria* and *corpora pyramidalia*. The former are the outermost, being placed one on each side. They are nearly of an oval shape, and are composed of medulla, with streaks of cortical substance. Between these are the *corpora pyramidalia*, each of which terminates in a point. In the human subj. & these four eminences are sometimes not easily distinguished.

The *medulla spinalis*, or *spinal marrow*, which is the name given to the medullary chord that is extended down the vertebral canal, from the great foramen of the occipital bone to the bottom of the last lumbar vertebra, is a continuation of the medulla oblongata. Like the other parts of the brain, it is invested by the dura and pia mater. The first of these, in its passage out of the cranium, adheres to the foramen of the *os occipitis*. Its connection with the ligamentary substance that lines the cavity of the spine, is only by means of cellular membrane; but between the several vertebræ, where the nerves pass out of the spine, it sends off prolongations, which adhere strongly to the vertebral ligaments. Here, as in the cranium, the dura mater has its sinuses or large veins. These are

two in number, and are seen running on each side of the medullary column, from the foramen magnum of the *os occipitis* to the lower part of the *os sacrum*. They communicate together by ramifying branches at each vertebra, and terminate in the vertebral, intercostal, and sacral veins.

The pia mater is connected with the dura mater by means of a thin transparent substance, which from its indentations between the spinal nerves has obtained the name of *ligamentum denticulatum*. It is somewhat firmer than the tunica arachnoidea, but in other respects resembles that membrane. Its use is to support the spinal marrow, that it may not affect the medulla oblongata by its weight.

The spinal marrow itself is externally of a white colour; but upon cutting into it we find its middle-part composed of a darker coloured mass, resembling the cortex of the brain. When the marrow has reached the first lumbar vertebra, it becomes extremely narrow, and at length terminates in an oblong protuberance; from the extremity of which the pia mater sends off a prolongation or ligament, resembling a nerve, that perforates the dura mater, and is fixed to the *os coccygis*.

The medulla spinalis gives rise to 30 or 31 pair of nerves, but they are not all of the same size, nor do they all run in the same direction. The upper ones are thinner than the rest, and are placed almost transversely: as we descend we find them running more and more obliquely downwards, till at length their course is almost perpendicular, so that the lowermost nerves exhibit an appearance that is called *cauda equina*, from its resemblance to a horse's tail.

The arteries that ramify through the different parts of the brain, are derived from the internal carotid and from the vertebral arteries. The medulla spinalis is supplied by the anterior and posterior spinal arteries, and likewise receives branches, from the cervical, the inferior and superior intercostal, the lumbar, and the sacral arteries.

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THE nerves are medullary chords, differing from each other in size, colour, and consistence, and deriving their origin from the medulla oblongata and medulla spinalis. There are 39, and sometimes 40, pair of these nerves; nine (9) of which originate from the medulla oblongata, and 30 or 31 from the medulla spinalis. They appear to be perfectly inelastic, and likewise to possess no irritability. If we irritate muscular fibres, they immediately contract; but nothing of this sort happens if we irritate a nerve. They carry with them a covering from the pia mater; but derive no tunica from the dura mater, as hath been generally, though erroneously, supposed, ever since the time of Galen (p),

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(o) It has been usual to describe the ten pair of nerves as arising from the medulla oblongata; but as the tenth pair arise in the same manner as the other spinal nerves, Santorini, Heister, Haller, and others, seem very properly to have classed them among the nerves of the spine.

(p) Baron Haller and Professor Zinn seem to have been the first who demonstrated, that the dura mater is reflected upon and adheres to the periosteum at the edges of the foramina that afford a passage to the nerves out of the cranium, and vertebral canal, or is soon lost in the cellular substance.

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the outer covering of the nerves being in fact nothing more than the cellular membrane. This covering is very thick where the nerve is exposed to the action of muscles; but where it runs through a bony canal, or is secure from pressure, the cellular tunic is extremely thin, or altogether wanting. We have instances of this in the *portio mollis* of the auditory nerve, and in the nerves of the heart.

By elevating, carefully and gently, the brain from the basis of the cranium, we find the first nine pair arising in the following order: 1. The *nervi olfactorii*, distributed through the pituitary membrane, which constitutes the organ of smell. 2. The *optici*, which go to the eyes, where they receive the impressions of visible objects. 3. The *oculorum motores*, so called because they are distributed to the muscles of the eye. 4. The *pathctici*, distributed to the superior oblique muscles of the eyes, the motion of which is expressive of certain passions of the soul. 5. The nerves of this pair soon divide into three principal branches, and each of these has a different name. Its upper division is the *ophthalmicus*, which is distributed to various parts of the eyes, eye-lids, forehead, nose, and integuments of the face. The second is called the *maxillaris superior*, and the third *maxillaris inferior*; both which names allude to their distribution. 6. The *abductores*; each of these nerves is distributed to the abductor muscle of the eye, so called, because it helps to draw the globe of the eye from the nose. 7. The *auditorii* (Q), which are distributed through the organs of hearing. 8. The *par vagum*, which derives its name from the great number of parts to which it gives branches both in the thorax and abdomen. 9. The *linguales*, or *hypo-glossi*, which are distributed to the tongue, and appear to contribute both to the organ of taste and to the motions of the tongue (R).

It has already been observed, that the spinal marrow sends off 30 or 31 pair of nerves; these are chiefly distributed to the exterior parts of the trunk and to the extremities. They are commonly distinguished into the *cervical*, *dorsal*, *lumbar*, and *sacral nerves*. The *cervical*, which pass out from between the several *vertebræ* of the neck, are eight (s) in number; the *dorsal*, twelve; the *lumbar*, five; and the *sacral*, five or  
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fix; the number of the latter depending on the number of holes in the *os sacrum*. Each spinal nerve at its origin is composed of two fasciculi of medullary fibres. One of these fasciculi arises from the anterior, and the other from the posterior, surface of the medulla. These fasciculi are separated by the *ligamentum denticulatum*; after which we find them contiguous to one another. They then perforate the *dura mater*, and unite to form a considerable knot or ganglion. Each of these ganglions sends off two branches; one anterior, and the other posterior. The anterior branches communicate with each other at their coming out of the spine, and likewise send off one, and sometimes more branches, to assist in the formation of the *intercostal nerve*.

The knots or ganglions of the nerves just now spoken of, are not only to be met with at their exit from the spine, but likewise in various parts of the body. They occur in the nerves of the *medulla oblongata*, as well as in those of the spine. They are not the effects of disease, but are to be met with in the same parts of the same nerves, both in the *foetus* and adult. They are commonly of an oblong shape, and of a greyish colour, somewhat inclined to red, which is perhaps owing to their being extremely vascular. Internally we are able to distinguish something like an intermixture of the nervous filaments.

Some writers have considered them as so many little brains; Lancisi fancied he had discovered muscular fibres in them, but they are certainly not of an irritable nature. A late writer, Dr Johnstone\*, imagines they are intended to deprive us of the power of the will over certain parts, as the heart, for instance: but if this hypothesis were well founded, we should meet with them only in the nerves leading to involuntary muscles; whereas it is certain, that the voluntary muscles receive their nerves through ganglions. Doctor Monro, from observing the accurate intermixture of the minute nerves which compose them, considers them as new sources of nervous energy †.

The nerves, like the blood-vessels, in their course through the body, communicate with each other; and each of these communications constitutes what is called a *plexus*, from whence branches are again detached to different parts of the body. Some of these are constant

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\* *Essay on the Use of the Ganglions of the Nerves.*

† *Observations on the Nervous System.*

(Q) This pair, soon after its entrance into the *meatus auditorius internus*, separates into two branches. One of these is of a very soft and pulpy consistence, it is called the *portio mollis* of the seventh pair, and is spread over the inner part of the ear. The other passes out through the aqueduct of Fallopius in a firm chord, which is distinguished as the *portio dura*, and is distributed to the external ear and other parts of the neck and face.

(R) Heister has summed up the uses of these nine pair of nerves in the two following Latin verses:

“*Olfaciens, cernens, oculosque movens, patiensque,*  
“*Gastans, abducens, audiensque, vagansque, loquensque.*”

(s) Besides these, there is another pair called *accessorii*, which arises from the *medulla spinalis* at its beginning; and ascending through the great foramen of the *os occipitis* into the cranium, passes out again close to the eighth pair, with which, however, it does not unite; and it is afterwards distributed chiefly to the muscles of the neck, back, and scapula. In this course it sends off filaments to different parts, and likewise communicates with several other nerves. Physiologists are at a loss how to account for the singular origin and course of these *nervi accessorii*. The ancients considered them as branches of the eighth pair, distributed to muscles of the scapula: Willis likewise considered them as appendages to that pair, and on that account named them *accessorii*. They are sometimes called the *spinal pair*; but as this latter name is applicable to all the nerves of the spine indiscriminately, it seems better to adopt that given by Willis.

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stant and considerable enough to be distinguished by particular names, as the *semi-unar plexus*; the *pulmonary plexus*; the *hepatic*, the *cardiac*, &c.

It would be foreign to the purpose of this work, to follow the nerves through all their distributions; but it may be remembered, that in describing the different viscera, mention was made of the nerves distributed to them. There is one pair, however, called the *intercostal*, or *great sympathetic nerve*, which seems to require particular notice, because it has an almost universal connection and correspondence with all the other nerves of the body. Authors are not perfectly agreed about the origin of the intercostal; but it may perhaps not improperly be described, as beginning from filaments of the fifth and sixth pair; it then passes out of the cranium, through the bony canal of the carotid, from whence it descends laterally close to the bodies of the vertebræ, and receives branches from almost all the vertebral nerves; forming almost as many ganglions in its course through the thorax and abdomen. It sends off an infinite number of branches to the viscera in those cavities, and forms several plexuses with the branches of the eighth pair or *par vagum*.

That the nerves are destined to convey the principles of motion and sensibility to the brain from all parts of the system, there can be no doubt; but how these effects are produced, no one has ever yet been able to determine. The inquiry has been a constant source of hypothesis in all ages, and has produced some ingenious ideas, and many erroneous positions, but without having hitherto afforded much satisfactory information.

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Some physiologists have considered a trunk of nerves as a solid chord, capable of being divided into an infinite number of filaments, by means of which the impressions of feeling are conveyed to the sensorium commune. Others have supposed it to be a canal, which afterwards separates into more minute channels; or, perhaps, as being an assemblage of many very small and distinct tubes, connected to each other, and thus forming a cylindrical chord. They who contend for their being solid bodies, are of opinion, that feeling is occasioned by vibration; so that, for instance, according to this system, by pricking the finger, a vibration would be occasioned in the nerve, distributed through its substance; and the effects of this vibration, when extended to the sensorium, would be an excitation of pain. But the inelasticity, the softness, the connection, and the situation of the nerves, are so many proofs that vibration has no share in the cause of feeling.

Others have supposed, that in the brain and spinal marrow, a very subtile fluid is secreted, and from thence conveyed through the imperceptible tubes, which they consider as existing in the nerves. They have farther supposed, that this very subtile fluid, to which they have given the name of *animal spirits*, is secreted in the cortical substance of the brain and spinal marrow, from whence it passes through the medullary substance. This, like the other system, is founded altogether on hypothesis; but it seems to be an hypothesis derived from much more probable principles, and there are many ingenious arguments to be brought in its support.

## EXPLANATION OF PLATE XXIX.

FIG. 1. Represents the Inferior part of the Brain;—the Anterior part of the whole Spine, including the Medulla Spinalis;—with the origin and large portions of all the NERVES.

A A, The anterior lobes of the cerebrum. B B, The lateral lobes of the cerebrum. C C, The two lobes of the cerebellum. D, Tuber annulare. E, The passage from the third ventricle to the infundibulum. F, The medulla oblongata, which sends off the medulla spinalis through the spine. G G, That part of the os occipitis which is placed above (H H) the transverse processes of the first cervical vertebra. I I, &c. The seven cervical vertebræ, with their intermediate cartilages. K K, &c. The twelve dorsal vertebræ, with their intermediate cartilages. L L, &c. The five lumbar vertebræ, with their intermediate cartilages. M, The os sacrum. N, The os coccygis.

NERVES.—1 1, The first pair of nerves, named *olfactory*, which go to the nose. 2 2, The second pair, named *optic*, which goes to form the tunica retina of the eye. 3 3, The third pair, named *motor oculi*; it supplies most of the muscles of the eye-ball. 4 4, The fourth pair, named *pathetic*,—which is wholly spent upon the musculus trochlearis of the eye. 5 5, The fifth pair divides into three branches.—The first, named *ophthalmic*, goes to the orbit, supplies the lachrymal gland, and sends branches out to the forehead and nose.—The second, named *superior maxillary*, supplies

the teeth of the upper jaw, and some of the muscles of the lips.—The third named *inferior maxillary*, is spent upon the muscles and teeth of the lower jaw, tongue, and muscles of the lips. 6 6, The sixth pair, which, after sending off the beginning of the intercostal or great sympathetic, is spent upon the abductor oculi. 7 7, The seventh pair, named *auditory*, divides into two branches.—The largest, named *portio mollis*, is spent upon the internal ear.—The smallest, *portio dura*, joins to the fifth pair within the internal ear by a reflected branch from the second of the fifth; and within the tympanum, by a branch from the third of the fifth, named *chorda tympani*.—Vid. fig. 3. near B. 8 8, &c. The eighth pair, named *par vagum*,—which accompanies the intercostal, and is spent upon the tongue, larynx, pharynx, lungs, and abdominal viscera. 9 9, The ninth pair, which are spent upon the tongue. 10 10, &c. The intercostal, or great sympathetic, which is seen from the sixth pair to the bottom of the pelvis on each side of the spine, and joining with all the nerves of the spine;—in its progress supplying the heart, and, with the *par vagum*, the contents of the abdomen and pelvis. 11 11, The *accessorius*, which is spent upon the sternocleido-mastoidæus and trapezius muscles. 12 12, The first cervical nerves;—13 13, The second cervical nerves;—both spent upon the muscles that lie on the neck, and teguments of the neck and head. 14 14, The third cervical nerves, which, after sending off (15 15, &c.) the phrenic nerves to the diaphragm, supply

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supply the muscles and teguments that lie on the side of the neck and top of the shoulder. 16 16, The brachial plexus, formed by the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh cervicals, and first dorsal nerves.—which supply the muscles and teguments of the superior extremity. 17 17, The twelve dorsal, or proper intercostal nerves, which are spent upon the intercostal muscles and some of the large muscles which lie upon the thorax. 18 18, The five lumbar pairs of nerves, which supply the lumbar and abdominal muscles, and some of the teguments and muscles of the inferior extremity. 19 19, The sacro-sciatic, or posterior crural nerve, formed by the two inferior lumbar, and three superior of the os sacrum. This large nerve supplies the greatest part of the muscles and teguments of the inferior extremity. 20, The stomachic plexus, formed by the eighth pair. 21 21, Branches of the solar or cæliac plexus, formed by the eighth pair and intercostals, which supply the stomach and chylopoietic viscera. 22 22, Branches of the superior and inferior mesenteric plexuses, formed by the eighth pair and interco-

stals, which supply the chylopoietic viscera, with part of the organs of urine and generation. 23 23, Nerves which accompany the spermatic cord. 24 24, The hypogastric plexus, which supplies the organs of urine and generation within the pelvis.

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FIG. 2, 3, 4, 5. Shows different Views of the Inferior part of the Brain, cut perpendicularly through the Middle,—with the Origin and large Portions of all the Nerves which pass out through the Bones of the Cranium,—and the three first Cervicals.

A, The anterior lobe. B, The lateral lobe of the cerebrum. C, One of the lobes of the cerebellum. D, Tuber annulare. E, Corpus pyramidale, in the middle of the medulla oblongata. F, The corpus olivare, in the side of the medulla oblongata. G, The medulla oblongata. H, The medulla spinalis.

NERVES.—1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 and 9, Pairs of nerves. 10 10, Nervus accessorius, which comes from—11, 12, and 13, The three first cervical nerves.

## PART VI. OF THE SENSES, AND THEIR ORGANS.

377 **I**N treating of the senses, we mean to confine ourselves to the external ones of *touch, taste, smelling, hearing, and vision*. The word *sense*, when applied to these five, seems to imply not only the sensation excited in the mind by certain impressions made on the body, but likewise the organ destined to receive and transmit these impressions to the sensorium. Each of these organs being of a peculiar structure, is susceptible only of particular impressions, which will be pointed out as we proceed to describe each of them separately.

### SECT. I. Of Touch.

138 **T**HE sense of touch may be defined to be the faculty of distinguishing certain properties of bodies by the feel. In a general acceptation, this definition might perhaps not improperly be extended to every part of the body possessed of sensibility ( $\tau$ ), but it is commonly confined to the nervous papillæ of the cutis, or true skin, which, with its appendages, and their several uses, have been already described.

The exterior properties of bodies, such as their fo-

lidity, moisture, inequality, smoothness, dryness, or fluidity, and likewise their degree of heat, seem all to be capable of making different impressions on the papillæ, and consequently of exciting different ideas in the sensorium commune. But the organ of touch, like all the other senses, is not equally delicate in every part of the body, or in every subject; being in some much more exquisite than it is in others.

### SECT. II. Of the Taste.

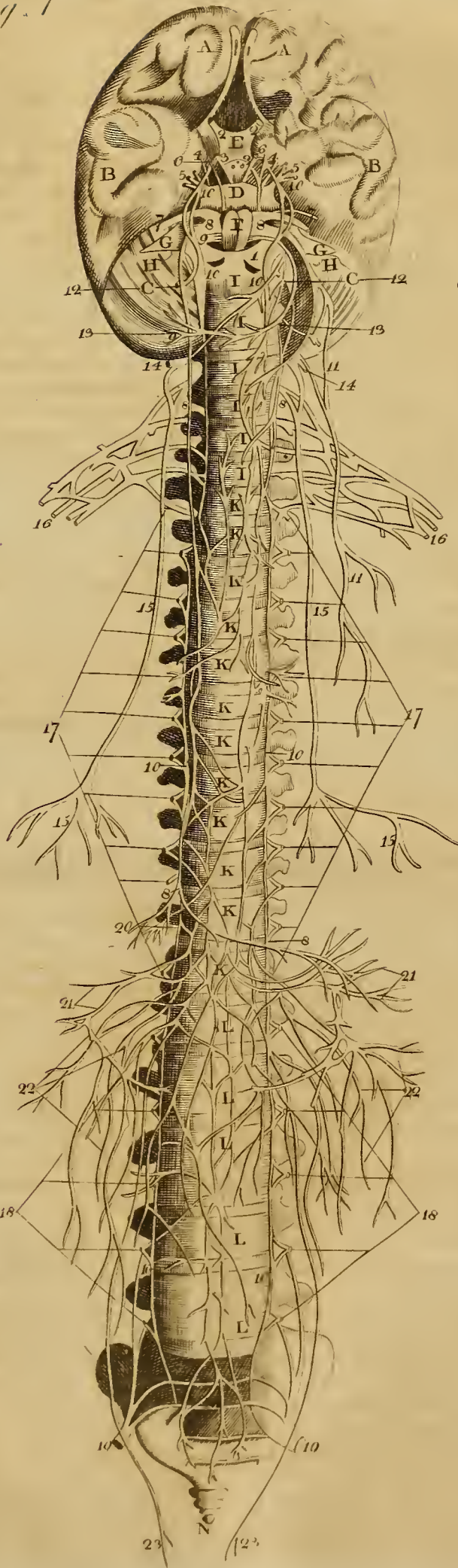
**T**HE sense of taste is seated chiefly in the tongue; the situation and figure of which are sufficiently known.

On the upper surface of this organ we may observe a great number of papillæ, which, on account of their difference in size and shape, are commonly divided into three classes. The largest are situated towards the basis of the tongue. Their number commonly varies from seven to nine, and they seem to be mucous follicles. Those of the second class are somewhat smaller, and of a cylindrical shape. They are most numerous about the middle of the tongue. Those of the third class are very minute, and of a conical shape. They are

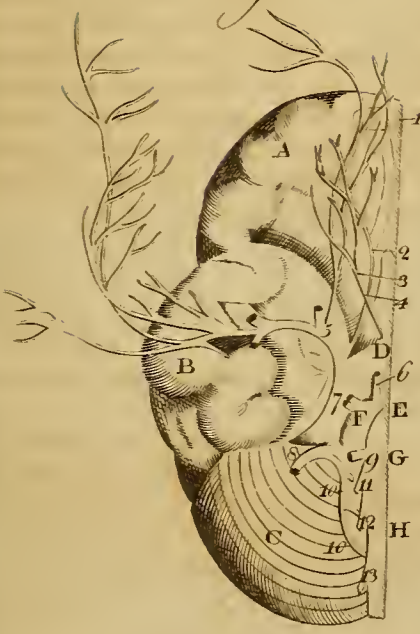
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( $\tau$ ) In the course of this article, mention has often been made of the sensibility or insensibility of different parts of the body: it will therefore, perhaps, not be amiss to observe in this place, that many parts which were formerly supposed to possess the most exquisite sense, are now known to have but little or no feeling, at least in a sound state; for in an inflamed state, even the bones, the most insensible parts of any, become susceptible of the most painful sensations. This curious discovery is due to the late Baron Haller. His experiments prove, that the bones, cartilages, ligaments, tendons, epidermis, and membranes (as the pleura, pericardium, dura and pia mater, periosteum, &c.), may in a healthy state be considered as insensible. As sensibility depends on the brain and nerves, of course different parts will possess a greater or less degree of feeling, in proportion as they are supplied with a greater or smaller number of nerves. Upon this principle it is, that the skin, muscles, stomach, intestines, urinary bladder, ureters, uterus, vagina, penis, tongue, and rectum, are extremely sensible, while the lungs and glands have only an obscure degree of feeling.

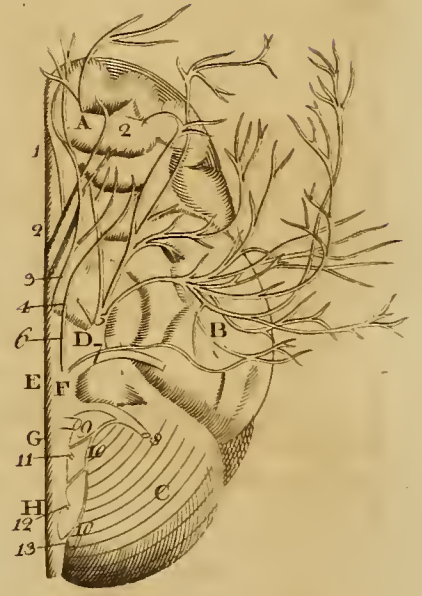
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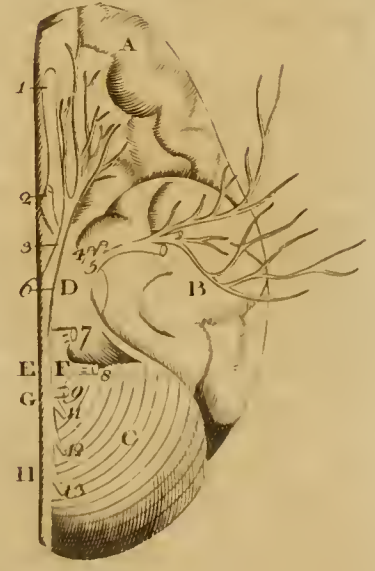
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are very numerous on the apex and edges of the tongue, and have been supposed to be formed by the extremities of its nerves.

We observe a line, the *linea linguæ mediana*, running along the middle of the tongue, and dividing it as it were into two portions. Towards the basis of the tongue, we meet with a little cavity, named by Morgagni *foramen cæcum*, which seems to be nothing more than a common termination of some of the excretory ducts of mucous glands situated within the substance of the tongue.

We have already observed, that this organ is every where covered by the cuticle, which, by forming a reduplication, called the *frænum*, at its under part, serves to prevent the too great motion of the tongue, and to fix it in its situation. But, besides this attachment, the tongue is connected by means of its muscles and membranous ligaments, to the lower jaw, the os hyoides, and the styloid processes.

The principal arteries of the tongue are the linguales, which arise from the external carotid. Its veins empty themselves into the external jugulars. Its nerves arise from the fifth, eighth, and ninth, pair.

The variety of tastes seems to be occasioned by the different impressions made on the papillæ by the food. The different state of the papillæ with respect to their moisture, their figure, or their covering, seems to produce a considerable difference in the taste, not only in different people, but in the same subject, in sickness and in health. The great use of the taste seems to be to enable us to distinguish wholesome and salutary food from that which is unhealthy; and we observe that many quadrupeds, by having their papillæ (v) very large and long, have the faculty of distinguishing flavours with infinite accuracy.

### SECT. III. Of Smelling.

140. THE sense of smelling, like the sense of taste, seems intended to direct us to a proper choice of aliment, and is chiefly seated in the nose, which is distinguished into its external and internal parts. The situation and figure of the former of these do not seem to require a definition. It is composed of bones and cartilages, covered by muscular fibres and by the common integuments. The bones make up the upper portion, and the cartilages the lower one. The septum narium, like the nose, is likewise in part bony, and in part cartilaginous. These bones and their connections were described in the osteology.

The internal part of the nose, besides the ossa spongiosa, has six cavities or sinuses, the maxillary, the frontal, and the sphenoid, which were all described with the bones of the head. They all open into the nostrils; and the nose likewise communicates with the mouth, larynx, and pharynx, posteriorly behind the velum palati.

All these several parts, which are included in the internal division of the nose, viz. the inner surface of the nostrils, the lamellæ of the ossa spongiosa, and the sinu-

ses, are lined by a thick and very vascular membrane, which, though not unknown to the ancients, was first well described by Schneider\*, and is therefore now commonly named *membrana pituitaria Schneideri*. This membrane is truly the organ of smelling; but its real structure does not yet seem to be perfectly understood. It appears to be a continuation of the cuticle, which lines the inner surface of the mouth. In some parts of the nose it is smooth and firm, and in others it is loose and spongy. It is constantly moistened by a mucous secretion; the finer parts of which are carried off by the air we breathe, and the remainder, by being retained in the sinuses, acquires considerable consistence. The manner in which this mucus is secreted has not yet been satisfactorily ascertained; but it seems to be by means of mucous follicles.

Its arteries are branches of the internal maxillary and internal carotid. Its veins empty themselves into the internal jugulars. The first pair of nerves, the olfactory, are spread over every part of it, and it likewise receives branches from the fifth pair.

After what has been said of the pituitary membrane, it will not be difficult to conceive how the air we draw in at the nostrils, being impregnated with the effluvia of bodies, excites in us that kind of sensation we call *smelling*. As these effluvia, from their being exceedingly light and volatile, cannot be capable in a small quantity of making any great impression on the extremities of the olfactory nerves, it was necessary to give considerable extent to the pituitary membrane, that by this means a greater number of odoriferous particles might be admitted at the same time. When we wish to take in much of the effluvia of any thing, we naturally close the mouth, that all the air we inspire may pass through the nostrils; and at the same time, by means of the muscles of the nose, the nostrils are dilated, and a greater quantity of air is drawn into them.

In many quadrupeds, the sense of smelling is much more extensive and delicate than it is in the human subject; and in the human subject it seems to be more perfect the less it is vitiated by a variety of smells. It is not always in the same state of perfection, being naturally affected by every change of the pituitary membrane, and of the lymph with which that membrane is moistened.

### SECT. IV. Of Hearing.

141. Before we undertake to explain the manner in which we are enabled to receive the impressions of sound, it will be necessary to describe the *ear*, which is the *organ of hearing*. It is commonly distinguished into external and internal. The former of these divisions includes all that we are able to discover without dissection, and the meatus auditorius, as far as the tympanum; and the latter, all the other parts of the ear.

The *external ear* is a cartilaginous funnel, covered by the common integuments, and attached, by means of its ligaments and muscles, to the temporal bone. Although capable only of a very obscure motion, it is

(v) Malpighi's description of the papillæ, which has been copied by many anatomical writers, seems to have been taken chiefly from the tongues of sheep.

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\* De Catarrho, lib. iii.

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found to have several muscles. Different parts of it are distinguished by several names; all its cartilaginous part is called *ala* or *wing*, to distinguish it from the soft and pendent part below, called the *lobe*. Its outer circle or border is called *helix*, and the semicircle within this, *antihelix*. The moveable cartilage placed immediately before the meatus auditorius, which it may be made to close exactly, is named *tragus*; and an eminence opposite to this at the extremity of the antihelix, is called *antitragus*. The concha is a considerable cavity formed by the extremities of the helix and antihelix. The meatus auditorius, which at its opening is cartilaginous, is lined with a very thin membrane, which is a continuation of the cuticle from the surface of the ear.

In this canal we find a yellow wax, which is secreted by a number of minute glands or follicles, each of which has an excretory duct. This secretion, which is at first of an oily consistence, defends the membrane of the tympanum from the injuries of the air; and by its bitterness, prevents minute insects from entering into the ear. But when from neglect or disease it accumulates in too great a quantity, it sometimes occasions deafness. The inner extremity of the meatus is closed by a very thin transparent membrane, the *membrana tympani*, which is set in a bony circle like the head of a drum. In the last century Rivinus, professor at Leipzig, fancied he had discovered a hole in this membrane, surrounded by a sphincter, and affording a passage to the air, between the external and internal ear. Cowper, Heister, and some other anatomists, have admitted this supposed foramen, which certainly does not exist. Whenever there is any opening in the *membrana tympani*, it may be considered as accidental. Under the *membrana tympani* runs a branch of the fifth pair of nerves, called *chorda tympani*; and beyond this membrane is the cavity of the tympanum, which is about seven or eight lines wide, and half so many in depth; it is semispherical, and every where lined by a very fine membrane. There are four openings to be observed in this cavity. It communicates with the mouth by means of the Eustachian tube. This canal, which is in part bony and in part cartilaginous, begins by a very narrow opening at the anterior and almost superior part of the tympanum, increasing in size as it advances towards the palate of the mouth, where it terminates by an oval opening. This tube is every where lined by the same membrane that covers the inside of the mouth. The real use of this canal does not seem to have been hitherto satisfactorily ascertained; but sound would seem to be conveyed through it to the *membrana tympani*, deaf persons being often observed to listen attentively with their mouths open. Opposite to this is a minute passage, which leads to the sinuosities of the mastoid process; and the two other openings, which are in the internal process of the os petrosum, are the *fenestra ovalis*, and *fenestra rotunda*, both of which are covered by a very fine membrane.

There are three distinct bones in the cavity of the tympanum; and these are the malleus, incus, and stapes.

Besides these there is a fourth, which is the *os orbiculare*, considered by some anatomists as a process of the stapes, which is necessarily broken off by the violence we are obliged to use in getting at these bones; but when accurately considered, it seems to be a distinct bone.

The *malleus* is supposed to resemble a hammer, being larger at one extremity, which is its head, than it is at the other, which is its handle. The latter is attached to the *membrana tympani*, and the head of the bone is articulated with the incus.

The *incus*, as it is called from its shape, though it seems to have less resemblance to an anvil than to one of the *dentes molares* with its roots widely separated from each other, is distinguished into its body and its legs. One of its legs is placed at the entry of the canal which leads to the mastoid process; and the other, which is somewhat longer, is articulated with the stapes, or rather with the *os orbiculare*, which is placed between them.

The third bone is very properly named *stapes*, being perfectly shaped like a stirrup. Its basis is fixed into the *fenestra ovalis*, and its upper part is articulated with the *os orbiculare*. What is called the *fenestra rotunda*, though perhaps improperly, as it is more oval than round, is observed a little above the other, in an eminence formed by the os petrosum, and is closed by a continuation of the membrane that lines the inner surface of the tympanum. The stapes and malleus are each of them furnished with a little muscle, the *stapedeus* and *tensor tympani*. The first of these, which is the smallest in the body, arises from a little cavern in the posterior and upper part of the cavity of the tympanum; and its tendon, after passing through a hole in the same cavern, is inserted at the back part of the head of the stapes. This muscle, by drawing the stapes obliquely upwards, assists in stretching the *membrana tympani*.

The *tensor tympani* (x), or *internus mallei*, as it is called by some writers, arises from the cartilaginous extremity of the Eustachian tube, and is inserted into the back part of the handle of the malleus, which it serves to pull inwards, and of course helps to stretch the *membrana tympani*.

The labyrinth is the only part of the ear which remains to be described. It is situated in the os petrosum, and is separated from the tympanum by a partition which is every where bony, except at the two *fenestræ*. It is composed of three parts; and these are the vestibulum, the semicircular canals, and the cochlea.

The *vestibulum* is an irregular cavity, much smaller than the tympanum, situated nearly in the centre of the os petrosum, between the tympanum, the cochlea, and the semicircular canals. It is open on the side of the tympanum by means of the *fenestra ovalis*, and communicates with the upper portion of the cochlea by an oblong foramen, which is under the *fenestra ovalis*, from which it is separated only by a very thin partition.

Each of the three *semicircular canals* forms about half

(x) Some anatomists describe three muscles of the malleus; but only this one seems to deserve the name of muscle; what are called the *externus* and *obliquus mallei*, seeming to be ligaments rather than muscles.

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half a circle of nearly a line in diameter, and running each in a different direction, they are distinguished into *vertical*, *oblique*, and *horizontal*. These three canals open by both their extremities into the vestibulum; but the vertical and the oblique being united together at one of their extremities, there are only five orifices to be seen in the vestibulum.

The *cochlea* is a canal which takes a spiral course, not unlike the shell of a snail. From its basis to its apex it makes two turns and a half; and is divided into two canals by a very thin lamina or septum, which is in part bony and in part membranous, in such a manner that these two canals only communicate with each other at the point. One of them opens into the vestibulum, and the other is covered by the membrane that closes the fenestra rotunda. The bony lamella which separates the two canals is exceedingly thin, and fills about two thirds of the diameter of the canal. The rest of the septum is composed of a most delicate membrane, which lines the whole inner surface of the cochlea, and seems to form this division in the same manner as the two membranous bags of the pleura, by being applied to each other, form the mediastinum.

Every part of the labyrinth is furnished with a very delicate periosteum, and filled with a watery fluid, secreted as in other cavities. This fluid transmits to the nerves the vibrations it receives from the membrane closing the fenestra rotunda, and from the basis of the stapes, where it rests on the fenestrum ovale. When this fluid is collected in too great a quantity, or is compressed by the stapes, it is supposed to escape through two minute canals or aqueducts, lately described by Dr Cotunni\*, an ingenious physician at Naples. One of these aqueducts opens into the bottom of the vestibulum, and the other into the cochlea, near the fenestra rotunda. They both pass through the os petrosum, and communicate with the cavity of the cranium where the fluid that passes through them is absorbed; and they are lined by a membrane which is supposed to be a production of the dura mater.

The arteries of the external ear come from the temporal and other branches of the external carotid, and its veins pass into the jugular. The internal ear receives branches of arteries from the basilar and carotids, and its veins empty themselves into the sinuses of the dura mater, and into the internal jugular.

The portio mollis of the seventh pair is distributed through the cochlea, the vestibulum, and the semi-circular canals; and the portio dura sends off a branch to the tympanum, and other branches to the external ear and parts near it.

The *sense of hearing*, in producing which all the parts we have described assist, is occasioned by a certain modulation of the air collected by the funnel-like shape of the external ear, and conveyed through the meatus auditorius to the membrana tympani. That sound is propagated by means of the air, is very easily proved by ringing a bell under the receiver of an air-pump; the sound it affords being found to diminish

gradually as the air becomes exhausted, till at length it ceases to be heard at all. Sound moves through the air with infinite velocity; but the degree of its motion seems to depend on the state of the air, as it constantly moves faster in a dense and dry, than it does in a moist and rarefied air. See *Acoustics*, n<sup>o</sup> 20.

That the air vibrating on the membrana tympani communicates its vibration to the different parts of the labyrinth, and by means of the fluid contained in this cavity affects the auditory nerve so as to produce sound, seems to be very probable; but the situation, the minuteness, and the variety of the parts which compose the ear, do not permit much to be advanced with certainty concerning their mode of action.

Some of these parts seem to constitute the immediate organ of hearing, and these are all the parts of the vestibulum: but there are others which seem intended for the perfection of this sense, without being absolutely essential to it. It has happened, for instance, that the membrana tympani, and the little bones of the ear, have been destroyed by disease, without depriving the patient of the sense of hearing (γ).

Sound is more or less loud in proportion to the strength of the vibration; and the variety of sounds seems to depend on the difference of this vibration; for the more quick and frequent it is, the more acute will be the sound, and *vice versa*.

Before we conclude this article, it will be right to explain certain phenomena, which will be found to have a relation to the organ of hearing.

Every body has, in consequence of particular sounds, occasionally felt that disagreeable sensation which is usually called *setting the teeth on edge*: and the cause of this sensation may be traced to the communication which the portio dura of the auditory nerve has with the branches of the fifth pair that are distributed to the teeth, being probably occasioned by the violent tremor produced in the membrana tympani by these very acute sounds. Upon the same principle we may explain the strong idea of sound which a person has who holds a vibrating string between his teeth.

The humming which is sometimes perceived in the ear, without any exterior cause, may be occasioned either by an increased action of the arteries in the ears, or by convulsive contractions of the muscles of the malleus and stapes, affecting the auditory nerve in such a manner as to produce the idea of sound. An ingenious philosophical writer\* has lately discovered, that there are sounds liable to be excited in the ear by irritation, and without any assistance from the vibrations of the air.

SECT. V. *Of Vision* †.

THE eyes, which constitute the organ of vision, are situated in two bony cavities named *orbits*, where they are surrounded by several parts, which are either intended to protect them from external injury, or to assist in their motion.

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(γ) This observation has led to a supposition, that a perforation of this membrane may in some cases of deafness be useful; and Mr Cheselden relates, that, some years ago, a malefactor was pardoned on condition that he should submit to this operation; but the public clamour raised against it was so great, that it was thought right not to perform it.

\* *De aquæ-  
ductibus Au-  
dis Humanæ  
Internæ*,  
8vo, 1760.

\* *Elliot's  
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† *See Optics*.  
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The globe of the eye is immediately covered by two eye-lids or palpebræ, which are composed of muscular fibres covered by the common integuments, and lined by a very fine and smooth membrane, which is from thence extended over part of the globe of the eye, and is called *tunica conjunctiva*. Each eye-lid is cartilaginous at its edge; and this border which is called *tarsus*, is furnished with a row of hairs named *cilia* or *eye-lashes*.

The cilia serve to protect the eye from insects and minute bodies floating in the air, and likewise to moderate the action of the rays of light in their passage to the retina. At the roots of these hairs there are sebaceous follicles, first noticed by Meibomius, which discharge a glutinous liniment. Sometimes the fluid they secrete has too much viscosity, and the eye-lids become glued to each other.

The upper border of the orbit is covered by the eye-brows or supercilia, which by means of their two muscles are capable of being brought towards each other, or of being carried upwards. They have been considered as serving to protect the eyes, but they are probably intended more for ornament than utility (z).

The orbits, in which the eyes are placed, are furnished with a good deal of fat, which affords a soft bed on which the eye performs its several motions. The inner angle of each orbit, or that part of it which is near the nose, is called *canthus major*, or the *great angle*; and the outer angle, which is on the opposite side of the eye, is the *canthus minor*, or *little angle*.

The little reddish body which we observe in the great angle of the eye-lids, and which is called *caruncula lachrymalis*, is supposed to be of a glandular structure, and, like the follicles of the eye-lids, to secrete an oily humour. But its structure and use do not seem to have been hitherto accurately determined. The surface of the eye is constantly moistened by a very fine limpid fluid called the *tears*, which is chiefly, and perhaps wholly, derived from a large gland of the conglomerate kind, situated in a small depression of the os frontis near the outer angle of the eye. Its excretory ducts pierce the tunica conjunctiva just above the cartilaginous borders of the upper eye-lids. When the tears were supposed to be secreted by the caruncle, this gland was called *glandula innominata*; but now that its structure and uses are ascertained, it very properly has the name of *glandula lachrymalis*. The tears poured out by the ducts of this gland are, in a natural and healthy state, incessantly spread over the surface of the eye, to keep it clear and transparent, by means of the eye-lids, and as constantly pass out at the opposite corner of the eye or inner angle, through two minute orifices, the puncta lachrymalia (A); being determined into these little openings by a reduplication of the tunica conjunctiva, shaped like a crescent, the two points

of which answer to the puncta. This reduplication is named *membrana*, or *valvula semilunaris*. Each of these puncta is the beginning of a small excretory tube, through which the tears pass into a little pouch or reservoir, the sacculus lachrymalis, which lies in an excavation formed partly by the nasal process of the os maxillare superius, and partly by the os unguis. The lower part of this sac forms a duct called the *ductus ad nares*, which is continued through a bony channel, and opens into the nose, through which the tears are occasionally discharged (B).

The motions of the eye are performed by six muscles; four of which are straight and two oblique. The straight muscles are distinguished by the names of *elevator*, *depressor*, *adductor*, and *abductor*, from their several uses in elevating and depressing the eye, drawing it towards the nose, or carrying it from the nose towards the temple. All these four muscles arise from the bottom of the orbit, and are inserted by flat tendons into the globe of the eye. The oblique muscles are intended for the more compound motions of the eye. The first of these muscles, the obliquus superior, does not, like the other four muscles we have described, arise from the bottom of the orbit, but from the edge of the foramen that transmits the optic nerve, which separates the origin of this muscle from that of the others. From this beginning it passes in a straight line towards a very small cartilaginous ring, the situation of which is marked in the skeleton by a little hollow in the internal orbital process of the os frontis. The tendon of the muscle, after passing through this ring, is inserted into the upper part of the globe of the eye, which it serves to draw forwards, at the same time turning the pupil downwards.

The obliquus inferior arises from the edge of the orbit, under the opening of the ductus lachrymalis; and is inserted somewhat posteriorly into the outer side of the globe, serving to draw the eye forwards and turn the pupil upwards. When either of these two muscles acts separately, the eye is moved on its axis; but when they act together, it is compressed both above and below. The eye itself, which is now to be described, with its tunics, humours, and component parts, is nearly of a spherical figure. Of its tunics, the conjunctiva has been already described as a partial covering, reflected from the inner surface of the eye-lids over the anterior portion of the eye. What has been named *albuginea* cannot properly be considered as a coat of the eye, being in fact nothing more than the tendons of the straight muscles spread over some parts of the sclerotica.

The immediate tunics of the eye, which are to be demonstrated when its partial coverings, and all the other parts with which it is surrounded, are removed, are the sclerotica, cornea, choroides, and retina.

The *sclerotica*, which is the exterior coat, is every where

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(z) It is observable, that the eye-brows are peculiar to the human species.

(A) It sometimes happens, that this very pellucid fluid, which moistens the eye, being poured out through the excretory ducts of the lachrymal gland faster than it can be carried off through the puncta, trickles down the cheek, and is then strictly and properly called *tears*.

(B) When the ductus ad nares becomes obstructed in consequence of disease, the tears are no longer able to pass into the nostrils; the sacculus lachrymalis becomes distended; and inflammation, and sometimes ulceration, taking place, constitute the disease called *fistula lachrymalis*.

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where white and opaque, and is joined, at its anterior edge to another, which has more convexity than any other part of the globe, and being exceedingly transparent is called *cornea* (c). These two parts are perfectly different in their structure; so that some anatomists suppose them to be as distinct from each other as the glass of a watch is from the case into which it is fixed. The sclerotica is of a compact fibrous structure; the cornea, on the other hand, is composed of a great number of laminæ united by cellular membrane. By macerating them in boiling water, they do not separate from each other, as some writers have asserted; but the cornea soon softens, and becomes of a glutinous consistence.

The ancients supposed the sclerotica to be a continuation of the dura mater. Morgagni and some other modern writers are of the same opinion; but this point is disputed by Winslow, Haller, Zin, and others. The truth seems to be, that the sclerotica, though not a production of the dura mater, adheres intimately to that membrane.

The *choroides* is so called because it is furnished with a great number of vessels. It has likewise been named *uvea*, on account of its resemblance to a grape. Many modern anatomical writers have considered it as a production of the pia mater. This was likewise the opinion of the ancients; but the strength and thickness of the choroides, when compared with the delicate structure of the pia mater, are sufficient proofs of their being two distinct membranes.

The choroides has of late generally been described as consisting of two laminæ; the innermost of which has been named after Ruysch, who first described it. It is certain, however, that Ruysch's distinction is ill founded, at least with respect to the human eye, in which we are unable to demonstrate any such structure, although the tunica choroides of sheep and some other quadrupeds may easily be separated into two layers.

The choroides adheres intimately to the sclerotica round the edge of the cornea; and at the place of this union, we may observe a little whitish areola, named *ligamentum ciliare*, though it is not of a ligamentous nature.

They who suppose the choroides to be composed of two laminæ, describe the external one as terminating in the ligamentum ciliare, and the internal one as extending farther to form the iris, which is the circle we are able to distinguish through the cornea: but this part is of a very different structure from the choroides; so that some late writers have perhaps not improperly considered the iris as a distinct membrane. It derives its name from the variety of its colours, and is perforated in the middle. This perforation, which is called the *pupil* or *sight* of the eye, is closed in the fœtus by

a very thin vascular membrane. This membrane pupillaris commonly disappears about the seventh month.

On the under side of the iris we observe many minute fibres, called *ciliary processes*, which pass in radii or parallel lines from the circumference to the centre. The contraction and dilatation of the pupil are supposed to depend on the action of these processes. Some have considered them as muscular, but they are not of an irritable nature; others have supposed them to be filaments of nerves: but their real structure has never yet been clearly ascertained.

Besides these ciliary processes, anatomists usually speak of the circular fibres of the iris, but no such seem to exist.

The posterior surface of the iris, the ciliary processes, and part of the tunica choroides, are covered by a black mucus for the purposes of accurate and distinct vision; but the manner in which it is secreted has not been determined.

Immediately under the tunica choroides we find the third and inner coat, called the *retina*, which seems to be merely an expansion of the pulpy substance of the optic nerve, extending to the border of the crystalline humour.

The greatest part of the globe of the eye, within these several tunics, is filled by a very transparent and gelatinous humour of considerable consistence, which, from its supposed resemblance to fused glass, is called the *vitreous humour*. It is invested by a very fine and delicate membrane, called *tunica vitrea*, and sometimes *arachnoides*.—It is supposed to be composed of two laminæ; one of which dips into its substance, and by dividing the humour into cells adds to its firmness. The fore-part of the vitreous humour is a little hollowed, to receive a very white and transparent substance of a firm texture, and of a lenticular and somewhat convex shape, named the *crystalline humour*. It is included in a capsule, which seems to be formed by a separation of the two laminæ of the tunica vitrea.

The fore-part of the eye is filled by a very thin and transparent fluid, named the *aqueous humour*, which occupies all the space between the crystalline and the prominent cornea.—The part of the choroides which is called the *iris*, and which comes forward to form the pupil, appears to be suspended as it were in this humour, and has occasioned this portion of the eye to be distinguished into two parts. One of these, which is the little space between the anterior surface of the crystalline and the iris, is called the *posterior chamber*; and the other, which is the space between the iris and the cornea, is called the *anterior chamber* of the eye (D). Both these spaces are completely filled with the aqueous humour. (E).

The eye receives its arteries from the internal carotid

(c) Some writers, who have given the name of *cornea* to all this outer coat, have named what is here and most commonly called *sclerotica*, *cornea opaca*; and its anterior and transparent portion, *cornea lucida*.

(D) We are aware that some anatomists, particularly Licet, are of opinion, that the iris is every where in close contact with the crystalline, and that it is of course right to speak only of one chamber of the eye; but as this does not appear to be the case, the situation of the iris and the two chambers of the eye are here described in the usual way.

(E) When the crystalline becomes opaque, so as to prevent the passage of the rays of light to the retina, it constitutes what is called a *cataract*; and the operation of couching consists in removing the diseased crystalline from

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tid through the foramina optica; and its veins pass through the foramina laccra, and empty themselves into the lateral sinuses. Some of the ramifications of these vessels appear on the inner surface of the iris, where they are seen to make very minute convolutions, which are sufficiently remarkable to be distinguished by the name of *circulus arteriosus*, though perhaps improperly, as they are chiefly branches of veins.

The optic nerve passes in at the posterior part of the eye, in a considerable trunk, to be expanded for the purposes of vision, of which it is now universally supposed to be the immediate seat. But Messrs Mariotte and Mery contended, that the choroides is the seat of this sense; and the ancients supposed the crystalline to be so. Besides the optic, the eye receives branches from the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth pair of nerves.

The humours of the eye, together with the cornea, are calculated to refract and converge the rays of light in such a manner as to form at the bottom of the eye a distinct image of the object we look at; and the point where these rays meet is called the *focus* of the eye. On the retina, as in the *camera obscura*, the object is painted in an inverted position; and it is only by habit that we are enabled to judge of its true situation, and likewise of its distance and magnitude. To

a young gentleman who was born blind, and who was couched by Mr Cheselden, every object (as he expressed himself) seemed to touch his eyes as what he felt did his skin; and he thought no objects so agreeable as those which were smooth and regular, although for some time he could form no judgment of their shape, or guess what it was in any of them that was pleasing to him.

In order to paint objects distinctly on the retina, the cornea is required to have such a degree of convexity, that the rays of light may be collected at a certain point, so as to terminate exactly on the retina.—If the cornea is too prominent, the rays, by diverging too soon, will be united before they reach the retina, as is the case with near-sighted people or *myopes*; and on the contrary, if it is not sufficiently convex, the rays will not be perfectly united when they reach the back-part of the eye; and this happens to long-sighted people or *presbi*, being found constantly to take place as we approach to old age, when the eye gradually flattens (F). These defects are to be supplied by means of glasses. He who has too prominent an eye, will find his vision improved by means of a concave glass; and upon the same principles, a convex glass will be found useful to a person whose eye is naturally too flat.

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## EXPLANATION OF PLATE XXX.

FIGURE 1. Shows the Lachrymal Canals, after the Common Teguments and Bones have been cut away.

a, The lachrymal gland. b, The two puncta lachrymalia, from which the two lachrymal canals proceed to c, The lachrymal sac. d, The large lachrymal duct. e, Its opening into the nose. f, The caruncula lachrymalis. g, The eye-ball.

FIG. 2. An interior View of the Coats and Humours of the Eye.

a a a a, The tunica sclerotica cut in four angles, and turned back. b b b b, The tunica choroides adhering to the inside of the sclerotica, and the ciliary vessels are seen passing over—c c, The retina which covers the vitreous humour. d d, The ciliary processes, which were continued from the choroid coat. e e, The iris. f, The pupil.

FIG. 3. Shows the Optic Nerves, and Muscles of the Eye.

a a, The two optic nerves before they meet. b, The two optic nerves conjoined. c, The right optic nerve. d, Musculus attollens palpebræ superioris. e, Attollens oculi. f, Abductor. g g, Obliquus superior, or trochlearis. h, Adductor. i, The eye-ball.

FIG. 4. Shows the Eye-ball with its Muscles.

a, The optic nerve. b, Musculus trochlearis. c, Part of the os frontis, to which the trochlea or pulley is fixed, through which,—d, The tendons of the trochlearis pass. e, Attollens oculi. f, Adductor oculi. g, Abductor oculi. h, Obliquus inferior. i, Part of the

superior maxillary bone to which its fixed. k, The eye-ball.

FIG. 5. Represents the Nerves and Muscles of the Right Eye, after part of the Bones of the orbit have been cut away.

A, The eye-ball. B, The lachrymal gland. C, Musculus abductor oculi. D, Attollens. E, Levator palpebræ superioris. F, Depressor oculi. G, Adductor. H, Obliquus superior, with its pulley. I, Its insertion into the sclerotic coat. K, Part of the obliquus inferior. L, The anterior part of the os frontis cut. M, The crista galli of the ethmoid bone. N, The posterior part of the sphenoid bone. O, Transverse spinous process of the sphenoid bone. P, The carotid artery, denuded where it passes through the bones. Q, The carotid artery within the cranium. R, The ocular artery.

NERVES.—a a, The optic nerve. b, The third pair.—c, Its joining with a branch of the first branch of the fifth pair, to form l,—The lenticular ganglion, which sends off the ciliary nerves, d. e e, The fourth pair. f, The trunk of the fifth pair. g, The first branch of the fifth pair, named ophthalmic.—h, The frontal branch of it. i, Its ciliary branches, along with which the nasal twig is sent to the nose. k, Its branch to the lachrymal gland. l, The lenticular ganglion. m, The second branch of the fifth pair, named superior maxillary. n, The third branch of the fifth pair, named inferior maxillary. o, The sixth pair of

from its bed in the vitreous humour. In this operation the cornea is perforated, and the aqueous humour escapes out of the eye, but it is constantly renewed again in a very short time. The manner, however, in which it is secreted, has not yet been determined.

(F) Upon this principle, they who in their youth are near-sighted may expect to see better as they advance in life, as their eyes gradually become more flat.

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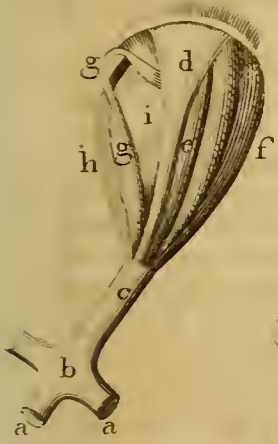


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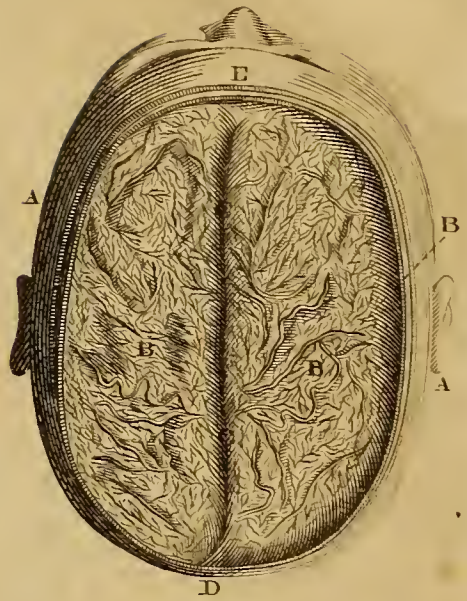


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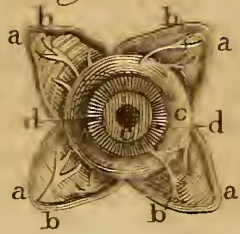


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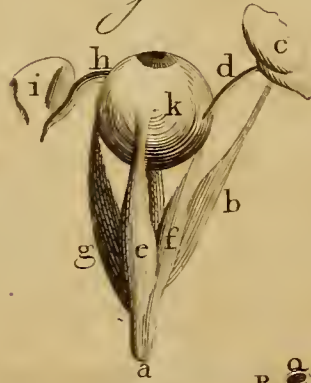


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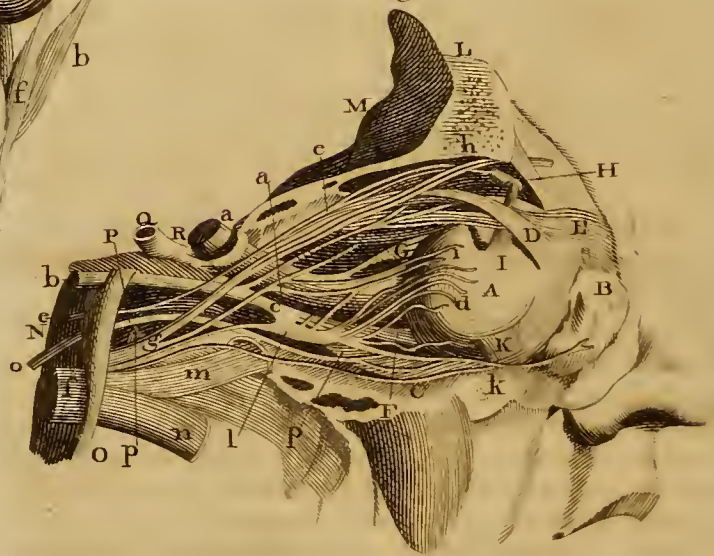


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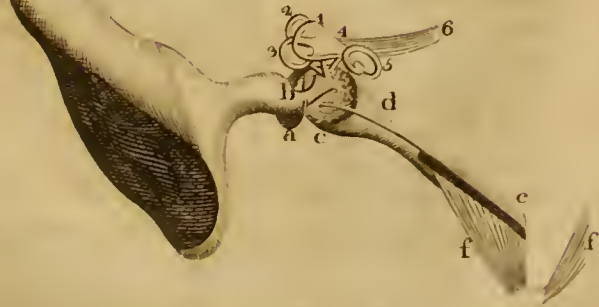


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FIG. 6. Represents the head of a youth, where the upper part of the cranium is sawed off,—to show the upper part of the brain, covered by the pia mater, the vessels of which are minutely filled with wax.

A A, The cut edges of the upper part of the cranium. B, The two tables and intermediate diploë. B B, The two hemispheres of the cerebrum. C C, The incisure made by the falx. D, Part of the tentorium cerebello super expansum. E, part of the falx, which is fixed to the crista galli.

FIG. 7. Represents the parts of the External Ear, with the Parotid Gland and its Duct.

a a, The helix. b, The antihelix. c, The anti-tragus. d, The tragus. e, The lobe of the ear. f, The cavitas innominata. g, The scapha. h, The concha. i i, The parotid gland. k, A lymphatic gland, which is often found before the tragus. l, The duct of the parotid gland. m, Its opening into the mouth.

FIG. 8. A view of the posterior part of the external

ear, meatus auditorius, tympanum, with the small bones, and Eustachian tube of the right side.

a, The back part of the meatus, with the small ceruminous glands. b, The incus. c, Malleus. d, The chorda tympani. e, Membrana tympani. f, The Eustachian tube. g, Its mouth from the fauces.

FIG. 9. Represents the anterior part of the right external ear, the cavity of the tympanum—its small bones, cochlea, and semicircular canals.

a, The malleus. b, Incus with its long leg, resting upon the stapes. c, Membrana tympani. d, e, The Eustachian tube, covered by part of—f f, The musculus circumflexus palati. 1, 2, 3, The three semicircular canals. 4, The vestibule. 5, The cochlea. 6, The portio mollis of the seventh pair of nerves.

FIG. 10. Shows the muscles which compose the fleshy substance of the Tongue.

a a, The tip of the tongue, with some of the papillæ minimæ. b, The root of the tongue. c, Part of the membrane of the tongue, which covered the epiglottis. d d, Part of the musculus hyo-glossus. e, The lingualis. f, Genio-glossus. g g, Part of the stylo-glossus.

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ANAXAGORAS, one of the most celebrated philosophers of antiquity, was born at Clazomene in Ionia, about the 70th Olympiad. He was a disciple of Anaximenes; and gave up his patrimony, to be more at leisure for the study of philosophy. He went first to Athens, and there taught eloquence; after which, having put himself under the tuition of Anaximenes, he gave lessons on philosophy in the same city. These he only gave to some particular friends and disciples, and with extreme caution. This, however, did not prevent, but rather was the cause of, his being accused of impiety, and thrown into prison, notwithstanding the credit and influence of Pericles, who was his disciple and intimate. Having been condemned to exile, he calmly yielded to the efforts of envy, and opened school at Lampfacum, where he was extremely honoured during the remainder of his life, and still more after his death, having had statues erected to his memory. He is said to have made some predictions relative to the phenomena of nature, upon which he wrote some treatises. His principal tenets may be reduced to the following:—All things were in the beginning confusedly placed together, without order and without motion. The principle of things is at the same time one and multiplex, which obtained the name of *homœmeries*, or similar particles, deprived of life. But there is besides this, from all eternity, another principle, namely, an infinite and incorporeal spirit, who gave these particles a motion; in virtue of which, such as are homogeneous united, and such as were heterogeneous separated, according to their different kinds. In this manner all things being put in motion by the spirit, and similar things being united to such as were similar, such as had a circular motion produced heavenly bodies, the lighter particles ascended, those which were heavy de-

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scended. The rocks of the earth, being drawn up by the force of the air, took fire, and became stars, beneath which the sun and moon took their stations. Thus he did not look upon the stars as divinities.

ANAXARCHUS, a philosopher of Abdera, highly esteemed by Alexander the Great. His end was peculiarly tragical: having the misfortune to fall into the hands of the enemy, they pounded him alive in a mortar.

ANAXIMANDER, a famous Greek philosopher, born at Miletus in the 42d Olympiad, in the time of Polycrates tyrant of Samos. He was the first who publicly taught philosophy, and wrote upon philosophical subjects. He carried his researches into nature very far for the time in which he lived. It is said, that he discovered the obliquity of the Zodiac, was the first who published a geographical table, invented the gnomon, and set up the first sun-dial in an open place at Lacedæmon. He taught, that infinity of things was the principal and universal element; that this infinity always preserved its unity, but that its parts underwent changes; that all things came from it; and that all were about to return into it. According to all appearance, he meant by this obscure and indeterminate principle the chaos of the other philosophers. He asserted, that there are an infinity of worlds; that the stars are composed of air and fire, which are carried in their spheres, and that these spheres are gods; and that the earth is placed in the midst of the universe, as in a common centre. He added, that infinite worlds were the product of infinity, and that corruption proceeded from separation.

ANAXIMENES, born at Miletus, an eminent Greek philosopher, friend, scholar, and successor of Anaximander. He diffused some degree of light upon the obscurity of his master's system. He made the first principle of things to consist in the air, which he con-

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Anaximenes considered as immense or infinite, and to which he ascribed a perpetual motion. He asserted, that all things which proceeded from it were definite and circumscribed; and that this air, therefore, was God, since the divine power resided in it and agitated it. Coldness and moisture, heat and motion, rendered it visible, and dressed it in different forms, according to the different degrees of its condensation. All the elements thus proceed from heat and cold. The earth was, in his opinion, one continued flat surface.

ANAXIMENES, the son of Aristocles of Lampfacus, an orator, the disciple of Diogenes the Cynic, and of Zoilus the railler against Homer. He was preceptor to Alexander of Macedon, and followed him to the wars. Alexander being incensed against the people of Lampfacus, they sent this philosopher to intercede for them. Alexander knowing the cause of his coming, swore that he would do the very reverse of whatever he desired of him. Anaximenes begged of him to destroy Lampfacus. Alexander, unwilling to break his oath, and not able to elude the stratagem, pardoned Lampfacus much against his will.

ANAXIMANDRIANS, in the history of philosophy, the followers of Anaximander; the most ancient of the philosophical atheists, who admitted of no other substance in nature but matter.

ANAZARBUS (Pliny), ANAZARBA (Stephanus); a town of Cilicia, on the river Pyramus, the birth place of Dioscorides, and of the poet Oppian. It was sometimes called *Cæsarea*, in honour either of Augustus or Tiberius. The inhabitants are called *Anazarbeni* (Pliny), and in coins *Anazarbeis*, after the Greek idiom. It was destroyed by a dreadful earthquake in the year 525, along with several other important cities: but they were all repaired at a vast expence by the emperor Justin; who was so much affected with their misfortune, that, putting off the diadem and purple, he appeared for several days in sackcloth.

ANBERTKEND, in the eastern language, a celebrated book of the Brachmans, wherein the Indian philosophy and religion are contained. The word in its literal sense denotes the cistern wherein is the water of life. The anbertkend is divided into 50 beths, or discourses, each of which consists of ten chapters. It has been translated from the original Indian into Arabic, under the title of *Morat al Maani*, q. d. *the marrow of intelligence*.

ANCARANO, a town of Italy, in the march of Ancona, situated in E. Long. 14. 54. N. Lat. 42. 48.

ANCASTER, a town of Lincolnshire, situated in W. Long. 30. N. Lat. 52. 30. It gives title of duke to the noble family of Bertie.

ANCENIS, a town of France, in the province of Britany. W. Long. 1. 9. N. Lat. 47. 20.

ANCESTORS, those from whom a person is descended in a straight line. The word is derived from the Latin *anceffor*, contracted from *anteceffor*, q. d. *goer before*.

Most nations have paid honours to their ancestors. It was properly the departed souls of their forefathers that the Romans worshipped under the denominations of *lares*, *lemures*, and *household gods*. Hence the ancient tombs were a kind of temples, or rather altars,

wherein oblations were made by the kindred of the deceased.

The Russians have still their anniversary feasts in memory of their ancestors, which they call *roditoli sabot*, q. d. *kinsfolk's sabbath*, wherein they make formal visits to the dead in their graves, and carry them provisions, eatables, and presents of divers other kinds. They interrogate them, with loud lamentable cries, What they are doing? How they spend their time? What it is they want? and the like.

The Quojas, a people of Africa, offer sacrifices of rice and wine to their ancestors before ever they undertake any considerable action. The anniversaries of their deaths are always kept by their families with great solemnity. The king invokes the soul of his father and mother to make trade flourish and the chace succeed.

The Chinese seem to have distinguished themselves above all other nations in the veneration they bear their ancestors. By the laws of Confucius, part of the duty which children owe their parents consists in worshipping them when dead. This service, which makes a considerable part of the natural religion of the Chinese, is said to have been instituted by the emperor Kun, the fifth in order from the foundation of that ancient empire. Bibl. Un. tom. vii. The Chinese have both a solemn and ordinary worship which they pay their ancestors. The former is held regularly twice a-year, viz. in spring and autumn, with much pomp. A person who was present at it gives the following account of the ceremonies on that occasion: The sacrifices were made in a chapel well adorned, where there were six altars furnished with censers, tapers, and flowers. There were three ministers, and behind them two young acolytes. The three former went with a profound silence, and frequent genuflexions, towards the five altars, pouring out wine: afterwards they drew near to the sixth, and when they came to the foot of the altar, half bowed down, they said their prayers with a low voice. That being finished, the three ministers went to the altar, the officiating priest took up a vessel full of wine, and drank; then he lifted up the head of a deer or goat; after which, taking fire from the altar, they all lighted a bit of paper; and the minister of the ceremonies turning towards the people, said with a high voice, that he gave them thanks in the name of their ancestors for having so well honoured them; and in recompence he promised them, on their part, a plentiful harvest, a fruitful issue, good health, and long life, and all those advantages that are most pleasing to men.

The Chinese give their ancestors another simpler and more private worship. To this end they have in their houses a niche or hollow place, where they put the names of their deceased fathers, and make prayers and offerings of perfumes and spices to them at certain times, with bowing, &c. They do the like at their tombs.

The Jews settled in China are said to worship their ancestors like the heathens, and with the same ceremonies, except that they offer not swine's flesh. Near their synagogue they have a hall, or court of ancestors, wherein are niches for Abraham, Isaac, &c. The Jews also conformed, and were permitted by their general

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There is one peculiarity of another kind, wherein the Chinese show their regard for their ancestors : in proportion as any of their descendants are preferred to a higher degree of dignity, their dead ancestors are at the same time preferred and ennobled with them. The kings Ven, Van, Veu, Van, and Cheu, Cum, who were descended from vassal kings, when they mounted the imperial throne, raised their ancestors from the vassal or depending state wherein these had lived, to the dignity of emperors ; so that the same honours were for the future rendered them as if they had been emperors of China. The same example was followed by the subsequent kings, and now obtains among the grandees and literati ; all now worship their ancestors, according to the rank which they themselves hold in the world. If the son be a mandarin and the father only a doctor, the latter is buried as a doctor, but sacrificed to as a mandarin. The like holds in degradations, where the condition of the fathers is that of their sons.

ANCHILOPS, ἀγκυλη, contraction, and ὠψ, eye ; in medicine, denotes an abscess, or collection of matter, between the great angle of the eye and the nose. If suffered to remain too long, or unskilfully managed, it degenerates, the stagnating humours corrupt, and an ulcer is produced. When the tumor is broke, and the tears flow involuntarily, whilst the os lachrymale is not carious, it is an *agylops* ; but when the ulcer is of a long standing, deep, fetid, and the os lachrymale becomes carious, it is a *fistula*. The cure is by restriction and excision, tying it at the root on the glandula lachrymalis, and, when ready, cutting it off. See *SURGERY-Index*.

ANCHISES, in fabulous history, a Trojan prince, descended from Dardanus, and the son of Capys. Venus made love to him in the form of a beautiful nymph ; and bore him Æneas, the hero of Virgil's Æneid.

ANCHOR (*anchora*, Lat. from ἀγκυρα, Greek), a heavy, strong, crooked instrument of iron, dropped from a ship into the bottom of the water, to retain her in a convenient station in a harbour, road, or river.

The most ancient anchors are said to have been of stone ; and sometimes of wood, to which a great quantity of lead was usually fixed. In some places, baskets full of stones, and sacks filled with sand, were employed for the same use. All these were let down by cords into the sea, and by their weight stayed the course of the ship. Afterwards they were composed of iron, and furnished with teeth, which, being fastened to the bottom of the sea, preserved the vessel immoveable ; whence ὀδοντες and *dentes* are frequently taken for anchors in the Greek and Latin poets. At first there was only one tooth, whence anchors were called εἰρεσομοί : but in a short time the second was added by Eupalamus, or Anacharsis, the Scythian philosopher. The anchors with two teeth were called ἀμφιβόλοι, or ἀμφισομοί ; and from ancient monuments appear to have been much the same with those used in our days, only the transverse piece of wood upon their handles (the stock) is wanting in all of them. Every ship had several anchors ; one of which, surpassing all the rest in bigness and strength, was peculiarly termed εἰρα or *sacra*, and

was never used but in extreme danger ; whence *sacram anchoram solvere*, is proverbially applied to such as are forced to their last refuge.

The anchors now made are contrived so as to sink into the ground as soon as they reach it, and to hold a great strain before they can be loosened or dislodged from their station. They are composed of a shank, a stock, a ring, and two arms with their flukes. The stock, which is a long piece of timber fixed across the shank, serves to guide the flukes in a direction perpendicular to the surface of the ground ; so that one of them sinks into it by its own weight as soon as it falls, and is still preserved steadily in that position by the stock, which, together with the shank, lies flat on the bottom. In this situation it must necessarily sustain a great effort before it can be dragged through the earth horizontally. Indeed this can only be effected by the violence of the wind or tide, or both of them, sometimes increased by the turbulence of the sea, and acting upon the ship so as to stretch the cable to its utmost tension, which accordingly may dislodge the anchor from its bed, especially if the ground be soft and oozy, or rocky. When the anchor is thus displaced, it is said, in the sea-phrase, to *come home*.

That the figure of this useful instrument may be more clearly understood, let us suppose a long massy beam of iron erected perpendicularly, *b*, at the lower end of which are two arms, *d e*, of equal thickness with the beam (usually called the *shank*), only that they taper towards the points, which are elevated above the horizontal plane at an angle of 30 degrees, or inclined to the shank at an angle of 60 degrees ; on the upper part of each arm, (in this position) is a fluke or thick plate of iron, *g h*, commonly shaped like an isosceles triangle whose base reaches inwards to the middle of the arm. On the upper end of the shank is fixed the stock transversely with the flukes ; the stock is a long beam of oak, *f*, in two parts, strongly bolted, and hooped together with iron rings. See also N<sup>o</sup> 2. Close above the stock is the ring *a*, to which the cable is fastened, or *bent* : the ring is curiously covered with a number of pieces of short rope, which are twisted about it so as to form a very thick texture or covering called the *puddening*, and used to preserve the cable from being fretted or chafed by the iron.

Every ship has, or ought to have, three principal anchors, with a cable to each, viz. the sheet, *maitresse-anchre*, (which is the *anchora sacra* of the ancients) ; the best bower, *second ancre* ; and small bower, *ancre d' affourche*, so called from their usual situation on the ship's bows. There are besides smaller anchors, for removing a ship from place to place in a harbour or river, where there may not be room or wind for sailing ; these are the stream-anchor, *ancre de toue* ; the kedge and grappling, *grapine* : this last, however, is chiefly designed for boats.

*Method of Making ANCHORS.* The goodness of the anchor is a point of great importance. Great care is therefore to be taken, that the metal it is made of be neither too soft nor too brittle ; the latter rendering it liable to break and the former to straiten.

The shank, arms, and flukes, are first forged separately ; then the hole is made at one end of the shank for the ring, which being also previously forged, is

Anchor.

Plate XXXI. fig. 1. n<sup>o</sup> 1.

**Anchor.** put into the hole of the shank, and the two ends shut together. After which the arms are shut to the shank, one after the other, and the anchor is finished.

Proof is made of anchors, by raising them to a great height, and then letting them fall again on a kind of iron block placed across for the purpose. To try whether the flukes will turn to the bottom and take hold of the ground, they place the anchor on an even surface, with the end of one of the flukes, and one of the ends of the stock resting on the surface; in case the anchor turns, and the point of the fluke rises upwards, the anchor is good.

In England, France, and Holland, anchors are made of forged iron; but in Spain they are sometimes made of copper, and likewise in several parts of the South-Sea.

For the proportions of anchors, according to Manwaring, the shank is to be thrice the length of one of the flukes, and half the length of the beam. According to Aubin, the length of the anchor is to be four tenths of the greatest breadth of the ship; so that the shank, *e. gr.* of an anchor in a vessel 30 feet wide, is to be 12 feet long. When the shank is, for instance, eight feet long, the two arms are to be seven feet long, measuring them according to their curvity. As to the degree of curvity given the arms, there is no rule for it; the workmen are here left to their own discretion.

The latter writer observes, that the anchor of a large heavy vessel is smaller, in proportion, than that of a lesser and lighter one. The reason he gives is, that though the sea employs an equal force against a small vessel as against a great one, supposing the extent of wood upon which the water acts to be equal in both, yet the little vessel, by reason of its superior lightness, does not make so much resistance as the greater; the defect whereof must be supplied by the weight of the anchor.

From these, and other hydrostatic principles, the following table has been formed; whercin is shown, by means of the ship's breadth within, how many feet the beam or shank ought to be long, giving it four-tenths or two-fifths of the ship's breadth within: by which proportion might be regulated the length of the other parts of the anchor. In this table is represented likewise the weight an anchor ought to be for a ship from eight feet broad to 45, increasing by one foot's breadth; supposing that all anchors are similar, or that their weights are as the cubes of the lengths of the shanks.

Breadth of the Vessel.	Feet.	Length of the Anchor.	Feet.	Weight.	Pounds.
	8		$3\frac{1}{5}$		33
	9		$3\frac{3}{5}$		47
	10		4		64
	11		$4\frac{2}{5}$		84
	12		$4\frac{4}{5}$		110
	13		$5\frac{1}{5}$		140
	14		$5\frac{2}{5}$		175
	15		6		216
	16		$6\frac{2}{5}$		262
	17		$6\frac{4}{5}$		314
	18		$7\frac{1}{5}$		373
	19		$7\frac{3}{5}$		439
	20		8		512
	21		$8\frac{2}{5}$		592

Breadth of the Vessel.	Feet.	Length of the Anchor.	Feet.	Weight.	Pounds.
	22		$8\frac{4}{5}$		681
	23		$9\frac{1}{5}$		778
	24		$9\frac{3}{5}$		884
	25		10		1000
	26		$10\frac{2}{5}$		1124
	27		$10\frac{4}{5}$		1259
	28		$11\frac{1}{5}$		1405
	29		$11\frac{3}{5}$		1562
	30		12		1728
	31		$12\frac{2}{5}$		1906
	32		$12\frac{4}{5}$		2097
	33		$13\frac{1}{5}$		2300
	34		$13\frac{3}{5}$		2515
	35		14		2742
	36		$14\frac{2}{5}$		2986
	37		$14\frac{4}{5}$		3242
	38		15		3512
	39		$15\frac{3}{5}$		3796
	40		16		4096
	41		$16\frac{2}{5}$		4426
	42		$16\frac{4}{5}$		4742
	43		$17\frac{1}{5}$		5088
	44		$17\frac{3}{5}$		5451
	45		18		5832

**Anchor.**

M. Bouguer, in his *Traite de Navire*, directs to take the length of the shank in inches, and to divide the cube of it by 1160 for the weight. The reason is obvious; because the quotient of the cube of 201 inches, which is the length of an anchor weighing 7000 lb. divided by the weight, is 1160; and therefore, by the rule of three, this will be a common divisor for the cube of any length, and a single operation will suffice.

The same author gives the following dimensions of the several parts of an anchor. The two arms generally form the arch of a circle, whose centre is three-eighths of the shank from the vertex, or point where it is fixed to the shank; and each arm is equal to the same length, or the radius; so that the two arms together make an arch of 120 degrees: the flukes are half the length of the arms, and their breadth two-fifths of the said length. With respect to the thickness, the circumference at the throat, or vertex of the shank, is generally made about the fifth part of its length, and the small end two-thirds of the throat; the small end of the arms of the flukes, three-fourths of the circumference of the shank at the throat. These dimensions should be bigger, when the iron is of a bad quality, especially if cast iron is used instead of forged iron.

*At ANCHOR*, the situation of a ship which rides by her anchor in a road or haven, &c. Plate XXXI. fig. 1. N<sup>o</sup> 3. represents the fore part of a ship as riding in this situation. See also BUOY-ROPE.

*To fish the ANCHOR*, to draw up the flukes upon the ship's side after it is catted. See the articles DAVIT and FISH.

*To steer the Ship to her ANCHOR*, is to steer the ship's head towards the place where the anchor lies when they are heaving the cable into the ship; that the cable may thereby enter the hauls with less resistance, and the ship advance towards the anchor with greater facility.

ANCHOR.

Anchor  
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Anchufa.

*ANCHOR-Ground* is a bottom which is neither too deep, too shallow, nor rocky; as in the first the cable bears too nearly perpendicular, and is thereby apt to jerk the anchor out of the ground; in the second, the ship's bottom is apt to strike at low water, or when the sea runs nigh, by which she is exposed to the danger of sinking; and in the third, the anchor is liable to hook the broken and pointed ends of rocks, and tear away its flukes, whilst the cable, from the same cause, is constantly in danger of being cut through as it rubs on their edges.

*ANCHORS*, in architecture, is a sort of carving, somewhat resembling an anchor. It is commonly placed as part of the enrichments of the boultins of capitals of the Tuscan, Doric, and Ionic orders, and also of the boultins of bed-mouldings of the Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian cornices, anchors and eggs being carved alternately through the whole building.

*ANCHOR*, in heraldry, are emblems of hope, and are taken for such in a spiritual as well as a temporal sense.

*ANCHORAGE*, in law, is a duty upon ships for the use of the port or harbour where they cast anchor.

*ANCHOVY*, in ichthyology, the English name of the *clupea encrasicolus*. See *CLUPEA*.

*ANCHOVY-PEAR*. See *GRIAS*.

*ANCHUSA*, *ALKANET* or *BUGLOSS*: A genus of the monogynia order, belonging to the pentandria class of plants; and in the natural method ranking under the 41st order, *Asperifoliae*. The *calyx* is a quinquepartite perianthium, oblong and persistent: The *corolla* is monopetalous and funnel-shaped, the throat closed with scales: The *stamina* consist of five short filaments; the antheræ oblong and covered: The *pistillum* has four germina, a filiform stylus, and obtuse stigma: There is no *pericarpium*, the calyx containing the seed in its bosom: The *seeds* are four, oblong, gibbous, and engraven at the base.

*Species*. 1. The *officinalis*, or greater garden-bugloss, is a native of France and of the warmer parts of Europe, but will thrive well enough in the climate of Britain; though the roots seldom continue longer than two years there, unless they happen to grow in rubbish, or out of an old wall, where they will live three or four years.

2. The *angustifolia*, or perennial wild borage, grows to the height of two feet when cultivated in gardens; but in those places where it grows wild is seldom more than a foot and an half high. The leaves of this sort are narrow; the spikes of flowers come out double, and have no leaves about them; the flowers are small, and of a red colour. The roots will continue two years in a poor soil. 3. The *undulata*, or Portugal bugloss, is a biennial plant, which grows to the height of two feet, and sends out many lateral branches. The flowers are of a bright blue colour, and grow in an imbricated spike. 4. The *orientalis*, or eastern bugloss, is a native of the Levant. It is a perennial plant, with long trailing branches which lie on the ground. The flowers are yellow, and about the size of the common bugloss, and there is a succession of these on the same plants great part of the year. 5. The *virginiana*, or puccoon, grows naturally in the woods of North-America; and being an early plant, generally flowers before the new leaves come out on the trees; so that in

some woods where it abounds, the ground seems entirely covered with its yellow flowers. It is a perennial plant, which seldom rises a foot high in good ground, but not above half that height where the soil is poor. The flowers grow in loose spikes upon smooth stalks. 6. The *sempervirens*, or ever-green borage, is a very hardy perennial plant, with weak trailing branches. It grows naturally in some parts of Britain and Spain. The flowers are blue, and come out between the leaves on the spike, like the fourth sort. They appear during a great part of the year. 7. The *cretica*, or warted bugloss of Crete, is a low trailing annual plant, whose branches seldom extend more than six inches. The flowers are small, of a bright blue colour, and are collected into small bunches at the extremity of the branches. The plants perish soon after their seeds are ripe. 8. The *tinctoria*, or true alkanet, grows naturally in the Levant. The flowers grow in long spikes, coming out *imbricatum*, like the tiles of a house.

*Culture*. All the species of anchufa may be propagated by seeds; which should be sown, either in the spring or autumn, upon a bed of light sandy earth; and when the plants are strong enough to be removed, they must be planted on beds at two feet distance from one another, and watered, if the season requires it, till they have taken root; after which they will require no other care than to keep them free from weeds.

*Medicinal Uses, &c.* The flowers of the first species have obtained the name of *cordial* flowers; to which they have no other title than that they moderately cool and soften, without offending, the palate or stomach; and thus, in warm climates, or in hot diseases, may in some measure refresh the patient. The root of the *tinctoria* is likewise used, not as possessed of any medicinal virtue, but on account of its imparting an elegant red colour to oily substances; so is frequently directed as a colouring ingredient for ointments, plasters, &c. As the colour is confined to the cortical part, the small roots are to be preferred, as having proportionably more bark than the large ones. The alkanet root which grows in England is greatly inferior to what comes from France, and some other parts of Europe.

*ANCHYLOBLEPHARON*. See *ANCYLOBLEPHARON*.

*ANCHYLOPS*. See *ANCHILOPS*.

*ANCHYLOSIS*. See *ANCHYLOSIS*.

*ANCIENT*, or *ANTIEN*T, a term applied to things which existed long ago; thus we say, ancient nations, ancient customs, &c. See *ANTIQUITIES*.

*ANCIENT*, sometimes denotes elderly, or of long standing, in opposition to young, or new; thus we say, an ancient barrister, ancient buildings.

*ANCIENT*, in a military sense, denotes either the ensign or colours.

*ANCIENT*, in ships of war, the streamer or flag borne in the stern.

*ANCIENT DEMESNE*, in English law, is a tenure, whereby all manors belonging to the crown in William the Conqueror's and St Edward's time were held. The numbers, names, &c. hereof were entered by the Conqueror, in a book called *Domesday Book*, yet remaining in the Exchequer; so that such lands as by that book appeared to have belonged to the crown at

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Ancillon. that time, are called *ancient demefne*.—The tenants in ancient demefne are of two forts; one who hold their lands frankly by charter; the other by copy of court-roll, or by the verge, at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the manor.—The advantages of this tenure are, 1. That tenants holding by charter cannot be rightfully impleaded out of their manor; and, when they are, they may abate the writ, by pleading the tenure. 2. They are free from toll for all things relating to their livelihood and husbandry; nor can be impannelled on any inquest.—These tenants held originally by plowing the king's land, plashing his hedges, and the like service, for the maintenance of his household; and it was on this account that such liberties were given them, for which they may have writs of *monstraverunt* to such as take the duties of toll, &c.—No lands are to be accounted ancient demefne, but such as are held in focage. Whether land be ancient demefne or not, shall be tried by the Book of DOMESDAY.

ANCIENTY, in some ancient statutes, is used for eldership or seniority. The elder sister can demand no more than her other sisters, beside the chief mesne, by reason of her ancienty. This word is used in the statute of Ireland, 14 Hen. III.

ANCILLON (David), a minister of the reformed church at Metz, where he was born the 17th of March 1617. He studied from the ninth or tenth year of his age in the Jesuits college, where he gave such proofs of his genius, that the heads of the society tried every means to draw him over to their religion and party; but he continued firm against their attacks. He went to Geneva in 1623; and studied divinity under Spanheim, Diodati, and Tronchin, who conceived a very great esteem for him. He left Geneva in April 1641, and offered himself to the synod of Charenton in order to take upon him the office of a minister: his abilities were greatly admired by the examiners, and the whole assembly were so highly pleased with him, that they gave him the church of Meaux, the most considerable then unprovided for. Here he acquired a vast reputation for his learning, eloquence, and virtue, and was even highly respected by those of the Roman-catholic communion. He returned to his own country in the year 1653, where he remained till the revocation of the edict of Nantes in 1685. He retired to Francfort after this fatal blow; and having preached in the French church at Hanau, the whole congregation were so edified by it, that they immediately called together the heads of the families, in order to propose that he might be invited to accept of being minister there. The proposition was agreed to; and he began the exercise of his ministry in that church about the end of the year 1685. His preaching made so great a noise at Hanau, that the professors of divinity, and the German and Dutch ministers, attended his sermons frequently: the count of Hanau himself, who had never before been seen in the French church, came hither to hear Mr Ancillon: they came from the neighbouring parts, and even from Francfort; people who understood nothing of French flocked together with great eagerness, and said they loved to see him speak. This occasioned a great jealousy in the two other ministers; which tended to make his situation uneasy. He therefore went to Berlin; where he met with a kind reception from his highness

the elector, and was made minister of the city. Here he had the pleasure of seeing his eldest son made judge and director of the French in the same city, and his other son rewarded with a pension and entertained at the university of Francfort upon the Oder. He had likewise the satisfaction of seeing his brother made judge of all the French in the states of Brandenburg; and Mr Cayart, his son-in-law, engineer to his electoral highness. He enjoyed these agreeable circumstances, and several others, till his death, which happened at Berlin the 3d of September, 1692, when he was 75 years of age.—Mr Ancillon having got a considerable fortune by marriage, was enabled thereby to gratify his passion for books; his library was accordingly very curious and large, and he increased it every day with all that appeared new and important in the republic of letters, so that at last it was one of the noblest collections in the hands of any private person in the kingdom. He published a book, in quarto, in which the whole dispute concerning Traditions is fully examined: he also wrote an apology for Luther, Zuinglius, Calvin, and Beza, and several other pieces.

ANCLAM, a strong town of Germany, in the circle of Upper Saxony, and duchy of Pomerania, remarkable for its excellent pastures. It is seated on the river Pene. E. Long. 14. 5. N. Lat. 54. 10.

ANCLE, or ANKLE. See ANKLE.

ANCONA (marquifate of), a province in the pope's territories in Italy. It lies between the gulph of Venice and mount Appenine, which bound it on the north; Abruzzo on the east; the duchy of Spoleto, and that of Urbino, on the west. The air is indifferent; but the soil is fruitful, particularly in hemp and flax; and there is great plenty of wax and honey. It contains several large towns, as Fermo, Loretto, Recanati, Macerata, Jesi, Tolentino, Ascoli, Ofimo, St Severino, Monte Alto, Gamerino, and Ripatransone, which are all archiepiscopal or episcopal sees.

ANCONA, a sea-port town of Italy, the capital of the marquifate of that name, and the see of a bishop. It was formerly the finest port in all Italy, being built by the emperor Trajan, about the year 115; but was almost ruined, and its trade lost: however, it has again begun to revive. Its harbour is the best in all the pope's dominions. The town lies round it on two hills; one of which is at the point of Cape St Syriaco, from whence there is a delightful prospect. On the other stands the citadel, which commands the town and harbour. The streets of this city are narrow and uneven; and the public and private buildings inferior to those of the other great towns in Italy. The cathedral is a low dark structure; and though the front is covered with fine marble, the architecture has neither beauty nor regularity. The church of St Dominic, and that of the Franciscans, have each an excellent picture of Titian. The exchange, where the merchants meet, is a handsome square portico, in which is an equestrian statue of Trajan, who first built the port. At the four corners are four other statues. The triumphal arch of Trajan remains almost entire, with its inscription. The common people in this town are a little particular and fantastical in their dress, but the better sort follow the French mode. It is a great thoroughfare from the north of Italy to Loretto; which renders provisions very dear.

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dear. The tide does not rise here above a foot, and near the Mediterranean it is scarce visible. E. Long. 15. 5. N. Lat. 43. 36.

ANCONES, in architecture, the corners or quoins of walls, cross-beams, or rafters.—Vitruvius calls the *consoles* by the same name.

ANCONY, in the iron-works, a piece of half-wrought iron, of about three quarters of 100 weight, and of the shape of a bar in the middle, but rude and unwrought at the ends. The process for bringing the iron to this state is this: They first melt off a piece from a sow of cast iron of the proper size; this they hammer at the forge into a mass of two feet long, and of a square shape, which they call a *bloom*; when this is done, they send it to the finery; where, after two or three heats and workings, they bring it to this figure, and call it an *ancony*. The middle part beat out at the finery, is about three feet long, and of the shape and thickness the whole is to be; this is then sent to the chafery, and there the ends are wrought to the shape of the middle, and the whole made into a bar. See BAR.

ANCORARUM URBES, *Ἀγκυρων Πολις*, a city in the Nomos Aphroditopolites, towards the Red Sea; so called because there was in the neighbourhood a stone quarry, in which they hewed stone anchors (Ptolemy) before iron anchors came to be used. The gentilitious name is *Ancyropolites*, (Stephanus).

ANCOURT (Florent-Carton d'), an eminent French actor and dramatic writer, born at Fontainebleau, October 1661. He studied in the Jesuits' college at Paris, under father de la Rue; who, discovering in him a remarkable vivacity and capacity for learning, was extremely desirous of engaging him in their order; but Ancourt's aversion to a religious life rendered all his efforts ineffectual. After he had gone through a course of philosophy, he applied himself to the civil law, and was admitted advocate at 17 years of age. But falling in love with an actress, he was induced to go upon the stage, and he married her. As he had all the qualifications necessary for the theatre, he soon greatly distinguished himself: and not being satisfied with the applause only of an actor, he began to write pieces for the stage; many of which had such prodigious success, that most of the players grew rich from the profits of them. His merit in this way procured him a very favourable reception at court; and Lewis XIV. showed him many marks of his favour. His sprightly conversation and polite behaviour made his company agreeable to all the men of figure both at court and in the city, and the most considerable persons were extremely pleased to have him at their houses. Having taken a journey to Dunkirk, to see his eldest daughter who lived there, he took the opportunity of paying his compliments to the elector of Bavaria, who was then at Brussels: this prince received him with the utmost civility; and having detained him a considerable time, dismissed him with a present of a diamond valued at 1000 pistoles: he likewise rewarded him in a very generous manner, when, upon his coming to Paris, Ancourt composed an entertainment for his diversion. Ancourt began at length to grow weary of the theatre, which he quitted in Lent 1718, and retired to his estate of Courcelles le Roy, in Berry, where he applied himself whol-

ly to devotion, and composed a translation of David's Psalms in verse, and a sacred tragedy, which were never printed. He died the 6th of December, 1726, being 65 years of age.—The plays which he wrote are 52 in all; most of which were printed separately at the time when they were first represented; they were afterwards collected into five volumes, then into seven, and at last into nine. This last edition is the most complete.

ANCRE, a small town of France, in Picardy, with the title of a marquissate, seated on a little river of the same name. E. Long. 2. 45. N. Lat. 49. 59.

ANCUS MARTIUS, the fourth king of the Romans, succeeded by Tullius Hostilius, 639 years before Christ. He defeated the Latins, subdued the Fidenates, conquered the Sabines, Volscii, and Veientes, enlarged Rome by joining to it mount Janicula, and made the harbour of Ostia. He died about 615 years before the Christian æra.

ANCYLE, in antiquity, a kind of shield that fell, as was pretended, from heaven, in the reign of Numa Pompilius; at which time, likewise, a voice was heard declaring that Rome should be mistress of the world as long as she should preserve this holy buckler. It was kept with great care in the temple of Mars, under the direction of twelve priests; and least any should attempt to steal it, eleven others were made so like, as not to be distinguished from the sacred one. These ancyliæ were carried in procession every year round the city of Rome.

ANCYLE, in surgery. See ANCYLOSIS.

ANCYLOBLEPHARON, (from *ἄγκυλον* bent and *βλεφαρον* an eye-lid); a disease of the eye, which closes the eye-lids. Sometimes the eye-lids grow together, and also to the tunica albuginea of the eye, from carelessness when there is an ulcer in these parts. Both these cases are called *ancyloblepharon* by the Greeks. This disorder must be distinguished from that coalition of the eye-lids which happens from viscid matter gluing them together. If the cohesion is on the cornea, the sight is inevitably lost. This hath sometimes happened in the small-pox. If there is only a growing together of the eye-lids, they may be separated with the specillum, and pledgets kept between them to prevent their re-union. If the eye-lids adhere to the eye, they are to be separated by a fine-edged knife; and their re-union is to be prevented by a proper use of injections, and lint placed between them, after dipping it in some proper liniment.

ANCYLOGLOSSUM, (from *ἄγκυλος* crooked and *γλωσσα* the tongue); a contraction of the ligaments of the tongue. Some have this imperfection from their birth, others from some disease. In the first case, the membrane which supports the tongue is too short or too hard; in the latter, an ulcer under the tongue, healing and forming a cicatrix, is sometimes the cause: These speak with some difficulty. The ancyloglossi by nature are late before they speak: but when they begin, they soon speak properly. These we call *tongue-tied*. Mauriceau says, that in this case it is a small membranous production, which extends from the frænulum to the tip of the tongue, that hinders the child from sucking, &c. He justly condemns the cruel practice among nurses, of tearing this membrane with their nails; for thus ulcers are sometimes formed, which are

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of difficult cure : he advises to snip it with scissars in two or three places, taking care not to extend the points of the scissars so far as the frænulum. The instances rarely occur which require any kind of assistance ; for if the child can thrust the tip of its tongue to the outer edge of its lip, this disease does not exist ; and if the tongue is not greatly restrained, the frænulum will stretch by the child's sucking and crying.

ANCYLOSIS, in surgery, implies a distortion or stiffness of the joints, caused by the settlement of the humours, or a distension of the nerves, and therefore remedies of a mollifying and relaxing nature are required.

ANCYRA, the capital of Galatia, (Livy, Pliny, Ptolemy) ; at no great distance from the river Halys, (Livy) : said to be built by Midas, king of Phrygia, and to take its name from an anchor found there, (Pausanias). It was greatly improved by Augustus, deemed the second founder of it, as appears from the *Mar-mor Ancyrarum*. It is now called *Angura*, or *Angoura*. E. Long. 35°. Lat. 41. 20.

ANCYSTRUM, in botany : A genus of the digynia order, belonging to the diandria class of plants ; the essential characters of which are : The *calyx* is a single-leaved, four-toothed perianthium, four-awn'd, the awns terminated with cross-barbs : The *corolla* is four-cleft ; the stigma pencil'd.

ANDABATÆ, in antiquity, a sort of gladiators, who, mounted on horseback or in chariots, fought hoodwinked, having a helmet that covered their eyes.

ANDALUSIA, is the most western province of Spain, having Estramadura and La Mancha on the north ; the kingdom of Granada, the straits of Gibraltar, and the Ocean, on the east and south ; and, on the west, the kingdom of Algarva in Portugal, from which it is separated by the river Guadiana. It is about 182 miles long, and 150 broad. The chief cities and towns are Seville the capital, Baeza, Gibraltar, Corduba, Cadiz, Medina, Sidonia, Jaen, Port St Mary, &c. It is the best, most fruitful, and the richest part of all Spain. There is a good air, a serene sky, a fertile soil, and a great extent on the sea-coast fit for commerce.

*New ANDALUSIA*, a division of the province of Terra Firma in South-America, whose boundaries cannot be well ascertained, as the Spaniards pretend a right to countries in which they have never established any settlements. According to the most reasonable limits, it extends in length 500 miles from north to south, and about 270 in breadth from east to west. The interior country is woody and mountainous, variegated with fine valleys that yield corn and pasturage. The produce of the country consists chiefly in dying-drugs, gums, medicinal roots, brazil wood, sugar, tobacco, and some valuable timber. To this province also belonged five valuable pearl-fisheries. The capital of New Andalusia is Comana, Cumana, or New Corduba, situated in N. Lat. 9. 55. about nine miles from the north sea. Here the Spaniards laid the foundation of a town in the year 1520. The place is strong by nature, and fortified by a castle capable of making a vigorous defence ; as appeared in the year 1670, when it was assaulted by the buccanneers, who were repulsed with very great slaughter.

ANDAMAN or ANDEMAN Islands, in the East Indies, situated about 80 leagues distance from Tanas-

serim on the coast of Siam. They are but little known ; only the East India ships sometimes touch at them, and are supplied by the natives with rice, herbs, and fruits : the inhabitants are by some represented as an harmless inoffensive race of men, and by others as cannibals. E. Long. 92. 0. N. Lat. from 10°. to 15°.

ANDANTE, in music, signifies a movement moderately slow, between *largo* and *allegro*.

ANDECAVI, (Tacitus) ; ANDEGAVI, (Pliny) ; ANDES, (Cæsar) ; ANDI, (Lucan) : A people of Gallia Celtica, having the Turones to the East, the Namnetes to the west, the Pictones to the south, and the Aulerici Cœnomani to the north : now *Anjou*.

ANDEGAVI, or ANDEGAVUS, a town of Gallia Celtica, (Pliny, Ptolemy) ; now *Angiers*. Called *Andecavi*, (Tacitus). W. Long. 30. Lat. 47. 30.

ANDELY, a town of Normandy in France, parted in two by a paved causeway. Here is a fountain to which pilgrims flock from all parts, to be cured of their disorders, on the feast-day of the saint to which it is dedicated. It is 20 miles S. E. of Rouen, and five N. W. of Paris. E. Long. 1. 30. N. Lat. 49. 20.

ANDENA, in old writers, denotes the swath made in mowing of hay, or as much ground as a man can stride over at once.

ANDEOL (St), a town of France, in the Vivarez, five miles S. of St Viviers, whose bishop formerly resided there. E. Long. 2. 50. N. Lat. 44. 24.

ANDERAB, the most southern city of the province of Balkh, possessed by the Usbeck Tartars. It is very rich and populous, but a place of no great strength. The neighbouring mountains yield excellent quarries of lapis lazulli, in which the Bukhars drive a great trade with Persia and India.—This city is situated at the foot of the mountains dividing the dominions of the Great Mogul and Persia from Great Bukharia. As there is no other way of crossing these mountains but by the road through this city, all travellers with goods must pay 4 per cent. On this account the Khan of Balkh maintains a good number of soldiers in the place.

ANDERNACHT, a city of Cologne, in the circle of the Lower Rhine. It is situated in a plain on the river Rhine ; and is fortified with a wall, castle, and bulwarks. It has a trade in stone jugs and pitchers, which are sent to the mineral waters at Dunchstein. There are three monasteries here and several churches. E. Long. 7. 4. N. Lat. 50. 27.

ANDERNO (St), a sea-port town in the bay of Biscay, in Old Castile, seated on a small peninsula. It is a trading town, and contains about 700 houses, two parish-churches, and four monasteries. Here the Spaniards build and lay up some of their men of war. W. Long. 4. 30. N. Lat. 43. 20.

ANDERSON (Sir Edmund), a younger son of an ancient Scotch family settled in Lincolnshire. He was some time a student of Lincoln college, Oxford ; and removed from thence to the Inner Temple, where he applied himself diligently to the study of the law, and became a barrister. In the 9th of queen Elizabeth he was both lent and summer reader, and in the 17th double reader. He was appointed her majesty's serjeant at law in the 19th year of her reign ; and some time after, one of the justices of assize. In 1582 he

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Andes. was made lord chief justice of the common pleas, and in the year following was knighted. He held his office to the end of his life, died in the year 1605, and was buried at Eyworth in Bedfordshire. He was an able, but punctilious lawyer; a scourge to the Puritans; and a strenuous supporter of the established church. His works are, 1. Reports of many principal cases argued and adjudged in the time of queen Elizabeth, in the common bench. Lond. 1664, fol. 2. Resolutions and judgments on the cases and matters agitated in all the courts of Westminster, in the latter end of the reign of queen Elizabeth. Published by John Goldsborough, Esq; Lond. 1653, 4to. Besides these, there is a manuscript copy of his Readings still in being.

ANDERSON (Adam), a native of Scotland, was brother to the reverend James Anderson, D. D. editor of the *Diplomata Scotiæ* and *Royal Genealogies*, many years since minister of the Scots presbyterian church in Swallow-street, Picadilly, and well known in those days among the people of that persuasion resident in London, by the name of Bishop Anderson; a learned but imprudent man, who lost a considerable part of his property in the fatal year 1720. He married, and had issue a son, and a daughter, who was the wife of an officer in the army.

Adam Anderson was for 40 years a clerk in the South Sea House; and at length arrived to his acmè there, being appointed chief clerk of the Stock and New Annuities, which office he retained till his death. He was appointed one of the trustees for establishing the colony of Georgia, in America; and was also one of the court of assistants of the Scots corporation in London. The time of the publication of his "Historical and Chronological Deduction of Trade and Commerce," a work replete with useful information, was about the year 1762. He was twice married; by the first wife he had issue a daughter, married to one Mr Hardy, an apothecary in the Strand, who are both dead without issue; he afterwards became the third husband of the widow of Mr Coulter, formerly a wholesale linen-draper in Cornhill, by whom he had no issue. She was, like him, tall and graceful; and her face has been thought to have some resemblance to that of the ever-living countess of Desmond, given in Mr Pennant's first Tour in Scotland. Mr Anderson died at his house in Red Lion-street, Clerkenwell, January 10, 1775. He had a good library of books, which were sold by his widow, who survived him several years, and died in 1781.

ANDES, a great chain of mountains in South America, which, running from the most northern part of Peru to the straits of Magellan, between 3 and 4000 miles, are the longest and most remarkable in the world. The Spaniards call them the *Cordilleras de los Andes*; they form two ridges, the lowermost of which is overspread with woods and groves, and the uppermost covered with everlasting snow. Those who have been at the top, affirm, that the sky is always serene and bright; the air cold and piercing; and yet so thin, that they were scarce able to breathe, and the respiration was much thicker than ordinary; and this attended with reaching and vomiting; which, however, has been considered by some as merely accidental. When they looked downwards, the country was hid by the

clouds that hovered on the mountain's sides. The mountains just mentioned, which have been frequently ascended, are much inferior in height to many others in this enormous chain. The following is the account given of the mountain called *Pichincha*, by the mathematicians sent by the kings of France and Spain to make observations in relation to the figure of the earth.

Soon after our artists arrived at Quito, they determined to continue the series of the triangles for measuring an arch of the meridian to the S. of that city: the company accordingly divided themselves into two bodies, consisting of French and Spaniards, and each retired to the part assigned them. Don George Juan and M. Godin, who were at the head of one party, went to the mountain of Pambamarca; while M. Bougeur, de la Condamine, and Don Ulloa, together with their assistants, climbed up to the highest summit of Pichincha. Both parties suffered extremely, as well from the severity of the cold as from the impetuosity of the winds, which on these heights blow with incessant violence; difficulties the more painful, as they had been little used to such sensations. Thus, in the torrid zone, nearly under the equinoctial, where it is natural to suppose they had most to fear from the heat, their greatest pain was caused by the excessiveness of the cold.

Their first scheme for shelter and lodging in these uncomfortable regions, was to pitch a field-tent for each company; but on Pichincha this could not be done from the narrowness of the summit: they were therefore obliged to be contented with a hut so small that they all could hardly creep into it. Nor will this appear strange, if the reader considers the bad disposition and smallness of the place, it being one of the loftiest crags of a rocky mountain, 100 fathoms above the highest part of the desert of Pichincha. Such was the situation of their mansion, which, like all the other adjacent parts, soon became covered with ice and snow. The ascent up this stupendous rock from the base, or the place where the mules could come, to their habitation, was so craggy as only to be climbed on foot; and to perform it cost them four hours continual labour and pain, from the violent efforts of the body, and the subtilty of the air; the latter being such as to render respiration difficult.

The strange manner of living to which our artists were reduced during the time they were employed in a geometrical mensuration of some degrees of the meridian, may not perhaps prove unenterprising to the reader; and therefore the following account is given as a specimen of it. The desert of Pichincha, both with regard to the operations performed there and its inconveniences, differing very little from others, an idea may be very easily formed of the fatigues, hardships, and dangers, to which they were continually exposed during the time they were prosecuting the enterprise, with the conduct of which they had been honoured. The principal difference between the several deserts consisted in their greater or lesser distance from places where they could procure provisions; and in the inclemency of the weather, which was proportionate to the height of the mountains, and the season of the year.

They generally kept within their hut. Indeed they were obliged to do this, both on account of the in-

*Andes.* tenfeness of the cold, the violence of the wind, and their being continually involved in so thick a fog, that an object at six or eight paces was hardly discernible. When the fog cleared up, the clouds by their gravity moved nearer to the surface of the earth, and on all sides surrounded the mountains to a vast distance, representing the sea, with their rock like an island in the centre of it. When this happened they heard the horrid noises of the tempests, which then discharged themselves on Quito and the neighbouring country. They saw the lightnings issue from the clouds, and heard the thunders roll far beneath them: and whilst the lower parts were involved in tempests of thunder and rain, they enjoyed a delightful serenity; the wind was abated, the sky clear, and the enlivening rays of the sun moderated the severity of the cold. But their circumstances were very different when the clouds rose: their thickness rendered respiration difficult; the snow and hail fell continually; and the wind returned with all its violence; so that it was impossible entirely to overcome the fears of being, together with their hut, blown down the precipice, on whose edge it was built, or of being buried under it by the daily accumulations of ice and snow.

The wind was often so violent in these regions, that its velocity dazzled the sight, whilst their fears were increased from the dreadful concussions of the precipice, caused by the fall of enormous fragments of rocks. These crashes were the more alarming, as no other noises are heard in these deserts: and during the night, their rest, which they so greatly wanted, was frequently disturbed by such sudden sounds. When the weather was any thing fair with them, and the clouds gathered about some of the other mountains which had a connection with their observations, so that they could not make all the use they desired of this interval of good weather, they left their hut to exercise themselves. Sometimes they descended to some small distance; and at others amused themselves with rolling large fragments of rocks down the precipice; and these frequently required the joint strength of them all, though they often saw the same effected by the mere force of the wind. But they always took care in their excursions not to go so far out, but that on the least appearance of the clouds gathering about their cottage, which often happened very suddenly, they could regain their shelter. The door of their hut was fastened with thongs of leather, and on the inside not the smallest crevice was left unstopped; beside which, it was very compactly covered with straw: but, notwithstanding all their care, the wind penetrated through. The days were often little better than the nights; and all the light they enjoyed was that of a lamp or two, which they kept continually burning.

Though their hut was small, and crowded with inhabitants, beside the heat of the lamps; yet the intensity of the cold was such, that every one of them was obliged to have a chafing dish of coals. These precautions would have rendered the rigour of the climate supportable, had not the imminent danger of perishing by being blown down the precipice roused them, every time it snowed, to encounter the severity of the outward air, and to fall out with shovels to free the roof of their hut from the masses of snow which were gathering on it. Nor would it, without this precaution, have

*Andes.* been able to support the weight. They were not indeed without servants and Indians; but these were so benumbed with the cold, that it was with great difficulty they could get them out of a small tent, where they kept a continual fire. So that all our artists could obtain from them was to take their turns in this labour; and even then they went very unwillingly about it, and consequently performed it very slowly.

It may easily be conceived what this company suffered from the asperities of such a climate. Their feet were swelled; and so tender, that they could not even bear the heat; and walking was attended with extreme pain. Their hands were covered with chilblains; their lips swelled and chapped; so that every motion in speaking, or the like, drew blood; consequently they were obliged to strict taciturnity, and little disposed to laugh, as, by causing a distension of the lips, it produced such fissures as were very painful for two or three days after.

Their common food in this inhospitable region was a little rice boiled with some flesh or fowl, procured from Quito; and, instead of fluid water, their pot was filled with ice; they had the same resource with regard to what they drank; and while they were eating, every one was obliged to keep his plate over a chafing-dish of coals, to prevent his provisions from freezing. The same was done with regard to the water. At first they imagined the drinking strong liquors would diffuse a heat through the body, and consequently render it less sensible of the painful sharpness of the cold; but, to their surprise, they felt no manner of strength in such liquors, nor were they any greater preservative against the cold than the common water.

At the same time they found it impossible to keep the Indians together. On their first feeling of the climate, their thoughts were immediately turned on deserting their masters. The first instance they had of this kind was so unexpected, that, had not one, of a better disposition than the rest, staid and acquainted them of their design, it might have proved of very bad consequence. The affair was this: There being on the top of the rock no room for pitching a tent for the Indians, they used every evening to retire to a cave at the foot of the mountain; where, beside a natural diminution of the cold, they could keep a continual fire; and, consequently enjoyed more comfortable quarters than their masters. Before they withdrew at night, they fastened, on the outside, the door of the hut, which was so low that it was impossible to go in or out without stooping; and as every night the hail and snow which had fallen formed a wall against the door, it was the business of one or two of the Indians to come early and remove this obstruction. For though the negro servants were lodged in a little tent, their hands and feet were so covered with chilblains, that they would rather have suffered themselves to have been killed than move. The Indians therefore came constantly up to dispatch this work betwixt nine and ten in the morning: but they had not been there above four or five days, when they were not a little alarmed to see ten, eleven, and twelve o'clock come, without any news of their labourers; when they were relieved by the honest servant mentioned above, who had withstood the seduction of his countrymen, and informed his masters of the desertion of the four others. As soon as the snow was cleared away from the

Andes. the door, they dispatched the Indian to the corregidor of Quito, who with equal dispatch sent other Indians, threatening to chastise them severely if they were wanting in their duty.

But the fear of punishment was not sufficient to induce them to support the rigour of this situation; for within two days they deserted. The corregidor therefore, to prevent any other inconvenience, sent four Indians under the care of an alcalde, and gave orders for their being relieved every fourth day.

Twenty-three tedious days our artists spent on this rock, viz. to the 6th of September, and even without any possibility of finishing their observations of the angles: for when it was fair and clear weather with them, the others, on whose summits the signals which formed the triangles for measuring the degrees of the meridian, were hid in the clouds; and when those were clear, Pichincha was involved in clouds. It was therefore necessary to erect their signals in a lower situation, and in a more favourable region. This, however, did not produce any change in their habitation till the beginning of December; when, having finished the observations which particularly concerned Pichincha, they proceeded to others; but with no abatement either of inconveniences, cold, or fatigue; for the places where they made their observations being necessarily on the highest parts of the deserts, the only respite in which they enjoyed some little ease was during the short interval of passing from one to the other.

In all their stations subsequent to that on Pichincha, during their fatiguing mensuration of the degrees of the meridian, each company lodged in a field-tent, which, though small, they found less inconvenient than the hut on Pichincha; though at the same time they had more trouble, being oftener obliged to clear it from the snow, as the weight of it would otherwise have demolished the tent. At first, indeed, they pitched it in the most sheltered places; but on taking a resolution that the tents themselves should serve for signals, to prevent the inconvenience of having others of wood, they removed them to a more exposed situation, where the impetuosity of the winds sometimes tore up the piquets, and blew them down.

Though this mountain is famous for its great height, it is considerably lower than the mountain of Cotopaxi: but it is impossible to conceive the coldness of the summit of the last-mentioned mountain from that felt on this; since it must exceed every idea that can be formed by the human mind, tho' they are both seated in the midst of the torrid zone. In all this range of mountains, there is said to be a constant inferior boundary, beyond which the snow never melts: this boundary, in the midst of the torrid zone, is said by some to be 2434 fathoms above the level of the sea; by others, only 2400 feet. The snow indeed falls much lower, but then it is subject to be melted the very same day. It is affirmed, that there are in the Andes 16 volcanoes or burning mountains, which throw out fire and smoke with a terrible noise. The height of Chimborazo, said to be the highest peak of the Andes, has been determined by geometrical calculations to be 20,282 feet. But the great differences between the calculators of the height of mountains in other parts of the world, must very much diminish the credit of such calculations. Instances of this we have already given under the article *ÆT-*

*NA.* No less remarkable are the differences concerning the height of the peak of Teneriffe; which, according to the calculations of Varenus, is three miles and three quarters, or 19,800 feet; according to those of Dr Herberden, it is only 15,396 feet; and according to those of M. Feuille, is no more than 12,128 feet. From these specimens, we can scarce avoid concluding, that all the methods hitherto invented for calculating the exact height of mountains are insufficient.

As all or most rivers have their source in mountains, it is no wonder a great number run down the sides of the Andes. Some hurry along with a prodigious rapidity; while others form beautiful cascades, or run thro' holes in rocks, which look like bridges of a stupendous height. There is a public road through the mountains 1000 miles in length, part of which runs from Quito to Cusco.

*ANDES*, a hamlet of Mantua in Italy, the birth-place of Virgil. Hence the epithet *Audinus* (Silius Italicus). Now called *Pietola*, two miles to the west of Mantua.

*ANDETRIUM*; *ANDRETIUM* (Strabo); *ANDECRUM*, or *ANDRECIUM* (Ptolemy): An inland town of Dalmatia. The genuine name is *Andetrium* (Inscription.) It is described as situated near Salonæ, on a naturally strong and inaccessible rock, surrounded with deep valleys, with rapid torrents; from which it appears to be the citadel now called *Cliffa*. E. Long. 17. 46. N. Lat. 43. 20.

*ANDEUSE*, a city of Languedoc in France, situated in E. Long. 3. 40. and N. Lat. 43. 45.

*ANDOMADUNUM*; *ANDOMATUNUM* (Ptolemy); and *ANTEMATUNUM* (Antonine); *CIVITAS LINGONUM* (Tacitus): A city of Gallia Belgica; now *Langres* in Champagne, situated on an eminence (which seems to justify the termination *dunum*), on the borders of Burgundy, at the springs of the Marne. Tacitus calls an inhabitant *Lingon*. E. Long. 5. 22. N. Lat. 48. 0.

*ANDOVER*, a large market town in Hampshire, on the London road. It is seated on a branch of the river Test, and sends two members to parliament. It has several inns, which afford good accommodations for travellers; and has a market on Saturday, well stocked with provisions. It is governed by a bailiff, a steward, a recorder, ten approved men, and twenty-two capital burgeses, who yearly choose the bailiff, and he elects two serjeants at mace to attend him. The living is a vicarage, valued at 1711. 4s. 4d. in the king's books. W. Long. 0. 56. N. Lat. 51. 20.

*ANDRADA* (Diego de Payva d') or *ANDRADIUS*, a learned Portuguese, born at Conimbria, who distinguished himself at the council of Trent, where king Sebastian sent him as one of his divines. There is scarce any Catholic author who has been more quoted by the Protestants than he, because he maintained some opinions a little extravagant concerning the salvation of the Heathens. Andrada was esteemed an excellent preacher. His sermons were published in three parts, the second of which was translated into Spanish by Benedict de Alcoran. Many encomiums have been bestowed upon Andrada. Osorius, in his preface to the "Orthodox Explanations of Andradus," gives him the character of a man of wit, vast application, great knowledge in the languages, with all the

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*Andrachne* zeal and eloquence necessary to a good preacher; and Rosweidus says, that he brought to the council of Trent the understanding of a most profound divine, and the eloquence of a consummate orator.

**ANDRACHNE, BASTARD ORPINE:** A genus of the gynandria order, belonging to the monœcia class of plants; and in the natural method ranking under the 38th order, *Tricocca*. The characters are: The male *calyx* consists of five leaves; the *corolla* has five petals; and the *stamina*, which are also five in number, are inserted into the stylus: The female *calyx* is divided into five leaves; there is no *corolla*; the *styli* are three; and the *capsule* is trilocular, containing three seeds.

*Species.* 1. The telephoides, or herbaceous trailing andrachne, is a low plant, whose branches trail upon the ground. The leaves are small, of an oval shape, smooth, and of a sea-green colour. It is found wild in some parts of Italy and the Archipelago; but is a plant of no great beauty, and therefore seldom cultivated. 2. The fruticosa, or shrubby bastard orpine, is a native of China and some places of America, where it rises 12 or 14 feet high. The leaves are spear-shaped, pointed, and smooth; and under them are produced the footstalks of the flowers, which are small, and of a herbaceous white colour. 3. The arborea, with a tree-like stalk. This species was discovered by the late Dr William Houston, growing naturally at Campeachy. It has a strong woody stem, which rises more than 20 feet high, and sends out many branches on every side. A fourth sort is also mentioned by Mr Millar as raised by him from seeds sent from Jamaica. It agrees in general with the third sort; but the leaves are somewhat like the laurel, only much larger.

*Culture.* The first species may be raised, by sowing the seeds in March, on a moderate hot-bed. The plants may be removed into small pots, and plunged into another very moderate hot-bed, to bring them forward; but in mild weather they should have plenty of air admitted to them, and be frequently refreshed with water. In June they will produce flowers, and the seeds will ripen in August and September.—The other species are very tender, and therefore must be kept constantly in the bark-stove. It is very difficult to procure good seeds of these sorts; the covers often containing nothing, though they appear very fair outwardly.

**ANDRAPODISMUS**, in ancient writers, the selling of persons for slaves. Hence also *andrapodistes*, a dealer in slaves, more particularly a kidnapper, who steals men or children to sell them; a crime for which the Thessalians were noted.

**ANDRAPODOCAPELI**, in antiquity, a kind of dealers in slaves. The *andrapodocapeli* had a particular process for taking off moles and the like disfigurements on the faces of the slaves they kept for sale, by rubbing them with bran. At Athens, several places in the forum were appointed for the sale of slaves. Upon the first day of every month, the merchants called *Ανδραποδοκαπηλοι* brought them into the market, and exposed them to sale; the crier standing upon a stone erected for that purpose, called the people together.

**ANDREA** (St), a small village on the Malabar coast in the East-Indies, founded originally by the Portuguese. It takes its name from a church dedicated to

St Andrew, and served by the priests of St Thomas.— On the shore of St Andrea, about half a league out in the sea, lies Mud-bay, a place which few in the world can parallel. It is open to the wide ocean, and has neither island nor bank to break the force of the billows, which come rolling with great violence from all parts, in the south-west monsoons: but on this bank of mud they lose themselves in a moment; and ships lie on it as secure as in the best harbour, without motion or disturbance. It reaches about a mile along shore, and has been observed to shift its place from the northward about three miles in 30 years. From St Andrea to Kranganôr, about 12 leagues to the south, the water has the bad property of causing swellings in the legs of those who drink it constantly. Some it affects in one leg, and some in both. It causes no pain, but itching; nor does the swelled leg seem heavier to the owner than the small one, though some have been seen a yard in circumference at the ankle. The Romish legends impute the cause of this distemper (for which no preventative or cure hath been hitherto found) to a curse laid by St Thomas upon his murderers and their posterity; though, according to the Romans themselves, St Thomas was killed by the Tillinga priests at Meliaphûr, on the coast of Coromandel, about 400 miles distant, and where the natives have not this distemper.

**ANDREAS** (John), a celebrated canonist in the 14th century, was born at Mugello, near Florence; and was professor of canon-law at Padua, Pisa, and afterwards at Bologna. It is said that he macerated his body with fasting; and lay upon the bare ground every night for 20 years together, covered only with the skin of a bear. This is attested by very good authors; but if the story which Poggius tells of him in his *Jests* be true, he must afterwards have relaxed much of this continency: “Joannem Andream, (says he), doctorem Bonnoniensem, ejus fama admodum vulgata est, subagitantem ancillam domesticam uxor deprehendit: re insueta stupefacta mulier in virum versa, Ubi nunc, ait, Joannes, est sapientia vestra? ille nil amplius locutus, In vulva istius, respondit, loca admodum sapientiæ accommodato.” The French translation of this perhaps will not be displeasing.

*Jean, dit André, fameux Docteur des Loix,  
Fut pris un jour au péché d'amourette:  
Il acolloit une jeune soubrette.  
Sa femme vint, fit un signe de croix.  
Ho ho, dit elle, est ce vous? non je pense:  
Vous, dont par tout en vante la prudence.  
Qu'est devenu cet esprit si subtil?  
Le bon André, pour suivant son négoce,  
Honteux pourtant, ma foi, repoudit-il,  
Prudence, esprit, tout gist dans cette fosse.*

Since it is agreed that John Andreas had a bastard, this story is at the bottom very probable; and it was perhaps with the mother of Baniconcius that his wife found him. Andreas had a beautiful daughter, named *Novella*, whom he loved extremely: and he is said to have instructed her so well in all parts of learning, that when he was engaged in any affair which hindered him from reading lectures to his scholars, he sent his daughter in his room; and lest her beauty should prevent the

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Andreas. attention of the hearers, she had a little curtain drawn before her. To perpetuate the memory of this daughter, he intitled his commentary upon the Decretals of Gregory IX. the *Novella*. He married her to John Calderinus, a learned canonist. The first work of Andreas was his Gloss upon the Sixth Book of the Decretals, which he wrote when he was very young. He wrote also Glosses upon the Clementines; and a Commentary in *regulas Sexti*, which he intitled *Mercuriales*, because he either engaged in it on Wednesdays (*diebus Mercurii*;) or because he inserted his Wednesdays disputes in it. He enlarged the Speculum of Durant, in the year 1347. This is all which Mr Bayle mentions of his writings, though he wrote many more. Andreas died of the plague at Bologna, in 1348, after he had been a professor 45 years; and was buried in the church of the Dominicans. Many eulogiums have been bestowed upon him. He has been called *Archidocor decretorum*: In his epitaph, *Rabbi doctorum; lux, censor normaue morum*; "Rabbi of the doctors, the light, censor, and rule of manners:" And it is said, that Pope Boniface called him *lumen mundi*, "the light of the world."

ANDREAS (John) was born a Mahometan, at Xativa in the kingdom of Valencia, and succeeded his father in the dignity of alfaqui of that city. He was enlightened with the knowledge of the Christian religion by being present at a sermon in the great church of Valencia on the day of Assumption of the blessed Virgin, in the year 1437. Upon this he desired to be baptized; and, in memory of the calling of St John and St Andrew, he received the name John Andreas. "Having received holy orders (says he), and, from an alfaqui and a slave of Lucifer, become a priest and minister of Christ; I began, like St Paul, to preach and publish the contrary of what I had erroneously believed and asserted; and, with the assistance of Almighty God, I converted at first a great many souls of the Moors, who were in danger of hell, and under the dominion of Lucifer, and conducted them into the way of salvation. After this, I was sent for by the most catholic princes king Ferdinand and queen Isabella, in order to preach in Granada to the Moors of that kingdom, which their majesties had conquered: by God's blessing on my preaching, an infinite number of Moors were brought to abjure Mahomet, and to turn to Christ. A little after this, I was made a canon by their grace; and sent for again by the most Christian queen Isabella to Arragon, that I might be employed in the conversion of the Moors of those kingdoms, who still persisted in their errors, to the great contempt and dishonour of our crucified Saviour, and the prodigious loss and danger of all Christian princes. But this excellent and pious design of her Majesty was rendered ineffectual by her death." At the desire of Martin Garcia, bishop of Barcelona, he undertook to translate from the Arabic, into the language of Arragon, the whole law of the Moors; and after having finished this undertaking, he composed his famous work of *The Confusion of the Sect of Mahumed*: it contains twelve chapters, wherein he has collected the fabulous stories, impostures, forgeries, brutalities, follies, obscenities, absurdities, impossibilities, lies, and contradictions, which Mahomet, in order to deceive the simple people, has dispersed in the writings of that sect, and especial-

ly in the alcoran, which, as he says, was revealed to him in one night by an angel, in the city of Meke; though in another place he contradicts himself, and affirms that he was 20 years in composing it. Andreas tells us, he wrote this work, that not only the learned among Christians, but even the common people, might know the different belief and doctrine of the Moors; and on the one hand might laugh and ridicule such insolent and brutal notions, and on the other might lament their blindness and dangerous condition. This book, which was published at first in Spanish, has been translated into several languages; all those who write against the Mahometans quote it very much.

ANDREINI (Isabella), a native of Padua, was an excellent poetess, and one of the best comedians in Italy, towards the beginning of the 17th century. The Intenti of Pavia thought they did their society an honour by admitting her a member of it; and she, in acknowledgement of this honour, never forgot to mention amongst her titles that of *Academica Infanta*: her titles were these, "Isabella Andreini, comica gelosa, academica infanta, detta l'accessa." She was also a woman of extraordinary beauty; which, added to a fine voice, made her charm both the eyes and ears of the audience. She died of a miscarriage, at Lyons, the 10th of June, 1604, in the 42d year of her age. Her death being a matter of general concern and lamentation, there were many Latin and Italian elegies printed to her memory: several of these pieces were placed before her poems in the edition of Milan, in 1605. Besides her sonnets, madrigals, songs, and eclogues, there is a pastoral of hers intitled Myrilla, and letters, printed at Venice in 1610. She sung extremely well, played admirably on several instruments, understood the French and Spanish languages, and was not unacquainted with philosophy.

ANDRELINUS (Publius Faustus), born at Forli in Italy. He was a long time professor of poetry and philosophy in the university of Paris. Lewis XII. of France made him his poet laureat; and Erasmus tells us he was likewise poet to the queen. His pen was not wholly employed in making verses; for he wrote also moral and proverbial letters in prose, which were printed several times. His poems, which are chiefly in Latin, are inserted in Vol. I. of the *Deliciae Poetarum Italarum*. Mr De la Monnoie tells us, "that Andrelinus, when he was but 22 years old, received the crown of laurel: That his love-verses, divided into four books, intitled *Livia*, from the name of his mistress, were esteemed so fine by the Roman Academy, that they adjudged the prize of the Latin elegy to the author." He died in 1518. This author's manner of life was not very exemplary; yet he was so fortunate, says Erasmus, that though he took the liberty of rallying the divines, he was never brought into trouble about it.

ANDREW (St), the apostle, born at Bethsaida in Galilee, brother to Simon Peter. He had been a disciple of John the baptist, and followed Jesus upon the testimony given of him by the baptist, (John i. 30, 37, &c.) He followed our Saviour with another of John's disciples, and went into the house where Jesus lodged; here he continued from about four o'clock in the afternoon till it was night. This was the first disciple whom our Saviour received into his train. Andrew introduced his brother Simon, and they passed a day with

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Andrew. with Christ, after which they went to the marriage in  
Andrew's. Cana (*id.* ii.), and at last returned to their ordinary  
occupation. Some months after, Jesus meeting them  
while they were both fishing together, called them to  
him, and promised to make them fishers of men. Im-  
mediately they left their nets, followed him, (*Matt.* iv.  
19.) and never afterwards separated from him.

After our Saviour's ascension, his apostles having  
determined by lot what parts of the world they should  
severally take, Scythia and the neighbouring countries  
fell to St Andrew, who according to Eusebius, after  
he had planted the gospel in several places, came to  
Patræ in Achaia, where, endeavouring to convert the  
proconsul Ægeas, he was by that governor's orders  
scourged, and then crucified. The particular time of  
his suffering martyrdom is not known; but all the an-  
cient and modern martyrologies, both of the Greeks  
and Latins, agree in celebrating his festival upon the  
30th of November. His body was embalmed, and de-  
cently interred at Patræ by Maximilla, a lady of great  
quality and estate. Afterwards it was removed to Con-  
stantinople by Constantine the Great, and buried in the  
great church, which he had built to the honour of the  
apostles. There is a cross to be seen at this day in the  
church of St Victor at Marseilles, which is believed by  
the Romanists to be the same that St Andrew was fas-  
tened to. It is in the shape of the letter X, and is in-  
closed in a silver shrine. Peter Chrysologus says, that  
he was crucified upon a tree; and the spurious Hippo-  
lytus assures us it was an olive-tree.

ANDREW, or *Knights of St ANDREW*, an order of  
knights, more usually called the order of the thistle.  
(See THISTLE.)

*Knights of St ANDREW*, is also an order instituted by  
Peter the Great of Muscovy in 1698; the badge of  
which is a golden medal; on one side whereof is re-  
presented St Andrew's cross, with these words, *Cazar  
Pierre monarque de tout la Russie*. This medal, being  
fastened to a blue ribbon, is suspended from the right  
shoulder.

*St ANDREW'S Cross*, one in form of the letter X.  
(See CROSS.)

*St ANDREW'S Day*, a festival of the Christian church,  
celebrated on the 30th of November, in honour of the  
apostle St Andrew.

ANDREW'S (St), a town of Fifeshire, in Scotland,  
once the metropolis of the Pictish kingdom, lying in  
W. Long. 2. 25. N. Lat. 56. 18. If we may credit  
legend, St Andrew's owes its origin to a singular ac-  
cident. St Regulus (or *St Rule*, as he is likewise cal-  
led), a Greek of Achaia, was warned by a vision to leave  
his native country, and visit Albion, an isle placed in  
the remotest part of the world; and to take with him  
the arm-bone, three fingers, and three toes, of St An-  
drew. He obeyed, and set sail with his companions,  
but had a very tempestuous passage. After being tossed  
for some time on a stormy sea, he was at last shipwrecked  
on the coasts of Otholania, in the territories of Hergu-  
stus king of the Picts, in the year 370. On hearing  
of the arrival of the strangers, with their precious re-  
lics, the king immediately gave orders for their recep-  
tion, afterwards presenting the faint with his own pa-  
lace, and building near it the church, which still bears  
the name of *St Regulus*.

At this time the place was stiled *Mincrofs*, or the

*land of boars*: all round was forest, and the lands be-  
stowed on the Saint were called *Byrehid*. The boars  
equalled in size the ancient Erymanthian; as a proof  
of which, two tusks, each sixteen inches long and four  
thick, were chained to the altar of St Andrew's. St  
Regulus changed the name to *Kilrymont*; and establish-  
ed here the first Christian priests of the country, called  
*Culdees*. This church was supreme in the kingdom of  
the Picts; Ungus having granted to God and St An-  
drew, that it should be the head and mother of all the  
churches in his dominions. He also directed that the  
cross of St Andrew should become the badge of the  
country. In 518, after the conquest of the Picts, he  
removed the episcopal see to St Andrew's, and the Bi-  
shop was stiled *maximus Scotorum episcopus*. In 1441,  
it was erected into an archbishopric by Sextus IV. at  
the intercession of James III. In 1606, the priory was  
suppressed; and, in 1617, the power of election was  
transferred to eight bishops, the principal of St Leo-  
nard's college, the archdeacon, the vicars of St An-  
drew's, Leuchars, and Coupar. This see contained the  
greatest part of the shire of Fife, with a part of Perth,  
Forfar, and Kincardine shires, and a great number of  
parishes, churches, and chapels in other dioceses.

The town of St Andrew's was erected into a royal  
borough by David I. in the year 1140, and their pri-  
vileges afterwards confirmed. The charter of Mal-  
colm II. is preserved in the tolbooth; and appears writ-  
ten on a bit of parchment, but the contents equally  
valid with what would at this time require whole skins.  
Here also are kept the silver keys of the city; which,  
for form's sake, are delivered to the king, if he should  
visit the place, or to a victorious enemy, in token of  
submission. In this place, likewise, is to be seen the  
monstrous ax which, in 1646, took off the heads of Sir  
Robert Spotswood and other distinguished loyalists.  
The town underwent a siege in 1337; at which time  
it was possessed by the English, and other partizans of  
Baliol; but the loyalists, under the Earls of March and  
Fife, made themselves masters of it in three weeks, by  
the help of their battering machines.

St Andrew's is now greatly reduced in the number of  
its inhabitants; at present scarcely exceeding 2000. It  
is impossible to ascertain the sum when it was the seat  
of the primate: all that can be known is, that during  
the period of its splendor, there were between 60 and  
70 bakers; but now 9 or 10 are sufficient for the place.  
It is a mile in circuit, and contains three principal  
streets. On entering the west port, a well-built street,  
straight, and of a vast length and breadth, appears; but  
so grass-grown, and presenting such a dreary solitude,  
that it forms the perfect idea of having been laid waste  
by the pestilence.

The cathedral of St Andrew's was founded by Bi-  
shop Arnold in 1161, but did not attain its full mag-  
nificence till 1318. Its length from east to west was  
370 feet; that of the transept, 322. But tho' this vast  
pile was 157 years in building, John Knox, in June  
1559, effected its demolition in a single day; and so  
effectually has it been destroyed, that nothing now re-  
mains but part of the east and west ends, and of the  
south side.

Near the east end is the chapel of St Regulus; the  
tower of which is a lofty equilateral triangle, of 20 feet  
each side, and 103 feet high; the body of the chapel  
remains,

Andrew's remains, but the two side-chapels are ruined. The arches of the windows and doors are round, and some even more than semicircles: an undoubted proof of their antiquity.

The priory was founded by Alexander I. in 1122; and the monks (canons regular of St. Augustine) were brought from Scone, in 1140, by Robert, bishop of this see. By an act of parliament, in the time of James I. the prior had precedence of all abbots and priors, and on the days of festival wore a mitre and all episcopal ornaments. Dependent on this priory were those of Lochleven, Portmoak, Monimusk, the Isle of May, and Pittenweem, each originally a seat of the Culdees. The revenues of the house were vast, viz. In money 2237l. 2s. 10d.; 38 chaldrons, 1 boll, 3 firlots of wheat; 132 ch. 7 bolls of bear; 114 ch. 3 bolls 1 peck of meal; 151 ch. 10 bolls 1 firlot 1 peck and a half of oats; 3 ch. 7 bolls of peas and beans: 480 acres of land also belonged to it. Nothing remains of the priory except the walls of the precinct, which show its vast extent. In one part is a most artless gateway, formed only of seven stones. This inclosure begins near the cathedral, and extends to the shore.

The other religious houses were, one of Dominicans, founded in 1274, by bishop Wishart; another of Observantines, founded by bishop Kennedy, and finished by his successor Patrick Graham in 1473; and, according to some, the Carmelites had a fourth.

Immediately above the harbour stood the collegiate church of Kirk-heugh, originally founded by Constantine III. who, retiring from the world, became here a Culdee. From its having been first built on a rock, it was styled, *Præpositura Sanctæ Mariæ de rupe*.

On the east side of the city are the poor remains of the castle, on a rock overlooking the sea. This fortress was founded, in 1401, by Bishop Trail, who was buried near the high altar of the cathedral, with this singular epitaph:

*Hic fuit ecclesie directa columna, fenestra  
Lucida thuribulum redolens, campana sonora.*

This castle was the residence of cardinal Beaton; who, after the death of George Wishart, apprehending some danger, caused it to be fortified so strongly as to be at that time deemed impregnable. In this fortress, however, he was surprized and assassinated by Norman Lesly with 15 others. They seized on the gate of the castle early in the morning of May 29, 1546; it having been left open for the workmen who were finishing the fortifications; and having placed centinels at the door of the cardinal's apartment, they awakened his numerous domestics one by one; and, turning them out of the castle, they, without violence, tumult, or offering any injury to any other person, inflicted on Beaton the death he justly merited. The conspirators were immediately besieged in this castle by the regent, earl of Arran; and notwithstanding they had acquired no greater strength than 150 men, they resisted all his efforts for five months. This, however, was owing to the unskilfulness of the besiegers more than to the strength of the place or the valour of the besieged; for in 1547 the castle was reduced and demolished. The entrance of it is still to be seen; and the window is shown, out of which it is said the cardinal leaned to glut his eyes

with the cruel martyrdom of George Wishart, who was Andrew's burnt on a spot beneath.

In the church of St Salvator is a most beautiful tomb of bishop Kennedy, who died, an honour to his family, in 1466. The Gothic work is uncommonly elegant. Within the tomb were discovered six magnificent maces, which had been concealed here in troublesome times. One was given to each of the other three Scotch universities, and three are preserved here. In the top is represented our Saviour; around are angels, with the instruments of the passion.

With these are shown some silver arrows, with large silver plates affixed to them, on which are inscribed the arms and names of the noble youth, victors in the annual competitions in the generous art of archery, which were dropt but a few years ago; and golf is now the reigning game. That sport, and foot-ball, were formerly prohibited, as useless and unprofitable to the public; and at all *weapon schawings*, or reviews of the people, it was ordered, that *fute-ball and golfe be utterly cryed down, and that bow-markes be maid at ilk parish kirk, a pair of butts and schutting be used: and that ilk man schutte sax shottes at least, under the paine to be raiped upon them that cummis not, at least twa pennyes, to be given to them that cummis to be bow-markes to drinke.*

The celebrated university of this city was founded in 1411, by bishop Wardlaw; and the next year he obtained from Benedict III. the bull of confirmation. It consisted once of three colleges. 1. St Salvator's, founded in 1458, by bishop Kennedy. This is a handsome building, with a court or quadrangle within: on one side is the church, on another the library; the third contains apartments for students: the fourth is unfinished. 2. St Leonard's college was founded by prior Hepburn, in 1522. This is now united with the last, and the buildings sold and converted into private houses. 3. The new, or St Mary's college, was established by archbishop Hamilton in 1553; but the house was built by James and David Bethune, or Beaton, who did not live to complete it. This is said to have been the site of a *schola illustris* long before the establishment even of the university; where several eminent clergymen taught, gratis, the sciences and languages. But it was called the *new college*, because of its late erection into a divinity college by the archbishop.

The university is governed by a chancellor, an office originally designed to be perpetually vested in the archbishop of St Andrew's; but since the reformation, he is elected by the two principals, and the professors of both the colleges.

The rector is the next great officer; to whose care is committed the privileges, discipline, and statutes of the university. The colleges have their rectors, and professors of different sciences, who are indefatigable in their attention to the instruction of the students, and to that essential article, their morals. This place possesses several very great advantages respecting the education of youth. The air is pure and salubrious; the place for exercise, dry and extensive; the exercises themselves are healthy and innocent. The university is fixed in a peninsulated country; remote from all commerce with the world, the haunt of dissipation. From the smallness of the society every student's character is perfectly known.

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Andrew's. No little irregularity can be committed, but it is instantly discovered and checked: vice cannot attain a head in this place, for the incorrigible are never permitted to remain the corrupters of the rest.

The trade of St Andrew's was once very considerable. So late as the reign of Charles I. this place had 30 or 40 trading vessels, and carried on a considerable herring and white fishery, by means of buffes, in deep water; which fisheries had for ages been the grand source of their commerce, wealth, and splendour. After the death of the king, this whole coast, and St Andrew's in particular, became a scene of murder, plunder, and rapine: every town suffered in proportion to its magnitude and opulence. Nor were those hypocritical ruffians satisfied with the shipping, merchandise, plate, cattle, and whatever came within their fight; they also laid the whole coast under contribution. St Andrew's was required to pay 1000*l.* but the inhabitants not being able to raise that sum after being thus plundered, the general compounded for 500*l.* which was raised by a loan at interest, and hath remained a burden upon the corporation, it is believed, ever since.

The harbour is artificial, guarded by piers, with a narrow entrance, to give shelter to vessels from the violence of a very heavy sea, from the encroachments of which it has suffered much. The manufactures this city might in former times possess, are now reduced to one, that of golf-balls; which, trifling as it may seem, maintains a great number of people. It is, however, commonly fatal to the artists; for the balls are made by stuffing a great quantity of feathers into a leathern case, by help of an iron rod, with a wooden handle, pressed against the breast, which seldom fails to bring on a consumption.

ANDREWS (Lancelot), bishop of Winchester, was born at London in 1555, and educated at Cambridge. After several preferments, he was made bishop, first of Chichester, then of Ely, and, in 1618, was raised to the see of Winchester. This very learned prelate, who was distinguished by his piety, charity and integrity, may be justly ranked with the best preachers and completest scholars of his age; he appeared to much greater advantage in the pulpit than he does now in his works, which abound with Latin quotations and trivial witticisms. His sermons, though full of puns, were suited to the taste of the times in which he lived, and were consequently greatly admired. He was a man of polite manners and lively conversation; and could quote Greek and Latin authors, or even pun with king James. There is a pleasant story related of him in the life of Waller the poet. When that gentleman was young, he had the curiosity to go to court, and stood in the circle to see king James dine; where, among other company, there sat at table two bishops, Neale and Andrews. The king proposed aloud this question, Whether he might not take his subjects money when he needed it, without all this formality of parliament? Neale replied, "God forbid you should not, for you are the breath of our nostrils." Whereupon the king turned, and said to the bishop of Winchester, "Well, my lord, what say you?" "Sir, (replied the bishop), I have no skill to judge of parliamentary cases." The king answered, "No put-offs, my lord; answer me presently." "Then, Sir (said he), I think it lawful for you to take my brother Neale's money, for he offers it." Mr Waller

says, the company was pleased with this answer, but the wit of it seemed to affect the king; for a certain lord coming soon after, his majesty cried out, "O, my lord, they say you lig with my lady." "No, Sir (says his Lordship, in confusion), but I like her company because she has so much wit." "Why then (says the king) do not you lig with my lord of Winchester there?"—This great prelate was in no less reputation and esteem with king Charles I. than he had been with his predecessors. He died at Winchester-house in Southwark, September 27, 1626, in the 71st year of his age; and was buried in the parish-church of St Saviour's, where his executors erected to him a very fair monument of marble and alabaster, on which is an elegant inscription, in Latin, written by one of his chaplains. Mr Milton also, at 17 years of age, wrote a beautiful elegy on his death, in the same language. Bishop Andrews had, 1. A share in the translation of the Pentateuch, and the historical books from Joshua to the first book of Chronicles exclusively. He also wrote, 2. *Tortura Torti*, in answer to a work of cardinal Belarmine, in which that cardinal assumes the name of Matthew Tortus. 3. A Manual of Private Devotions: and, 4. A Manual of Directions for the Visitation of the Sick; besides the Sermons and Tracts, in English and Latin, published after his death.

ANDRIA, in Grecian antiquity, public entertainments first instituted by Minos of Crete, and, after his example, appointed by Lycurgus at Sparta, at which a whole city or a tribe assisted. They were managed with the utmost frugality, and persons of all ages were admitted, the younger sort being obliged by the lawgiver to repair thither as to schools of temperance and sobriety.

ANDRIA, is a city and a bishop's see in the territory of Bari, in the kingdom of Naples. It is pretty large, well peopled, and seated in a spacious plain, four miles from the Adriatic coast. E. Long. 17. 4. N. Lat. 41. 15.

ANDRISCUS, a man of mean extraction, who, pretending to be the son of Perseus last king of Macedonia, took upon him the name of *Philip*, for which reason he was called *Pseudo-Philippus*, the *False Philip*. After a complete victory over Juventus, the Roman Prætor sent against him, he assumed kingly power, but exercised it with vast cruelty. At last, the Romans obliged him to fly into Thrace, where he was betrayed and delivered into the hands of Metellus. This victory gained Macedonia once more into the power of the Romans, and to Metellus the name of *Macedonicus*, but cost the Romans 25,000 men. Andricus adorned the triumph of Metellus, walking in chains before the general's chariot.

ANDROAS, or ANDRODAMAS, among ancient naturalists, a kind of pyritæ, to which they attributed certain magical virtues.

ANDROGEUS, in fabulous history, the son of Minos king of Crete, was murdered by the Athenian youth and those of Megara, who envied his being always victor at the Attic games. Minos having afterwards taken Athens and Megara, obliged the inhabitants to send him an annual tribute of seven young men and as many virgins, to be devoured by the Minotaur; but Theseus delivered them from that tribute.

ANDROGYNES, in natural history, a name given

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ven to those living creatures which, by a monstrous formation of their generative parts, seem (for it is only seeming) to unite in themselves the two sexes, that of the male and of the female. This *lufus naturæ*, this defect, or perhaps redundancy, in the animal-structure, is described by medical authors in the following manner. 'There is a depravation in the structure of the parts intended by nature for propagation, when, besides those concealed parts that are found necessary for the discharge of prolific functions, the *pudenda* of the other sex likewise appear. This monstrous production of nature is diversified in four different ways; of which three appear in males and one in females. In men, the female pudendum clothed with hair, sometimes appears contiguous to the perinæum; at other times in the middle of the scrotum; at other times, which constitutes the third diversity, through that part itself which in the midst of the scrotum exhibits the form of a pudendum, urine is emitted. Near that part which is the test of puberty, and above the pudendum, even in females, the masculine genitals appear in some, conspicuous in all their three forms, one resembling the *viretram* or yard, the other like the two testicles: but for the most part it happens, that, of the two instruments of generation, one is feeble and inert; and it is extremely rare that both are found sufficiently valid and proper for feats of love; nay, even in a great many, both these members are deficient and impotent, so that they can perform the office neither of a male nor of a female.'

With respect to them, it appears, from a collation of all the circumstances which have been observed by naturalists worthy of credit, that there is no such thing as a perfect *androgynæ*, or real hermaphrodite; that is to say, a living creature which, by its unnatural, or rather preternatural structure, possesses the genuine powers of both sexes, in such a manner as to be qualified for performing the functions of either with success: the irregularity of their fabrication almost always consists in something superfluous added to one of the two sexes, which gives it the appearance of the other, without bestowing the real and characteristic distinction; and every *hermaphrodite* is almost always a very woman. Since this monstrous exhibition of nature is not such as to abrogate the rights or destroy the character of humanity amongst human beings, this involuntary misfortune implies no right to deprive those upon whom it is inflicted by nature, of the privileges natural to every citizen; and as this deficiency is no more infectious than any other corporeal mutilation, it is not easy to see why marriage should be prohibited to one of these unhappy beings, merely on account of its equivocal appearance, which acts in the character of its prevailing sex. If such a creature, by the defect of its construction, should be barren; this does not infer any right of dissolving the marriage which it may have contracted, more than the same sterility proceeding from any cause whether known or unknown, if his or her consort should not on that account require a divorce. It is only the licentious abuse either of one or the other sex which can be subjected to the animadversion of the police. See HERMAPHRODITE.

Such are the sentiments of the authors of the French *Encyclopédie*. After all, we cannot forbear to add, that from such heterogeneous matches nature seems to

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recoil with innate and inextinguishable horror. Nor are any of these invincible aversions implanted in our frame without a final cause worthy of its Author. We would gladly ask these free-thinking gentlemen, In cases where the sexes are so unnaturally confounded, how the police can, by its most severe and rigorous animadversions, either detect or prevent those licentious abuses against which they remonstrate? Since, therefore, an evil so baneful to human society could no otherwise be prevented than by the sanction of Nature against such horrible conjunctions, the instinctive antipathy which they inspire was highly worthy of her wisdom and purity.

ANDROGYNES, in ancient mythology, creatures of whom, according to the fable, each individual possessed the powers and characters of both sexes, having two heads, four arms and two feet. The word itself is compounded of two Greek radical words; *ανδρς*, in genitive *ανδρος*, a male; and *γυναι* a female. Many of the rabbinical writers pretend, that Adam was created double, one body being male, the other female, which in their origin not being essentially joined, God afterwards did nothing but separate them.

The gods, says Plato in his *Banquet*, had formed the structure of man round, with two bodies and two sexes. This fantastic being, possessing in itself the whole human system, was endowed with a gigantic force, which rendered it insolent, inasmuch that it resolved to make war against the gods. Jupiter, exasperated, was going to destroy it; but, sorry at the same time to annihilate the human race, he satisfied himself with debilitating this double being, by disjoining the male from the female, and leaving each half to subsist with its own powers alone. He assigned to Apollo the task of repolishing these two half bodies, and of extending their skins so that their whole surface might be covered. Apollo obeyed, and fastened it at the *umbilicus*: If this half should still rebel, it was once more to be subdivided by another section, which would only leave it one of the parts of which it was then constituted; and even this fourth of a man was to be annihilated, if it should persist in its obstinacy and mischief. The idea of these *androgynes* might well be borrowed from a passage in Moses, where that historian of the birth and infancy of nature describes Adam as calling Eve *bone of his bone* and *flesh of his flesh*. However this may be, the fable of Plato has been used with great ingenuity by a French poet, who has been rendered almost as conspicuous by his misfortunes as by his verses. With the ancient philosopher, he attributes the propensity which attracts one of the sexes towards the other, to the natural ardour which each half of the *androgynes* feels for reunion; and their inconstancy, to the difficulty which each of the separated parts encounters in its efforts to recover its proper and original half. If a woman appears to us amiable, we instantly imagine her to be that moiety with whom we should only have constituted one whole, had it not been for the influence of our original double-sexed progenitor:

The heart, with fond credulity impress'd,  
Tells us the half is found, then hopes for rest;  
But 'tis our curse, that sad experience shows,  
We neither find our half nor gain repose.

ANDROGYNOUS, in zoology, an appellation given to animals which have both the male and female

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Androides. sex in the same individual.—In botany, the term is applied to such plants as bear both male and female flowers on the same root.

ANDROIDES, in mechanics, a human figure, which, by certain springs or other movements, is capable of performing some of the natural motions of a living man. The motions of the human body are more complicated, and consequently more difficult to be imitated, than those of any other creature; whence the construction of an *androides*, in such a manner as to imitate any of these actions with tolerable exactness, is justly supposed to indicate a greater skill in mechanics than any other piece of workmanship whatever.

A very remarkable figure of this kind appeared in Paris, in the year 1738. It represented a flute player, and was capable of performing many different pieces of music on the German flute; which, considering the difficulty of blowing that instrument, the different contractions of the lips necessary to produce the distinctions between the high and low notes, and the complicated motions of the fingers, must appear truly wonderful.

This machine was the invention of M. Vaucanson, member of the Royal Academy of Sciences; and a particular description of it was published in the Memoirs of the Academy for that year.

The figure itself was about five feet and an half in height, situated at the end of an artificial rock, and placed upon a square pedestal four feet and an half high and three and an half broad. The air entered the body by three pipes separated one from the other. It was conveyed to them by nine pair of bellows, three of which were placed above and six below. These were made to expand and contract regularly in succession, by means of an axis of steel turned round by some clock-work. On this axis were different protuberances at proper distances, to which were fixed cords thrown over pulleys, and terminating in the upper boards of the bellows, so that, as the axis turned, these boards were alternately raised and let down. A contrivance was also used to prevent the disagreeable hissing fluttering noise usually attending the motion of bellows. This was by making the cord, by which the bellows was moved, press in its descent, upon one end of a small lever, the other end of which ascending forced open the small leathern valve that admitted the air, and kept it so, till the cord being relaxed by the descent of the upper board, the lever fell, and the air was forced out. Thus the bellows performing their functions constantly without the least hissing or other noise by which it could be judged in what manner the air was conveyed to the machine. The upper boards of three of the pairs of bellows were pressed down by a weight of four pounds, those of three others by a weight of two pounds, and those of the three remaining ones by nothing but their own weight.

The three tubes, by which the air entered, terminated in three small reservoirs in the trunk of the figure. There they united, and, ascending towards the throat, formed the cavity of the mouth, which terminated in two small lips adapted in some measure to perform their proper functions. Within this cavity also was a small moveable tongue; which by its play, at proper periods, admitted the air, or intercepted its passage to the flute.

The fingers, lips, and tongue, received their proper directions by means of a steel cylinder turned by

clock-work. It was divided into 15 equal parts, which by means of pegs, pressing upon the ends of 15 different levers, caused the other extremities to ascend. Seven of these levers directed the fingers, having wires and chains affixed to their ascending extremities, which being attached to the fingers, caused them to ascend in proportion as the other extremity was pressed down by the motion of the cylinder, and *vice versa*. Thus the ascent or descent of one end of a lever produced a similar ascent or descent in the corresponding finger, by which one of the holes of the flute was occasionally opened or stopped, as by a living performer. Three of the levers served to regulate the ingress of the air, being contrived so as to open and shut, by means of valves, the three reservoirs of air above mentioned, so that more or less strength might be given, and a higher or lower note produced as occasion required. The lips were by a similar mechanism, directed by four levers, one of which opened them, to give the air a freer passage; the other contracted them; the third drew them backward; and the fourth pushed them forward. The lips were projected upon that part of the flute which receives the air; and, by the different motions already mentioned, modified the tone in a proper manner.—The remaining lever was employed in the direction of the tongue, which it easily moved, so as to shut or open the mouth of the flute.

Thus we see how all the motions necessary for a German-flute-player could be performed by this machine; but a considerable difficulty still remains, namely, how to regulate these motions properly, and make each of them follow in just succession. This, however, was effected by the following simple method. The extremity of the axis of the cylinder was terminated on the right side by an endless screw, consisting of twelve threads, each placed at the distance of a line and an half from the other. Above this screw was fixed a piece of copper, and in it a steel pivot, which, falling in between the threads of the screw, obliged the cylinder to follow the threads, and, instead of turning directly round, it was continually pushed to one side. Hence, if a lever was moved, by a peg placed on the cylinder in any one revolution, it could not be moved by the same peg in the succeeding revolution, because the peg would be moved a line and a half beyond it by the lateral motion of the cylinder. Thus, by an artificial disposition of these pegs in different parts of the cylinder, the statue was made, by the successive elevation of the proper levers, to exhibit all the different motions of a flute-player, to the admiration of every one who saw it.

The construction of machines capable of imitating even the mechanical actions of the human body, show exquisite skill; but what shall we say of one capable, not only of imitating actions of this kind, but of acting as external circumstances require, as though it were endowed with life and reason? This, nevertheless, has been done. M. de Kempelen, a gentleman of Presburg in Hungary, excited by the performances of M. de Vaucanson, at first endeavoured to imitate them, and at last far excelled them. This gentleman constructed an *Androides* capable of playing at chess!—Every one who is in the least acquainted with this game must know, that it is so far from being mechanically performed, as to require a greater exertion of the judgment

Androides. ment and rational faculties than is sufficient to accomplish many matters of greater importance. An attempt therefore, to make a wooden chess-player, must appear as ridiculous as to make a wooden preacher or counsellor of state. That this machine really was made, however, the public have had ocular demonstration. The inventor went to Britain in 1783, where he remained above a year with his automaton.

It is a figure as large as life, in a Turkish dress, sitting behind a table with doors, of three feet and a half in length, two in depth, and two and a half in height. The chair on which it sits is fixed to the table, which runs on four wheels. The automaton leans its right arm on the table, and in its left hand holds a pipe: with this hand it plays after the pipe is removed. A chess-board of 18 inches is fixed before it. This table, or rather cupboard, contains wheels, levers, cylinders, and other pieces of mechanism; all which are publicly displayed. The vestments of the automaton are then lifted over its head, and the body is seen full of similar wheels and levers. There is a little door in its thigh, which is likewise opened; and with this, and the table also open, and the automaton uncovered, the whole is wheeled about the room. The doors are then shut, and the automaton is ready to play; and it always takes the first move.

At every motion the wheels are heard; the image moves its head, and looks over every part of the chess-board. When it checks the queen, it shakes its head twice, and thrice in giving check to the king. It likewise shakes its head when a false move is made, replaces the piece, and makes its own move; by which means the adversary loses one.

M. de Kempelen remarks, as the most surprising circumstance attending his automaton, that it had been exhibited at Presburg, Vienna, Paris, and London, to thousands, many of whom were mathematicians and chess-players, and yet the secret by which he governed the motion of its arm was never discovered. He prided himself solely on the construction of the mechanical powers, by which the arm could perform ten or twelve moves. It then required to be wound up like a watch, after which it was capable of continuing the same number of motions.

The automaton could not play unless M. de Kempelen or his substitute was near it to direct its moves. A small square box, during the game, was frequently consulted by the exhibitor; and herein consisted the secret, which he said he could in a moment communicate. He who could beat M. de Kempelen was, of course, certain of conquering the automaton. It was made in 1769. His own account of it was; "C'est une bagatelle qui n'est pas sans merite du cote du mecanisme, mais les effets n'en paroissent si merveilleux que par la hardiesse de Pidee, & par l'heureux choix des moyens employes pour faire illusion."

The strongest and best-armed loadstone was allowed to be placed on the machine by any of the spectators.

As the inventor of this admirable piece of mechanism hath not yet thought proper to communicate to the public the means by which it is actuated, it is in vain for any, except those who are exquisitely skilled in mechanics, to form conjectures concerning them.—Many other curious imitations of the human body, as well as that of other animals, have been exhibited, though none

of them equal to the last mentioned one. See the article Androlepsy AUTOMATON.

ANDROLEPSY, in Grecian antiquity, an action allowed by the Athenians against such as protected persons guilty of murder. The relations of the deceased were empowered to seize three men in the city or house whither the malefactor had fled, till he were either surrendered, or satisfaction made some way or other for the murder.

ANDROMACHE, the wife of the valiant Hector, the mother of Astyanax, and daughter of Eton king of Thebes in Cilicia. After the death of Hector and the destruction of Troy, she married Pyrrhus; and afterwards Helenus the son of Priam, with whom she reigned over part of Epirus.

ANDROMEDA, in astronomy, a northern constellation, behind Pegasus, Cassiopeia, and Perseus. It represents the figure of a woman chained; and is fabled to have been formed in memory of Andromeda, daughter of Cepheus and Cassiopeia, and wife of Perseus, by whom she had been delivered from a sea-monster, to which she had been exposed to be devoured for her mother's pride. Minerva translated her into the heavens.

The stars in the constellation Andromeda in Ptolemy's catalogue are 23, in Tycho's 22, in Bayer's 27, in Mr Flamsted's no less than 84.

ANDROMEDA, the name of a celebrated tragedy of Euripides, admired by the ancients above all the other compositions of that poet, but now lost.

It was the representation of this play, in a hot summer day, that occasioned that epidemic fever, or phrenzy, for which the Abderites are often mentioned, wherein they walked about the streets, rehearsing verses, and acting parts of this piece. See ABDERA.

ANDROMEDA, or *Marsh Cystus*: A genus of the monogynia order, belonging to the decandria class of plants; and in the natural method ranking under the 18th order, *Bicornes*. The characters are: The *calyx* is a quinquepartite perianthium, small, coloured, and persistent: The *corolla* is monopetalous, campanulated, and quinquefid, with reflected divisions: The *stamina* consist of ten subulated filaments, shorter than the corolla; the antheræ two-horned and nodding: The  *pistillum* has a roundish germen; a cylindric stylus larger than the stamina, and persistent; and an obtuse stigma: The *pericarpium* is a roundish five-cornered capsule, with five cells and five valves: The *seeds* are very numerous, roundish, and glossy.

*Species.* 1. The *polifolia* is a low plant, growing naturally in bogs in the northern countries. It is difficultly preserved in gardens; and, being a plant of no great beauty, is seldom cultivated. 2. The *mariana*, a native of North America. It is a low shrub, sending out many woody stalks from the root, which are garnished with oval leaves placed alternately; the flowers are collected in small bunches, are of an herbaceous colour, and shaped like those of the strawberry-tree. They appear in June and July. 3. The *paniculata*\* is a native of Virginia and Carolina, growing in moist places. The plants usually arrive at the height of ten feet, with thin leaves set alternately, and having their edges finely serrated. The flowers are tubulous, small, and of a greenish white, closely set horizontally on one side of the slender stalks. These flowers are succeeded by berries, which open when ripe; and divide into five sections,



Andros. tween Tenedos and Eubœa: being one mile distant from the former, and ten from the latter. The ancients gave it various names, viz. Cauros, Lafia, Nonagria, Epagris, Antandros, and Hydrusia. The name of *Andros* it received from one Andreus, appointed, according to Diodorus Siculus, by Rhadamanthus, one of the generals, to govern the Cyclades, after they had of their own accord submitted to him. As to the name of *Antandros*, the same author tells us, that Ascanius the son of Æneas, being taken prisoner by the Pelasgians, gave them this island for his ransom, which on that account was called *Antandros*, or "delivered for one man." The name of *Hydrusia* it obtained in common with other places well supplied with water. It had formerly a city of great note, bearing the same name, and situated very advantageously on the brow of a hill, which commanded the whole coast. In this city, according to Strabo and Pliny, stood a famous temple dedicated to Bacchus. Near this temple, Mutianus, as quoted by Pliny, tells us, there was a spring called the *gift of Jupiter*; the water of which had the taste of wine in the month of January, during the feast of Bacchus, which lasted seven days. The same author adds, that the waters, if carried to a place whence the temple could not be seen, lost their miraculous taste. Pausanias makes no mention of this spring; but says, that, during the feast of Bacchus, wine flowed, or was at least by the Andrians believed to flow, from the temple of that god. The priests, no doubt, found their account in keeping up this belief, by conveying, through secret conduits, a great quantity of wine into the temple.

The Andrians were the first of all the islanders who joined the Persians at the time Xerxes invaded Greece; and therefore Themistocles, after the victory at Salamis, resolved to attack the city of Andros, and oblige the inhabitants to pay large contributions for the maintenance of his fleet. Having landed his men on the island, he sent heralds to the magistrates, acquainting them, that the Athenians were coming against them with two powerful divinities, *persuasion* and *force*; and therefore they must part with their money by fair means or foul. The Andrians replied, that they likewise had two mighty deities who were very fond of their island, viz. *poverty* and *impossibility*; and therefore could give no money. Themistocles, not satisfied with this answer, laid siege to the town; which he probably made himself master of and destroyed, as we are informed by Plutarch, that Pericles, a few years after, sent thither a colony of 250 Athenians. It was, however, soon retaken by the Persians; and, on the overthrow of that empire by Alexander the Great, submitted to him, along with the other islands. On his death it sided with Antigonus, who was driven out by Ptolemy. The successors of the last mentioned prince held it to the time of the Romans; when Attalus, king of Pergamus, besieged the metropolis at the head of a Roman army; and, having taken it, was by them put in possession of the whole island. Upon the death of Attalus, the republic claimed this island, as well as his other dominions, in virtue of his last will.

Andros is now subject to the Turks; and contains a town of the same name, with a great many villages. It is the most fruitful island in all the Archipelago, and yields a great quantity of silk. There are said to be

about 6000 inhabitants, besides those of the villages Arni and Amoldeos, who are about two hundred, have a different language and customs, and are called *Albanois*. There are seven monasteries, a great number of churches, and a cathedral for the bishops of the Roman catholic persuasion; but most of the inhabitants are of the Greek communion. The Jesuits had a house and a church in this island; but they were forced to quit them long ago. Here are some delightful valleys; but the air is bad, and the water of the city worse. The women would be agreeable enough, if it was not for their dress, which is very unbecoming; for they stuff out their cloaths without the least regard to their shape; but the Albanese women make a much better appearance. The peasants make wicker-baskets, wherewith they supply the greatest part of the Archipelago. They have all sorts of game in the woods and mountains, but know not how to take them for want of guns. Their principal food is goats flesh; for there is no fish to be met with on their coasts. When they are sick, they are obliged to let the disease take its natural course, having neither physician nor surgeon on the island. A cadi, assisted by a few of the principal persons of the island, has the management of civil affairs, and his residence is in the castle: an aga, who presides over the military force, lives in the tower without the city. About two miles from the present town are still to be seen the ruins of a strong wall with the fragments of many columns, chapiters, bases, broken statues, and several inscriptions, some of which mention the senate and people of Andros, and the priests of Bacchus; from which it is probable that this was the site of the ancient city. E. Long. 25. 30. N. Lat. 37. 50.

ANDROS (anc. geog.), an island in the Irish sea, (Pliny), called *Hedros* by Ptolemy: Now *Bardsey*, distant about a mile from the coast of North-Wales.

ANDROSACE: A genus of the monogynia order, belonging to the pentandria class of plants; and in the natural method ranking under the 21st order, *Preciæ*. The essential characters are, The *male* calyx is five-leaved; the corolla is five-petal'd; the stamina are five, inserted in the rudiment of the stylus: The *female* calyx is five-leav'd; the corolla is wanting; the styli are three; the capsule is trilocular; the seeds are two. Of this genus Dr Linnæus reckons six

*Species.* 1. The maxima grows naturally in Austria and Bohemia, among the corn. It hath broad leaves, which spread near the ground; from the centre of these the footstalks arise, which are terminated by an umbel of white flowers like those of the auricula. These appear in April and May, and the seeds ripen in June; soon after which the plants perish. 2. The septentrionalis, villosa, carnea, and lactea, grow naturally on the Alps and Helvetian mountains, as also in Siberia. They are much smaller than the former, seldom growing more than three inches high. Of the other species called the *elongata*, we have no particular description.

*Culture.* These plants are propagated by seeds, which should be sown soon after they are ripe; otherwise they seldom come up the same year. If permitted to scatter, they will grow better than when they are sown.

ANDRUM, a kind of hydrocele, to which the people of Malabar are very subject.—Its origin is derived from the vitious quality of the country waters, impregnated

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**Andryala** nated with corrosive muriatic salts, the source of most  
 || other diseases that infect the Malabarians. Its signs,  
**Anduze.** or symptoms, are an erysipelas of the scrotum, return-  
 ing every new moon, by which the lymphatics, being  
 eroded, pour a ferous saline humour into the cavity of  
 the scrotum. The andrum is incurable; those once  
 seized with it have it for life: but it is not dangerous,  
 nor very troublesome, to those used to it; tho' some-  
 times it degenerates into an hydrofarcocoele. The meth-  
 od of prevention is by a heap of sand ferched from a  
 river of the province Mangatti, and strewed in the  
 wells. This is practised by the rich. As to the cure,  
 they have only a palliative one; which is by incision,  
 or tapping, and drawing off the water from the scro-  
 tum, once in a month or two.

**ANDRYALA, DOWNY SOW-THISTLE:** a genus of  
 the polygamia æqualis order, belonging to the syngen-  
 esia class of plants; and in the natural method rank-  
 ing under the 49th order, *Composita-semiflosculus*. The  
 essential characters are: The receptacle is villous; the  
 calyx is many parted, subequal, and rounded; and the  
 pappus is simple and fertile.

*Species.* 1. The *integrifolia* is an annual plant, grow-  
 ing naturally in the south of France, Spain, and Italy.  
 It rises to the height of a foot and an half, with woolly  
 branching stalks. The flowers are produced in small  
 clusters at the top of the stalks. They are yellow,  
 and like those of the sow-thistle; so do not make any  
 great appearance. 2. The *ragulina* is a native of the  
 Cape of Good Hope. The leaves are extremely white,  
 and much indented on their edges. The flower-stalks  
 grow about a foot high, having small clusters of yellow  
 flowers, which appear in July. The seeds sometimes  
 ripen in Britain, but not always. 3. The *lanata* is a  
 native of Sicily and of the country round Montpellier.  
 The lower leaves are indented and woolly, but those  
 on the stalks are entire. It seldom rises more than a  
 foot high, supporting a few yellow flowers at top. 4.  
 The *sinuata* grows in Spain and Portugal: the leaves  
 are broader, longer, and more downy, than either of  
 the other sorts; the flower-stalks rising more than a  
 foot high. They branch into several foot-stalks, each  
 sustaining one large yellow flower, shaped like those  
 of hawk-weed, which are succeeded by oblong black  
 seeds covered with down.

*Culture.* All these plants are easily propagated by  
 seed, which should be sown in autumn, where they are  
 to remain, and will require no other culture than to  
 thin them where they are too close, and to keep them  
 free from weeds. The third sort must have a light  
 dry soil.

**ANDUXAR,** a city in the province of Andalusia,  
 in Spain, seated on the river Guadalquiver, 25 miles east  
 of Cordova. It is pretty large, indifferently rich, and  
 defended by a good castle. It is adorned with hand-  
 some churches and several religious houses, and inha-  
 bited by many families of high rank. The land about  
 it abounds in corn, wine, oil, honey, and fruit of all  
 sorts; and the inhabitants carry on a considerable trade  
 in silk. W. Long. 4. 2. N. Lat. 37. 45.

**ANDUZE,** a town of France in lower Languedoc,  
 seated on the river Gardon. It carries on a consider-  
 able trade in ferges and woollen cloth. E. Long. 3. 42.  
 N. Lat. 43. 39.

**ANEAU** (Bartholomew), a native of Bourges in **Aneau**  
 France, a man of eminent learning in the 16th century, ||  
 educated under Melchior Volmar. He was professor at **Anemome-**  
 Lyons where he propagated the doctrines of the Re- **ter.**  
 formation secretly for a long time: but on the festival  
 of the Holy Sacrament 1565, as the procession was  
 passing on towards the college, there was a large stone  
 thrown from one of the windows, upon the Host and  
 priest who carried it. The people, enraged at this,  
 broke into the college, and assassinated Mr Aneau,  
 whom they imagined to have been the occasion, and  
 the college itself was shut up next day by order of the  
 city.

**ANECDOTE, ANECDOTA,** a term used by some  
 authors, for the title of *Secret Histories*; but it more  
 properly denotes a relation of detached and interesting  
 particulars. The word is Greek *anecdota*, q. d. *things*  
*not yet known or hitherto kept secret*. Procopius gives  
 this title to a book which he published against Justi-  
 nian and his wife Theodora; and he seems to be the  
 only person among the ancients who has represented  
 princes such as they are in their domestic relation.—  
 Varillas has published *Anecdotes of the House of*  
*Medicis*.

**ANECDOTES** is also an appellation given to such  
 works of the ancients as have not yet been published.  
 In which sense, M. Muratori gives the name *Anecdota*  
*Græca* to several writings of the Greek fathers, found  
 in the libraries, and first published by him.—F. Mar-  
 tene has given a *Thesaurus Anecdotarum Novus*, in  
 folio, 5 vols.

**ANEE,** in commerce, a measure for grain, used in  
 some provinces of France. At Lyons, it signifies also  
 a certain quantity of wine, which is the load an ass can  
 carry at once: which is fixed at 80 English quarts,  
 wine-measure.

**ANEMOMETER,** in mechanics, implies a machine  
 for measuring the force and velocity of the wind.

Various machines of this kind have been invented at  
 different times, and by different persons. The follow-  
 ing has been often experienced, and found to answer  
 the intention.

An open frame of wood, ABCDEFGHI\*, is suppor- \* Plate  
 ted by the shaft or arbour I. In the two cross-pieces XXXI.  
 HK, LM, is moved a horizontal axis QM, by means fig. 3.  
 of the four sails, *ah, cm, Of, gh*, exposed to the wind  
 in a proper manner. Upon this axis is fixed a cone of  
 wood, MNO; upon which, as the sails move round, a  
 weight R, or S, is raised by a string round its super-  
 fices, proceeding from the smaller to the larger end  
 NO. Upon this larger end or base of the cone, is  
 fixed a rocket wheel *k*, in whose teeth the cclick X  
 falls, to prevent any retrograde motion from the de-  
 pending weight.

The structure of this machine sufficiently shows that  
 it may be accommodated to estimate the variable force  
 of the wind; because the force of the weight will con-  
 tinually increase as the string advances on the conical  
 surface, by acting at a greater distance from the axis  
 of motion; consequently, if such a weight be added  
 on the smaller part M, as will just keep the machine  
 in equilibrio in the weakest wind, the weight to be  
 raised as the wind becomes stronger, will be increased  
 in proportion, and the diameter of the cone NO may  
 be

*Anemone.* be so large in comparison to that of the smaller end at M, that the strongest wind shall but just raise the weight at the greater end.

If, for example, the diameter of the axis be to that of the base of the cone N O as 1 to 28; then, if S be a weight of one pound at M on the axis, it will be equivalent to 28 pounds when raised to the greater end: if, therefore, when the wind is weakest, it supports one pound on the axis, it must be 28 times as strong to raise the weight to the base of the cone. If therefore a line or scale of 28 equal parts be drawn on the side of the cone, the strength of the wind will be indicated by that number on which the string rests.

**ANEMONE, WIND-FLOWER:** A genus of the polygna order, belonging to the polyandria class of plants; and, in the natural method, raking under the 26th order, *Multiflorae*. It has its name from the Greek *ανημος*, signifying the *wind*; because the flower is supposed not to open unless the wind blows.—The characters are: There is no *calyx*: The *corolla* consists of petals of two or three orders, three in each series, oblongish: The stamina consists of numerous capillary filaments; the antheræ didymous and erect. The *pisillum* has numerous germina collected into a head; the styli are pointed; the stigmata obtuse: There is no *pericarpium*; the receptaculum is globular: The seeds are very numerous.

Of this genus Dr Linnæus enumerates 21 species; but those valuable on account of the beauty of their flowers, are only the following. 1. The *nemorosa*, which grows wild in the woods in many parts of Britain, where it flowers in April and May. The flowers are white, purple, or reddish purple, sometimes single, and sometimes double, so that they make a pretty appearance. 2. The *appennina* is likewise a native of Britain, growing in woods. The flowers of this species, like the last, are sometimes single, and sometimes double; their colours are white, blue, or violet. They appear in April. 3. The *coronaria*. 4. The *hortensis*. These two are natives of the Levant, particularly of the Archipelago islands, where the borders of the fields are covered with them of the most beautiful colours. When they grow wild, the flowers are commonly single; but by culture they are greatly improved: they become large and double, making some of the greatest ornaments of gardens. Their principal colours are red, white, purple, and blue; some of them are finely variegated with red, white, purple, and many intermediate shades of these colours.

**Culture.** The first and second sorts may be propagated by taking up their roots when the leaves decay, and transplanting them in wildernesses, where they will thrive and increase greatly, if they are not disturbed. The two last sorts require a good deal of care, and ample directions for their culture.—The soil in which these flowers will thrive extremely, may be composed in the following manner: Take a quantity of fresh untried earth (from a common or some other pasture land) that is of a light sandy loam or hazel mould, observing not to take it above ten inches deep below the surface; and if the turf be taken with it, the better, provided it hath time to rot thoroughly before it is used: mix this with a third part of rotten cow-dung, and lay it in a heap, keeping it turned over at least once a month for eight or ten months, the better to mix it.

and rot the dung and turf, and to let it have the advantages of the free air. In doing this work, be careful to rake out all the great stones, and break the clods; but by no means sift or screen the earth, which has been found very hurtful to many sorts of roots. This earth should be mixed twelve months before it is used, if possible: but if constrained to use it sooner, it must be the oftener turned over, to mellow and break the clods; observing to rake out all the parts of the green swaird that are not quite rotten, before it is used, as they would be prejudicial to the roots if suffered to remain. The beginning of September is a proper season to prepare the beds for planting, which (if in a wet soil) should be raised with this sort of earth six or eight inches above the surface of the ground, laying at the bottom some of the rakings of the heap to drain off the moisture; but, in a dry soil, three inches above the surface will be sufficient; this compost should be laid at least two feet and a half thick, and in the bottom there should be about four or five inches of rotten neats dung, or the rotten dung of an old melon or cucumber bed. The beds must be laid (if in a wet soil) a little round, to shoot off the water; but in a dry one, nearer to a level. In wet land, where the beds are raised above the surface, it will be proper to fill up the paths between them, in winter, either with rotten tan or dung, to prevent the frost from penetrating into the sides of the beds, which otherwise may destroy their roots. The earth should be laid in the beds at least a fortnight or three weeks before the roots are planted, and a longer time would be yet better, that it may settle; and when they are planted, stir the upper part of the soil about six inches deep, with a spade; then rake it even and smooth, and with a stick draw lines each way of the bed at six inches distance, so that the whole may be in squares, that the roots may be planted regularly: then with three fingers make a hole in the centre of each square, about three inches deep, laying therein a root with the eye uppermost; and when the bed is finished, with the head of the rake draw the earth smooth, so as to cover the crown of the roots about two inches thick.

The best season for planting these roots, if for forward flowers, is about the latter end of September, and for those of a middle season any time in October: but observe to perform this work, if possible, at or near the time of some gentle showers; for if planted when the ground is perfectly dry, and there should no rain fall for three weeks or a month after, the roots will be very apt to grow mouldy upon the crown; and if once they get this distemper, they seldom come to good after.

As all the fine varieties of these flowers were first obtained from seeds, so no good florist that hath garden-room should neglect to sow them; in order to which, he should provide himself with a quantity of good roots of the single (or what the gardeners call *poppy*) anemones, of the best colours, and such as have strong stems and large flowers, but especially such as have more leaves than common, and also other good properties: these should be planted early, that they may have strength to produce good seeds, which will be ripe in three weeks or a month's time after the flowers are past; when the seeds must be carefully gathered, otherwise they will be blown away in a short time, as being inclosed in a downy substance. You must preserve this seed till the beginning of August, when you may either

Anemone. ther sow it in pots, tubs, or a well-prepared bed of light earth: in the doing of it you must be careful not to let your seeds be in heaps; to avoid which, the best method is to mix them with a little fine sand, and, when sown, gently streak the bed with a strong hair-brush.

In about two months after sowing, the plants will begin to appear, if the season has proved favourable. The first winter after their appearing above ground, they are subject to injuries from hard frosts, or too much wet, against both of which you must equally defend them: for the frost is very apt to loosen the earth, so that the young plants are often turned out of the ground, after which a small frost will destroy them; and too much wet often rots their tender roots, so that all your former trouble may be lost in a short time for want of care in this particular: nor is any thing more destructive to these tender plants than the cold black frosts and winds of February and March, from which you must be careful to defend them, by placing a low reed-fence on the north and east sides of the bed, which may be moveable, and only fastened to a few stakes to support it for the present, and may be taken quite away as the season advances, or removed to the south and west sides of the bed, to screen it from the violence of the sun, which often impairs these plants when young. As the spring advances, if the weather should prove dry, you must gently refresh them with water, which will greatly strengthen roots; and when the green leaves are decayed, if your roots are not too thick to remain in the same bed another year, you must clear off all the weeds and decayed leaves from the bed, and sift a little more of the same prepared good earth, about a quarter of an inch thick over the surface, and observe to keep them clear from weeds during the summer season, and at Michaelmas repeat the same earthing; but as these roots so left in the ground will come up early in the autumn, the beds should be carefully covered in frosty weather, otherwise their leaves will be injured, whereby the roots will be weakened, if not destroyed. If your roots succeed well, many of them will flower the second year, when you may select all such as you like, by marking them with a stick: but you should not destroy any of them till after the third year, when you have seen them blow strong, at which time you will be capable to judge of their goodness; for until the roots have acquired strength, the flowers will not show themselves to advantage.

The single (or poppy) anemonies will flower most part of the winter and spring, when the seasons are favourable, if they are planted in a warm situation, at which time they make a fine appearance; therefore deserve a place in every flower-garden, especially as they require little culture. There are some fine blue colours amongst these single anemonies, which, with the scarlets and reds, make a beautiful mixture; and as these begin flowering in January or February, when the weather is cold, they will continue a long time in beauty, provided the frost is not too severe, or if they are covered with mats. The seeds of these are ripe by the middle or end of May; and must be gathered daily as they ripen, otherwise they will be soon blown away by the winds.

Horned cattle, when removed from the higher grounds into woods and woody pastures, frequently eat

the wood-anemone; and, according to Linnæus and Gunner, many observations have proved that it causes the bloody flux among them.

*Sea-ANEMONE.* See *ANIMAL-Flower.*

ANEMOSCOPE, a machine that shows either the course or velocity of the wind. (See also the article *Wind-GAUGE.*)

The machine which shows the course of the wind, or from what point of the compass it blows, consists of an index moving about an upright circular plate, like the dial of a clock, on which the 32 points of the compass are drawn instead of the hours. The index, which points to the divisions on the dial, is turned by a horizontal axis, having a trundle-head at its external extremity. This trundle-head is moved by a cog-wheel on a perpendicular axis; on the top of which a vane is fixed, that moves with the course of the wind, and puts the whole machine in motion. The whole contrivance is extremely simple; and nothing required in the construction, but that the number of cogs in the wheel, and rounds in the trundle head, be equal; because it is necessary, that, when the vane moves entirely round, the index of the dial also make a complete revolution.

The anemoscope, calculated for indicating the force or velocity of the wind, is the same with what most writers call an *anemometer*; and we have accordingly described one of those machines under that article. We shall here add another, contrived by the late Mr Pickering, and published in the *Philosophical Transactions*, N<sup>o</sup> 473.

This anemoscope is a machine four feet and a quarter high, consisting of a broad and weighty pedestal, a pillar fastened into it, and an iron axis of about half an inch diameter fastened into the pillar. Upon this axis turns a wooden tube; at the top of which is placed a vane, of the same materials, 21 inches long, consisting of a quadrant, graduated, and shod with an iron rim, notched to each degree; and a counterpoise of wood, as in the figure, on the other. Through the centre of the quadrant runs an iron pin, upon which are fastened two small round pieces of wood, which serve as moveable radii to describe the degrees upon the quadrant, and as handles to a velum or sail, whose pane is one foot square, made of canvas, stretched upon four battens, and painted. On the upper batten, next to the shod rim of the quadrant, is a small spring which catches at every notch corresponding to each degree, as the wind shall, by pressing against the sail, raise it up; and prevents the falling back of the sail, upon the lessening of the force of the wind. At the bottom of the wooden tube, is an iron index, which moves round a circular piece of wood fastened to the top of the pillar on the pedestal, on which are described the 32 points of the compass. The figure of this machine is given on Plate XXXI. fig. 4. where *a* is the pedestal; *b*, the pillar on which the iron axis is fitted; *c*, the circle of wood, on which are described the 32 points of the compass; *e*, the wooden tube upon its axis; *f*, the velum; *g*, the graduated quadrant; *h*, the counterpoise of the vane. The adjoining figure represents the velum, which takes off: *a* is the plane of the velum; *b*, the spring; *c c*, the wooden radii; *d, d*, the holes through which the pin in the centre of the quadrant goes. Its uses are the following.

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1. Having a circular motion round the iron axis, and being furnished with a vane at top, and index at the bottom, when once you have fixed the artificial cardinal points, described on the round piece of wood, on the pillar, to the same quarters of the heavens, it gives a faithful account of that quarter from which the wind blows. 2. By having a velum or sail elevated by the wind along the arch of the quadrant to an height proportionable to the power of the column of wind pressing against it, the relative force of the wind, and its comparative power, at any two times of examination, may be accurately taken. 3. By having a spring fitted to the notches of the iron with which the quadrant is shod, the velum is prevented from returning back upon the fall of the wind; and the machine gives the force of the highest blast; since the last time of examination, without the trouble of watching it.

The ingenious contriver of this machine tells us, that he carefully examined what dependence may be had upon it, during the storms of February 1743-4, and found that it answered exceedingly well; for that, in such winds as the sailors call *violent storms*, the machine had six degrees to spare for a more violent gust, before it comes to a horizontal position. It is certainly to be depended upon in ordinary weather, the velum being hung so tenderly as to feel the most gentle breeze. There is, however, reason to fear, that the exposing the anemoscope to all winds for a continuance, must disorder it, especially irregular blasts and squalls. It may not therefore be amiss, in violent weather, for the observer to take the tube with its vane and velum in his hand, in order to know the force of the wind; and, when he has finished his observations, to carry the machine into the house, till the violence of the storm is abated, when it may be replaced in its former situation.

ANETHUM, DILL and FENNEL: A genus of the digynia order, belonging to the pentandria class of plants; and, in the natural method, ranking under the 45th order, *Umbellatae*. The essential characters are: The fruit is oval, compressed, striated; and the petals (five) are involute, entire, and very short.

*Species.* 1. The graveolens, or dill, is an annual plant: the root is long, slender, and white; the leaves are divided into a multitude of fine, long, narrow segments, like those of fennel, but of a bluish green colour, and less strong smell. The stalk is round and firm, growing to the height of four feet, with yellow flowers in moderately large umbels. 2. The feniculum, or fennel; of which there are two varieties, the common and the sweet. The sweet fennel is smaller in all its parts than the common, except the seeds, which are considerably larger. The seeds of the two sorts differ likewise in shape and colour; those of the common are roundish, oblong, flattish on one side, and protuberant on the other, of a dark almost blackish colour; those of the sweet are longer, narrower, not so flat, generally crooked, and of a whitish or pale yellowish colour. Both sorts are cultivated in gardens: the common is a perennial plant: the sweet fennel perishes after it has given seed.

*Medicinal Uses.* 1. Of the first species, *dill*, only the seeds are used. They are of a pale yellowish colour, in shape nearly oval, convex on one side, and

flat on the other. Their taste is moderately warm and pungent; their smell aromatic, but not of the most agreeable kind. Several preparations of them are kept in the shops. They are recommended as a carminative, in flatulent colics, proceeding from a cold cause or a viscosity of the juices.—2. Of *fennel* both the seeds and roots are used in medicine. The seeds of both the fennels have an aromatic smell, and a moderately warm pungent taste: those of the sweet fennel are in flavour most agreeable, and also have a considerable degree of sweetness; hence the use of these only have been directed. They are ranked among the four greater hot seeds, and not undeservedly looked upon as good stomachics and carminatives. A simple water is prepared from them in the shops; they are ingredients also in the compound spirit of juniper, and some other officinal compositions. The root is far less warm, but has more of a sweetish taste, than the seeds; it is one of the five roots called *openers*; and has sometimes been directed in aperient apozems. Boerhaave says, that this root agrees in taste, smell, and medical qualities, with the celebrated *ginseng* of the Chinese; from which, however, it appears to be very considerably different.—The leaves of fennel are weaker than either the roots or seeds, and have rarely been employed for any medicinal use.

ANEURISM, in surgery, a throbbing tumour, distended with blood, and formed by a dilatation or rupture of an artery. See SURGERY-Index.

ANGARI, or ANGARII, in antiquity, denote public couriers appointed for the carrying of messages. The ancient Persians, Budæus observes, had their *αγγαρειονδρομια*; which was a set of couriers on horseback, posted at certain stages or distances, always in readiness to receive the dispatches from one, and forward them to another, with wonderful celerity, answering to what the moderns call *posts*, q. d. *positi*, as being posted at certain places or stages.—The angari were also called by the Persians *astandæ*; by the Greeks *ημεροδρομοι*, on account of the long journeys they made in one day, which, according to Suidas, amounted not to less than 1500 stadia.

ANGARIA, in Roman antiquity, a kind of public service imposed on the provincials, which consisted in providing horses and carriages for the conveyance of military stores, and other public burdens. It is sometimes also used for a guard of soldiers, posted for the defence of a place. In a more general sense, it is used for any kind of oppression or services performed through compulsion.

ANGAZYA, one of the Comorra islands, lying between the north end of Madagascar and the coast of Zanguebar in Africa, from Lat. 10° to 15° S. It is inhabited by Moors, who trade with divers parts of the continent, in cattle, fruits, and other commodities of the island; which they exchange for calicoes and other cotton cloths. The houses are built of stone, and lime made of calcined oyster-shells; with which the walls and roof are plastered in a very elegant manner. The government of Angazya is a pure aristocracy; the island being subject to 10 lords, who have all the title of *Sultan*. The people are very careful of their women; never permitting strangers to see them, without permission from a sultan, or an order which

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the stranger brings with him. Many of them read and write Arabic with great facility; and some even understand Portuguese, which they learn from their intercourse with Mofambique, whither they trade in vessels of 40 tons burthen.

ANGEIOTOMY, in surgery, implies the opening a vein or artery, as in bleeding; and consequently includes both arteriotomy and phlebotomy.

ANGEL, a spiritual intelligent substance, the first in rank and dignity among created beings. The word *Angel* is Greek, and signifies a *Messenger*: the Hebrew *מלאך* signifies the same thing. The angels are in Daniel (chap. iv. ver. 13, &c.) called *צופים*, or *Watchers*, from their vigilance: for the same reason they are, in the remains we have of the prophecy attributed to Enoch, named *Egregori*; which word imports the same in Greek.

*Angels*, therefore, in the proper signification of the word, do not import the nature of any being, but only the office to which they are appointed, especially by way of message, or intercourse between God and his creatures; in which sense they are called the *ministers of God*, who do his pleasure, and *ministering spirits* sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation. That there are such beings as we call *angels*, that is, certain permanent substances, invisible, and imperceptible to our senses, endued with understanding and power superior to that of human nature, created by God, and subject to him as the supreme Being; ministering to his divine providence in the government of the world by his appointment, and more especially attending the affairs of mankind; is a truth so fully attested by Scripture, that it cannot be doubted. Nay, the existence of such invisible beings was generally acknowledged by the ancient heathens, though under different appellations: the Greeks called them *dæmons*; and the Romans *genii*, or *lares*. Epicurus seems to have been the only one among the old philosophers who absolutely rejected them. Indeed, the belief of middle intelligences influencing the affairs of the world, and serving as ministers or interpreters between God and man, is as extensive as the belief of a God; having never, so far as we know, been called in question by those who had any religion at all.

When created.

The creation of angels is not indeed expressly mentioned by Moses in the first of Genesis, yet it is generally considered by judicious expositors as implied. The reason why the sacred historian is silent on this subject, is supposed by Berrington to be the natural proneness of the Gentile world, and even of the Jews, to idolatry\*. And it is thought, if they worshipped mere material elements, which was the case, much more might they be inclined to worship such superior and sublime beings as angels. But a better reason is perhaps given by other writers, viz. that this first history was purposely and principally for information concerning the visible world; the invisible, of which we know but in part, being reserved for a better life †.

\* On the Creation, p. 81. See also Severianus on the Creation.

† Assembly's Annotations on Gen. i. 30. † Works, p. 505.

On what day they were created has been matter of conjecture. It is a point on which learned men have differed. The Socinians, indeed, hold, says bishop Hopkins †, that it was long before the account given by Moses, but it must have been within the six days creation; because, as we are informed, that within this space God made heaven and earth, and all things that

are therein. All the writers that we have seen on this subject, think they were included in the first day's work, when the heavens were framed.

It has been thought by some persons, that the words of Job, "When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy," militate against the creation of angels within the six days. About the meaning of these words, however, expositors are not agreed; but admitting that they refer literally to angels, Dr Lightfoot, Caryl, and others, see no difficulty in the passage. The Doctor thinks they were created on the first day, with the heavens; and that they were spectators of God's works in the other parts of creation, and praised and magnified the Lord for his works all along; singing and shouting when God laid the foundation of the earth, as the Jews did at the laying the foundation of the temple, Ezra iii.

On a subject of this nature it would be imprudent to *indulge* a spirit of conjecture: Scripture is the only standard by which truth and error can be tried, and to this we must ultimately appeal. It is acknowledged that Moses has not expressly mentioned angels by name; yet as we have remarked, their creation is undoubtedly implied: for the heavens must include all that are in them; and therefore it is that the divine penman says, in the conclusion of his narrative, "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished; and all the host of them." Of the *hosts* of heaven, the angels must form a considerable part; they are expressly called the *heavenly host*; and the *armies of heaven*, Dan. iv. 35. Luke ii. 13. And if divine authority be admitted as decisive, the reasons adduced by Jehovah for the sanctification of a sabbath, demonstrate that they did not exist previous to the creation of the heavens. It is, surely, asserted with propriety, that in *six days* the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that *in them is*. Similar to which is a declaration of the divine historian relating to the same fact.—"And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it; *because* that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made," Gen. ii. 3. Now if angels existed prior to the six days of creation, the language of Moses is far from being accurate and intelligible; and especially when it is considered that the obscurity might have been removed by adding, "from all the work which God had *then* created and made."

But if angels were created before the heavens, where could they exist? For, as the learned Gill § has remarked, "though angels have no bodies, and so are not in place circumscriptively; yet as they are creatures, they must have an *ubi*, a somewhere, in which they are definitely; so that they are here, and not there, and much less every where: Now where was there an *ubi*, a somewhere, for them to exist in, before the heavens and the earth were made? It is most reasonable, therefore to conclude, that as God prepared an habitation for all the living creatures before he made them: as the sea for the fishes, the expanse, or air, for the fowls, and the earth for men and beasts; so he made the heavens first, and then the angels to dwell in them."

That this was the fact, will appear very evident, if the words of Moses be impartially considered. "In the beginning (says he), God created the heavens and the earth;" which words must refer to either the beginning of *creation* or of *time*: if to the former, and angels previously existed, the language is neither *intelligible*

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Angel. *ligible* nor conformable to *truth*: if to the latter, the difficulty remains; for what is time but the measure of created existence. "Time (says the judicious Char-nock\*) began with the foundation of the world: before the beginning of the creation and the beginning of time, there could be nothing but eternity; nothing but what was uncreated, that is, nothing but what was without beginning." But if angels were in a pre-existent state, the historian's language is unaccountably strange and inaccurate: for if the phrase *in the beginning*, which is remarkably emphatical, refer to the creation of the heavens and the earth *only*, they are unhappily expressed; so expressed, indeed, as to convey no meaning to those who consider words as the vehicle of thought, and as intended to express clearly to others the meaning of the writer. For the *natural obvious* sense is as follows—"In the beginning of the creation of the heavens and the earth, God created the heavens and the earth;" which language is not only a departure from that perspicuity and precision which distinguish all his narrations, but entirely irrational and absurd.

That the words *in the beginning* refer to the first creation, cannot be doubted, if it be remembered that JEHOVAH himself founds a claim to *eternity* on this very ground: "Before the day was, I am he."—"Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God." Isa. xliii. 13. Ps. ix. 2. See also Prov. viii. 22, 23. &c. Now there could be no propriety in this kind of reasoning, if angels or any other creature existed before the creation of the world, because all claims to eternity from such premises would apply even to Gabriel as well as to JEHOVAH. "Before the world was," is, in Scripture language, a phrase always expressive of eternity; and on this principle the evangelist John asserts the divinity of Jesus Christ in the first chapter of his history. For this purpose he alludes to the words of Moses, and introduces his divine master to notice by celebrating the first act of his creative power. "In the beginning (says he) was the Word;" that is, Dr Doddrige remarks §, before the foundation of the world, or the first production of any creature: and Dr Sherlock † is clearly of opinion, that the words, in their most common and usual acceptation, signify the first creation of all things, and are a demonstration of the divinity of Christ. Of the same mind was Dr Owen. He says, that if the phrase *beginning* does not absolutely and formally express *eternity*, yet it doth a pre-existence to the whole creation, which amounts to the same thing; for nothing can pre-exist before all creatures but the nature of God, which is eternal, unless we suppose a creature before the creation of any. But what is meant by this expression is fully declared by other passages of Scripture: "I was set up from everlasting, before the *beginning*, or ever the earth was;" "Glorify thou me with thine own self, with the glory which I had with thee before the world was;" both which passages not

only explain the text, but undeniably prove the pre-existence of Christ the son of God\*. It should be remembered, that, in the passage under consideration, the Evangelist's argument for the *divinity* of Jesus Christ is grounded on his pre-existing the creation of the world; and it is consequently asserted, that he is the creator of all things: but if angels had a being before the period to which he alludes, the argument loses all its force, and no more proves the divinity of Christ than the divinity of an angel (A).

If, therefore, the words of Moses be impartially viewed in their obvious natural meaning, and compared with other passages of Scripture that relate to the same subject, we have no doubt but every unprejudiced mind will perceive, that as he intended to give a summary history of the creation of all things both in heaven and in earth, he has done it in language intelligible and accurate, and in terms sufficiently explicit.

As to the nature of these beings, we are told, that they are spirits: but whether pure spirits divested of all matter, or united to some thin bodies, or corporeal vehicles, has been a controversy of long standing. Not only the ancient philosophers, but some of the Christian fathers were of opinion, that angels were clothed with ethereal, or fiery, bodies, of the same nature with those which we shall one day have when we come to be equal to them. But the more general opinion, especially of later times, has been, that they are substances entirely spiritual, though they can at any time assume bodies, and appear in human or other shapes.

That the angelical powers and abilities vastly excel those of man, cannot be denied, if we consider, that their faculties are not clogged or impeded, as ours are, by any of those imperfections which are inseparable from corporeal being; so that their understandings are always in perfect vigour; their inclinations regular; their motions strong and quick; their actions irresistible by material bodies, whose natural qualities they can controul, or manage to their purposes, and occasion either blessings or calamities, public or private, here below; instances of which are too numerous to mention.

Besides their attendance on God, and their waiting and executing of his commands, they are also presumed to be employed in taking care of mankind and their concerns: and that every man had such a tutelar or guardian angel, even from his birth, was a firm belief and tradition among the Jews; and our Saviour himself seems to have been of the same sentiment. The heathens were also of the same persuasion, and thought it a crime to neglect the admonitions of so divine a guide. Socrates publicly confessed himself to be under the direction of such an angel, or dæmon, as several others have since done. And in this tutelar genius of each person they believed his happiness and fortune depended. Every genius did his best for the interest of his client; and if a man came by the worst, it was a sign the strength of his genius was inferior to

(A) Of this Socinus and his followers were aware; and therefore artfully endeavoured to evade the force of the apostle's reasoning, by interpreting the phrase *in the beginning* either in a figurative sense, or as referring to the beginning of John the Baptist's ministry. We will only subjoin, that we do not remember to have seen any writer deviate from the primary obvious meaning of the passage, who had not some hypothesis to support inimical to truth.

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\* On the  
Trinity,  
p. 43.

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\* Works,  
vol. i. 112.

§ Family  
Expositor.

† Script.  
Proof. of  
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Divin. p.  
129. See  
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Angel. that of his opponent, that is, of an inferior order ; and this was governed by chance. There were some genii, whose ascendancy was so great over others, that their very presence entirely disconcerted them ; which was the case of that of Augustus in respect of that of Marc Antony : and for the same reason, perhaps, some persons have wit, and speak well, when others are absent, in whose presence they are confounded, and out of countenance. The Romans thought the tutelar genii of those who attained the empire, to be of an eminent order ; on which account they had great honours shown them. Nations and cities also had their several genii. The ancient Persians so firmly believed the ministry of angels, and their superintendance over human affairs, that they gave their names to their months, and the days of their month ; and assigned them distinct offices and provinces : and it is from them the Jews confess to have received their names of the months and angels, which they brought with them when they returned from the Babylonish captivity. After which, we find, they also assigned charges to the angels, and in particular the patronage of empires and nations ; Michael being the prince of the Jews, as Raphael is supposed to have been of the Persians.

The Mahometans have so great a respect for the angels, that they account a man an infidel who either denies their existence, or loves them not. They believe them to be free from sin, enjoying the presence of God, to whom they are never disobedient : that they have subtle pure bodies, being created of light ; and have no distinction of sexes, nor do they need the refreshment of food or sleep. They suppose them to have different forms and offices : that some adore God in several postures ; others sing his praises, and intercede for men : some carry and encompass his throne ; others write the actions of men, and are assigned guardians to them.

As the number of these celestial spirits is very great, it is likewise reasonable to believe that there are several orders and degrees among them ; which is also confirmed by Scripture ; whence some speculative men have distributed them into nine orders, according to the different names by which they are there called ; and reduced those orders into three *hierarchies*, as they call them : to the first of which belong seraphim, cherubim, and thrones ; to the second, dominions, virtues, and powers ; and to the third, principalities, arch-angels, and angels. They imagine farther, that there are some who constantly reside in heaven ; others who are ministers, and sent forth, as there is occasion, to execute the orders they receive from God by the former. The Jews reckon but four orders or companies

of angels, each headed by an arch-angel ; the first order being that of Michael, the second of Gabriel, the third of Uriel, and the fourth of Raphael : but though the Jews believe them to be four, yet it seems there were rather seven. The Persians also held, there were subordinate degrees among the angels.

Although the angels were originally created perfect, good, and obedient to their Master's will, yet some of them sinned, and kept not their first estate, but left their habitation ; and so, of the most blessed and glorious, became the most vile and miserable of all God's creatures. They were expelled the regions of light, and cast down to hell, to be reserved in everlasting chains under darkness, until the day of judgment. With heaven they lost their heavenly disposition, which delighted once in doing good and praising God ; and fell into a settled rancour against him, and malice against men : their inward peace was gone ; all desire of doing good departed from them ; and, instead thereof, revengeful thoughts and despair took possession of them, and created an eternal hell within them.

When, and for what offence, these apostate spirits fell from heaven, and plunged themselves into such an abyss of wickedness and woe, are questions very hard, if not impossible, to be determined by any clear evidence of Scripture. As to the time, we are certain that it could not be before the sixth day of creation ; because on that day it is said, " God saw every thing that he had made, and behold it was very good : " but that it was not long after is very probable, as it must have preceded the fall of our first parents. Some have imagined it to have been after ; and that carnality, or lusting to converse with women upon earth, was the sin which ruined them : an opinion (B) built on a mistaken interpretation of Scripture, as if angels were meant by *the sons of God* who are said to have begotten the mighty men of old on the daughters of men. Others have supposed, that the angels, being informed of God's intention to create man after his own image, and to dignify his nature by Christ's assuming of it, and thinking their glory to be eclipsed thereby, envied man's happiness, and so revolted : and with this opinion that of the Mahometans has some affinity ; who are taught, that the devil, who was once one of those angels who are nearest to God's presence, and named *Azazel*, forfeited paradise for refusing to pay homage to Adam at the command of God. But on what occasion soever it first showed itself, pride seems to have been the leading sin of the angels ; who, admiring and valuing themselves too much on the excellence of their nature and the height of their station, came at length to entertain so little respect for their Creator,

(B) This opinion seems to have been originally occasioned by some copies of the Septuagint, which, in the days of St Austin, had in this place *the angels of God*. Lactantius supposes the angels, who were guilty of this enormity, had been sent down by God to guard and take care of mankind ; and being endued with free-will, were charged by him not to forfeit the dignity of their celestial nature, by defiling themselves with the corruptions of the earth ; but that the devil at length enticed them to debauch themselves with women. He adds, that, being not admitted into heaven by reason of the wickedness into which they had plunged themselves, they fell down to the earth, and became the devil's ministers ; but that those who were begotten by them, being neither angels nor men, but of a middle nature, were not received into hell, no more than their parents were into heaven. Hence arose two kinds of dæmons, celestial and terrestrial. These are unclean spirits, the authors of whatever evils are committed, and whose prince is the devil. From hence very probably proceeded the notions of *Incubi*, or dæmons who are supposed to have carnal knowledge of women.

Angel Creator, as to be guilty of downright rebellion and apostasy.

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It is certain from Scripture, that these fallen angels were in great numbers, and that there was also some order and subordination preserved among them; one especially being considered as their prince, and called by several names, *Beelzebub*, *Satan*, or *Sammaël* by the Jews; *Aháríman*, by the Persians; and *Eblis*, by the Mahometans. Their constant employment is, not only doing evil themselves, but endeavouring by all arts and means to seduce and pervert mankind, by tempting them to all kinds of sin, and thereby bringing them into the same desperate state with themselves.

ANGEL is likewise a title given to bishops of several churches. In this sense is St Paul understood by some authors, where he says, *Women ought to be covered in the church, because of the angels*. The learned Dr Prideaux observes, that the minister of the synagogue, who officiated in offering up the public prayers, being the mouth of the congregation, delegated by them as their representative, messenger, or angel, to speak to God in prayer for them, was therefore, in the Hebrew language, called the *angel* of the church; and from thence the bishops of the seven churches of Asia are, by a name borrowed from the Synagogue, called the *angels* of those churches.

ANGEL, in commerce, the name of a gold coin formerly current in England. It had its name from the figure of an angel represented upon it, weighed four pennyweights, and was twenty-three and a half carats fine. It had different values in different reigns; but is at present only an imaginary sum, or money of account, implying ten shillings.

ANGEL-Fish, in ichthyology, a species of *Squalus*. See *SQUALUS*.

ANGELIC, or ANGELICAL, something belonging to, or that partakes of the nature of angels. We say an *angelical* life, &c. St Thomas is styled the *angelical doctor*. The angelical salutation is called by the Romanists *Ave Maria*; sometimes simply *angelus*.

ANGELIC Garment (*Angelica vestis*), in ancient times, was a monkish garment, which laymen put on a little before their death, that they might have the benefit of the prayers of the monks. It was from them called *angelical*, because they were called *angeli* who by these prayers *animæ salutis succurrebant*. Hence, where we read the phrase *monachus ad succurrendum* in old books, it must be understood of one who had put on the habit when he was at the point of death.

ANGELICA: A genus of the digynia order, belonging to the pentandria class of plants; and in the natural method ranking under the 45th order, *Umbellatæ*. The essential characters are: The fruit is roundish, angled, solid, with reflected styli; the corollæ are equal, and the petals incurvated.

*Species*. 1. The *fativa*, or common angelica, which is cultivated in gardens for medicinal use, and likewise for a sweetmeat, grows naturally in the northern countries. The root of this species is brown, oblong, and an inch or two thick, fragrant, and acrid. The leaves are very large, composed of pinnated folia, of an oblong oval figure, dentated at the edge, and the odd leaf at the end of the pinna lobated; the stalk is round, striated, and as thick as a child's arm. The umbels are very large, and of a globose figure; the flowers

very small and greenish. 2. The arch-angelica is a native of Hungary and Germany. The leaves are much larger than those of the former, and the flowers are yellow. 3. The *sylvestris* grows naturally in moist meadows, and by the sides of rivers, in many parts of Britain; so is seldom admitted into gardens. 4. The *atro-purpurea canadensis*; 5. The *lucida canadensis*: These are natives of North America, but have neither beauty nor use.

*Culture*. The common angelica delights to grow in a moist soil: the seeds should be sown soon after they are ripe. When the plants come up about six inches high, they should be transplanted very wide, as their leaves spread greatly. If they are planted on the sides of ditches or pools of water, about three feet distance, they will thrive exceedingly.

*Medicinal Uses*. For the purposes of medicine, Bohemia and Spain produces the best kinds of angelica. The London college direct the roots brought from Spain to be alone made use of. Angelica roots are apt to grow mouldy, and to be preyed upon by insects, unless thoroughly dried, kept in a dry place, and frequently aired. It is probable that the roots which are subject to this inconvenience might be preserved, by dipping them in boiling spirit, or exposing them to its steam after they are dried.

All the parts of angelica, especially the root, have a fragrant aromatic smell, and a pleasant bitterish warm taste, glowing upon the lips and palate for a long time after they have been chewed. The flavour of the seeds and leaves is very perishable, particularly that of the latter, which, on being barely dried, lose the greatest part of their taste and smell: the roots are more tenacious of their flavour, though even these lose part of it upon keeping. The fresh root, wounded early in the spring, yields an odorous, yellow juice, which slowly exsiccated, proves an elegant gummy resin, very rich in the virtues of the angelica. On drying the root, this juice concretes into distinct molecularæ, which, on cutting it longitudinally, appear distributed in little veins: in this state, they are extracted by pure spirit, but not by watery liquors.

Angelica is one of the most elegant aromatics of European growth, though little regarded in the present practice. The root, which is the most efficacious part, is used in the aromatic tincture; and the stalks make an agreeable sweetmeat.

ANGELICS (ANGELICI), in church history, an ancient sect of heretics, supposed by some to have got this appellation from their excessive veneration of angels; and by others from their maintaining that the world was created by angels.

ANGELICS is also the name of an order of knights, instituted in 1191, by Angelus Flavius Comnenus, emperor of Constantinople.

ANGELICS is also a congregation of nuns, founded at Milan in 1534, by Louisa Torelli, countess of Guastalla. They observe the rule of St Augustine.

ANGELITES, in ecclesiastical history, a sect of Christian heretics, in the reign of the emperor Anastasius, and the pontificate of Symmachus, about the year 494, so called from Angelium, a place in the city of Alexandria, where they held their first meetings. They were called likewise *Severites*, from one Severus, who was the head of their sect; as also *Theodosians*, from

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one among them named Theodosius, whom they made pope at Alexandria. They held, that the persons of the Trinity are not the same; that none of them exists of himself, and of his own nature; but that there is a common god or deity existing in them all, and that each is God, by a participation of this deity.

ANGELO (Michael). There were five celebrated Italian painters of this name, who flourished in the 15th and 17th centuries; but the two most distinguished of them are these.—First, Michael Angelo Buonarroti, who was a most incomparable painter, sculptor, and architect, born in 1474, in the territory of Arezzi in Tuscany. He was the disciple of Dominico Ghirlandajo; and erected an academy of painting and sculpture in Florence, under the protection of Lorenzo di Medicis; which, upon the troubles of that house, was obliged to remove to Bologna. About this time he made an image of Cupid, which he carried to Rome, broke off one of its arms, and buried the image in a place he knew would soon be dug up, keeping the arm by him. It was accordingly found, and sold to Cardinal St Gregory for an antique; until Michael, to their confusion and his own credit, discovered his artifice, and confirmed it by the deficient arm which he produced: it is rather unusual for the manufacturers of antiques to be so ingenuous. His reputation was so great at Rome, that he was employed by pope Sixtus to paint his chapel; and by the command of Pope Paul III. executed his most celebrated piece *The last judgment*. He has the character of being the greatest designer that ever lived; and it is universally allowed that no painter ever understood anatomy so well. He died immensely rich at Rome, in 1574.—Secondly, Michael Angelo de Caravaggio, born at that village in Milan, in 1569. He was at first no more than a bricklayer's labourer: but he was so charmed with seeing some painters at work, that he immediately applied himself to the art; and made such a progress in a few years, that he was admired as the author of a new style in painting. It was observed of Michael Angelo Buonarroti, that he was incomparable in designing, but knew little of colouring; and of Caravaggio, that he had as good a goût in colouring as he had a bad one in designing. There is one picture of his in the Dominican church at Antwerp, which Rubens used to call his master. It is said of this painter, that he was so strangely contentious, that the pencil was no sooner out of his hand but his sword was in it. He died in 1609.

ANGELO (St) a small but strong town of Italy, in the Capitanata. There are several other towns and castles of the same name in Italy, and particularly the castle of St Angelo at Rome. E. Long. 15. 56. N. Lat. 41. 43.

ANGELOS (Los), a province of Mexico, the ancient republic of Tlascala, of which a city called *Tlascala* was once the capital. That city is now reduced to an inconsiderable village, and has given place to another called *Puebla des los Angelos*, or the city of Angels. It is situated in W. Long. 103. 12. and N. Lat. 19. 13. It was formerly an Indian town; but in 1530 was entirely abandoned by the natives, on account of the cruelties of the Spaniards. A succeeding viceroy of Mexico, by a milder treatment, recalled them; and the town is now exceedingly rich and populous, so as even to vie with Mexico itself in

magnificence. It is situated on the river Zacatula, in a fine valley, about 25 leagues to the Eastward of Mexico. In the middle is a beautiful and spacious square, from whence run the principal streets in direct lines, which are crossed by others at right angles. One side is almost entirely occupied by the magnificent front of the cathedral; while the other three consist of piazzas, under which are the shops of tradesmen. The city is the see of a bishop, suffragan to the archbishop of Mexico, and we may form a judgment of the wealth of the place by the revenue of the cathedral and chapter, which amounts to 300,000 pieces of eight annually. It must be remembered, however, that in popish countries the wealth of the laity by no means bears a due proportion to that of the clergy. What contributes greatly to increase the riches of this province is, that here is situated the city of Vera Cruz, the natural centre of all the American treasures belonging to Spain. See VERA CRUZ.

ANGELOT, an ancient English gold coin, struck at Paris, while under subjection to the English. It was thus called from the figure of an angel supporting the escutcheon of the arms of England and France. There was another coin of the same denomination struck under Philip de Valois.

ANGELOT is also used in commerce to denote a small fat, rich sort of cheese, brought from Normandy. Skinner supposes it to have been thus called from the name of the person who first made it up in that form, and perhaps stamped it with his own name. Menage takes it to have been denominated from the resemblance it bears to the English coin called *angelot*. It is made chiefly in the Pays de Bray, whence it is also denominated *angelot de Bray*. It is commonly made in vats, either square or shaped like a heart.

ANGER, a violent passion of the mind, consisting in a propensity to take vengeance on the author of some real or supposed injury done the offended party.

Anger is either deliberative or instinctive; and the latter kind is rash and ungovernable, because it operates blindly, without affording time for deliberation or foresight. Bishop Butler very justly observes, that anger is far from being a selfish passion, since it is naturally excited by injuries offered to others as well as to ourselves; and was designed by the Author of nature not only to excite us to act vigorously in defending ourselves from evil, but to interest us in the defence or rescue of the injured and helpless, and to raise us above the fear of the proud and mighty oppressor.

Neither, therefore, is all anger sinful: hence the precept, "Be ye angry and sin not."—It becomes sinful, however, and contradicts the rule of scripture, when it is conceived upon slight and inadequate provocations, and when it continues long. It is then contrary to the amiable spirit of charity, which "suffereth long, and is not easily provoked." Hence these other precepts, "Let every man be slow to anger;" and, "Let not the sun go down upon your wrath."

These precepts, and all reasoning indeed upon the subject, suppose the passion of anger to be within our power: and this power consists not so much in any faculty we have of appeasing our wrath at the time (for we are passive under the smart which an injury or affront occasions, and all we can then do is to prevent its breaking out into action), as in so mollifying our minds

Anger. minds by habits of just reflection, as to be less irritated by impressions of injury, and to be sooner pacified.

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As reflections proper for this purpose, and which may be called the *sedatives* of anger, the following are suggested by Archdeacon Paley in his excellent treatise of *Moral and Political Philosophy*\*—"The possibility of mistaking the motives from which the conduct that offends us proceeded; how often *our* offences have been the effect of inadvertency, when they were mistaken for malice; the inducement which prompted our adversary to act as he did, and how powerfully the same inducement has, at one time or other, operated upon ourselves; that he is suffering perhaps under a contrition, which he is ashamed, or wants opportunity, to confess; and how ungenerous it is to triumph by coldness or insult over a spirit already humbled in secret; that the returns of kindness are sweet, and that there is neither honour, nor virtue, nor use, in resisting them—for some persons think themselves bound to cherish and keep alive their indignation, when they find it dying away of itself. We may remember that others have their passions, their prejudices, their favourite aims, their fears, their cautions, their interests, their sudden impulses, their varieties of apprehension, as well as we: we may recollect what hath sometimes passed in our own minds, when we have got on the wrong side of a quarrel, and imagine the same to be passing in our adversary's mind now; when we became sensible of our misbehaviour, what palliations we perceived in it, and expected others to perceive; how we were affected by the kindness, and felt the superiority, of a generous reception and ready forgiveness; how persecution revived our spirits with our enmity, and seemed to justify the conduct in ourselves which we before blamed. Add to this, the indecency of extravagant anger; how it renders us, whilst it lasts, the scorn and sport of all about us, of which it leaves us, when it ceases, sensible and ashamed; the inconveniences and irretrievable misconduct into which our irascibility has sometimes betrayed us; the friendships it has lost us; the distresses and embarrassments in which we have been involved by it, and the fore-  
repentance which on one account or other it always cost us.

"But the reflection calculated above all others to allay that haughtiness of temper which is ever finding out provocatives, and which renders anger so impetuous, is that which the gospel proposes; namely, that we ourselves are, or shortly shall be, suppliants for mercy and pardon at the judgment-seat of God. Imagine our secret sins all disclosed and brought to light; imagine us thus humbled and exposed; trembling under the hand of God; casting ourselves on his compassion; crying out for mercy—imagine such a creature to talk of satisfaction and revenge, refusing to be intreated, disdainful to forgive, extreme to mark and to resent what is done amiss: imagine, I say, this; and you can

hardly feign to yourself an instance of more impious and unnatural arrogance."

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Physicians and naturalists afford instances of very extraordinary effects of this passion. Borrichius cured a woman of an inveterate tertian ague, which had baffled the art of physic, by putting the patient in a furious fit of anger. Valeriolæ made use of the same means, with the like success, in a quartan ague. The same passion has been equally salutary to paralytic, gouty, and even dumb persons; to which last it has sometimes given the use of speech. Etmuller gives divers instances of very singular cures wrought by anger; among others, he mentions a person laid up in the gout, who, being provoked by his physician, flew upon him, and was cured. It is true, the remedy is somewhat dangerous in the application, when a patient does not know how to use it with moderation. We meet with several instances of princes to whom it has proved mortal; *e. g.* Valentinian the first, Wenceslas, Matthias, Corvinus king of Hungary, and others. There are also instances wherein it has produced the epilepsy, jaundice, cholera-morbus, diarrhœa, &c. In fact, this passion is of such a nature, that it quickly throws the whole nervous system into preternatural commotions, by a violent stricture of the nervous and muscular parts; and surprisingly augments not only the systole of the heart and of its contiguous vessels, but also the tone of the fibrous parts in the whole body. It is also certain, that this passion, by the spasmodic stricture it produces in the parts, exerts its power principally on the stomach and intestines, which are highly nervous and membranous parts; whence the symptoms are more dangerous, in proportion to the greater consent of the stomach and intestines with the other nervous parts, and almost with the whole body.—The unhappy influence of anger likewise, on the biliary and hepatic ducts, is very surprising; since, by an intense constriction of these, the liver is not only rendered scirrhus, but stones also are often generated in the gall-bladder and biliary ducts: these accidents have scarce any other origin than an obstruction of the free motion and efflux of the bile, by means of this violent stricture. From such a stricture of these ducts likewise proceeds the jaundice, which in process of time lays a foundation for calculous concretions in the gall-bladder. Lastly, by increasing the motion of the fluid, or the spasms of the fibrous parts, by means of anger, a larger quantity of blood is propelled with an impetus to certain parts; whence it happens that they are too much distended, and the orifices of the veins distributed there opened. It is evident from experience, that anger has a great tendency to excite enormous hæmorrhagies, either from the nose, the aperture of the pulmonary artery, the veins of the anus; or in women, from the uterus, especially in those previously accustomed and disposed to such evacuations.

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